



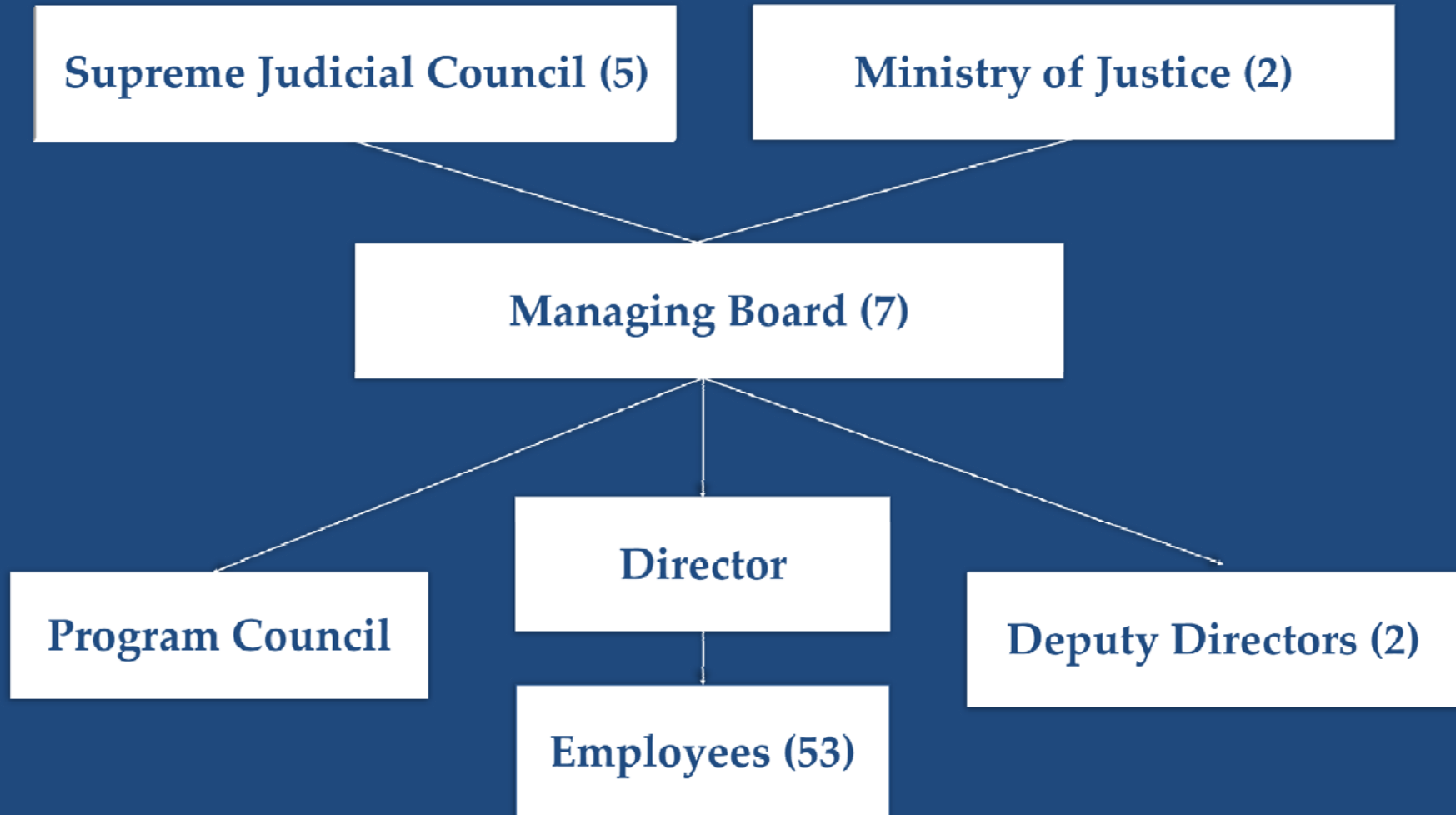
# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE

REPUBLIC OF  
BULGARIA

# National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

- **Predecessor:** Magistrates' Training Center, 1999
- **National Institute of Justice**, established in 2002, operational since 1 January 2004
- **Legal basis:** Chapter 11 of the Judicial System Act
- **Legal status:** Public entity, part of the judiciary, in charge of the professional training of judges, prosecutors and clerical staff

# STRUCTURE OF NIJ



# NIJ ACTIVITIES

- **Initial Training**
- **Continuing Training**
- **Training of Court Administration**
- **Learning and Information Center**
- **International Relations**

# INITIAL TRAINING

- **Compulsory Initial Training** – nine-month mandatory course for candidates for junior judges and junior prosecutors
- **Compulsory Initial Qualification** – mandatory course for all other newly appointed judges and prosecutors
- **Compulsory Continuing Training** – for judges and prosecutors who have been promoted to higher instance

# CONTINUING TRAINING

## Centralized and Regional Trainings

### ● **National Law**

- Sustainable training programs
- Annual evaluation of the organized trainings

### ● **European Law**

- Training courses in EU law and Human Rights
- 2012 approach – integrating EU law topics into National law trainings

### ● **Interdisciplinary Training**

- New knowledge and expertise in related areas: economy, finance, management, forensics, psychology, psychiatry, ethics, etc.

# TRAINING OF COURT ADMINISTRATION

## Initial training:

- newly-appointed clerks in courts and prosecution offices
- 2 weeks training

## Continuing training:

### ✓ *General courses:*

- ◇ Customer Service, Team Work, Stress and Time Management

### ✓ *Specific courses:*

- ◇ Handling Civil, Criminal, Commercial and Administrative Files
- ◇ International Cooperation in Civil and Criminal Cases
- ◇ Court management
- ◇ The summoning process
- ◇ Work in the Conviction Certificates Office
- ◇ Grammar and Minute Taking for Court Secretaries

# LEARNING AND INFORMATION CENTER

- E-learning
- EU Law Documentation Center (EDC)
- Development of Extranet
- Maintenance of a database of training materials
- Collection of relevant national and international jurisprudence
- Research and Publications
- Library
- Information services and statistics

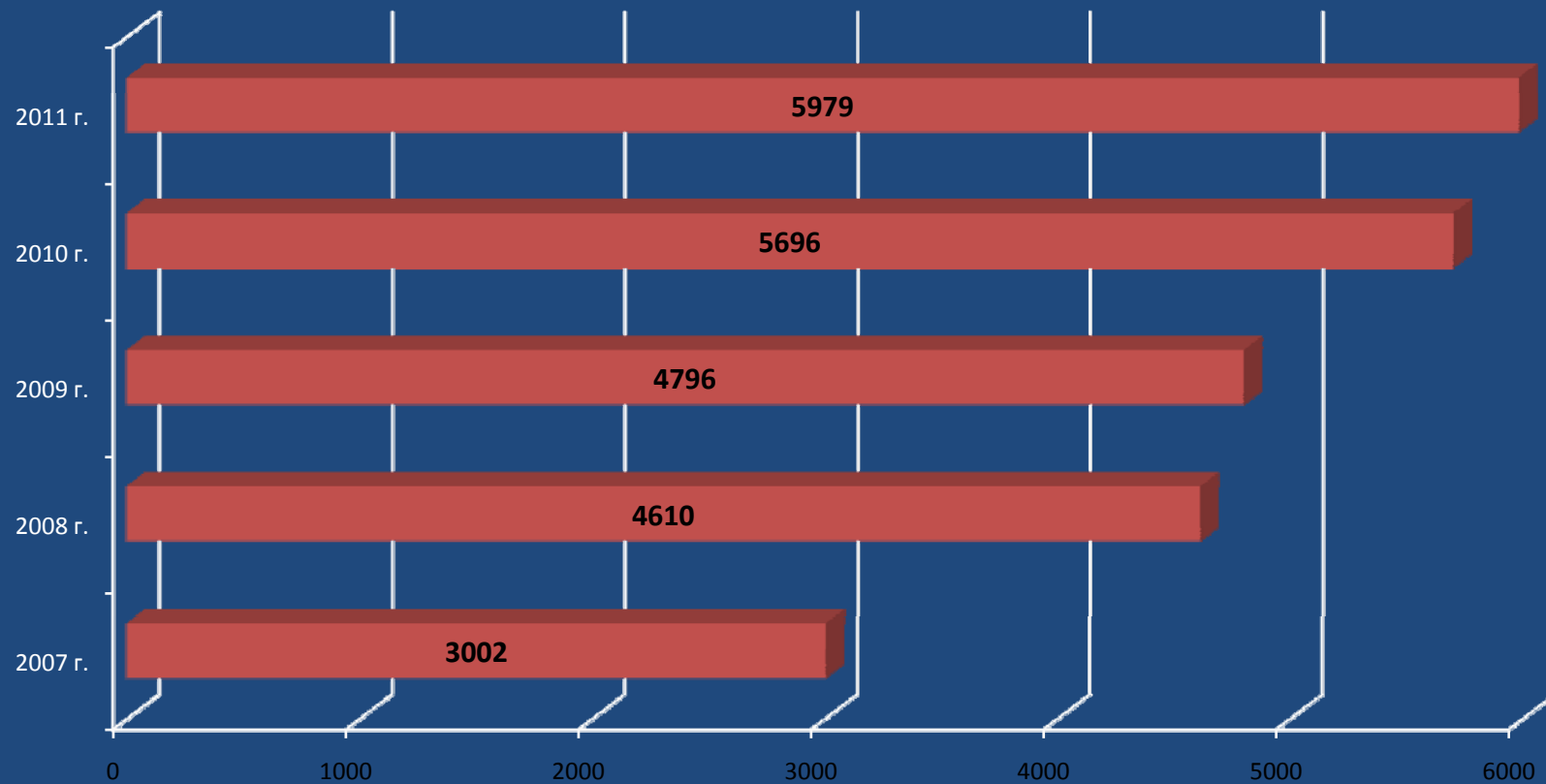


# NUMBER OF MAGISTRATES AND CLERICAL STAFF

- About 2275 judges / 184 courts
- About 2517 prosecutors and investigators / 156 prosecution offices
- About 9977 clerks and administrative personnel

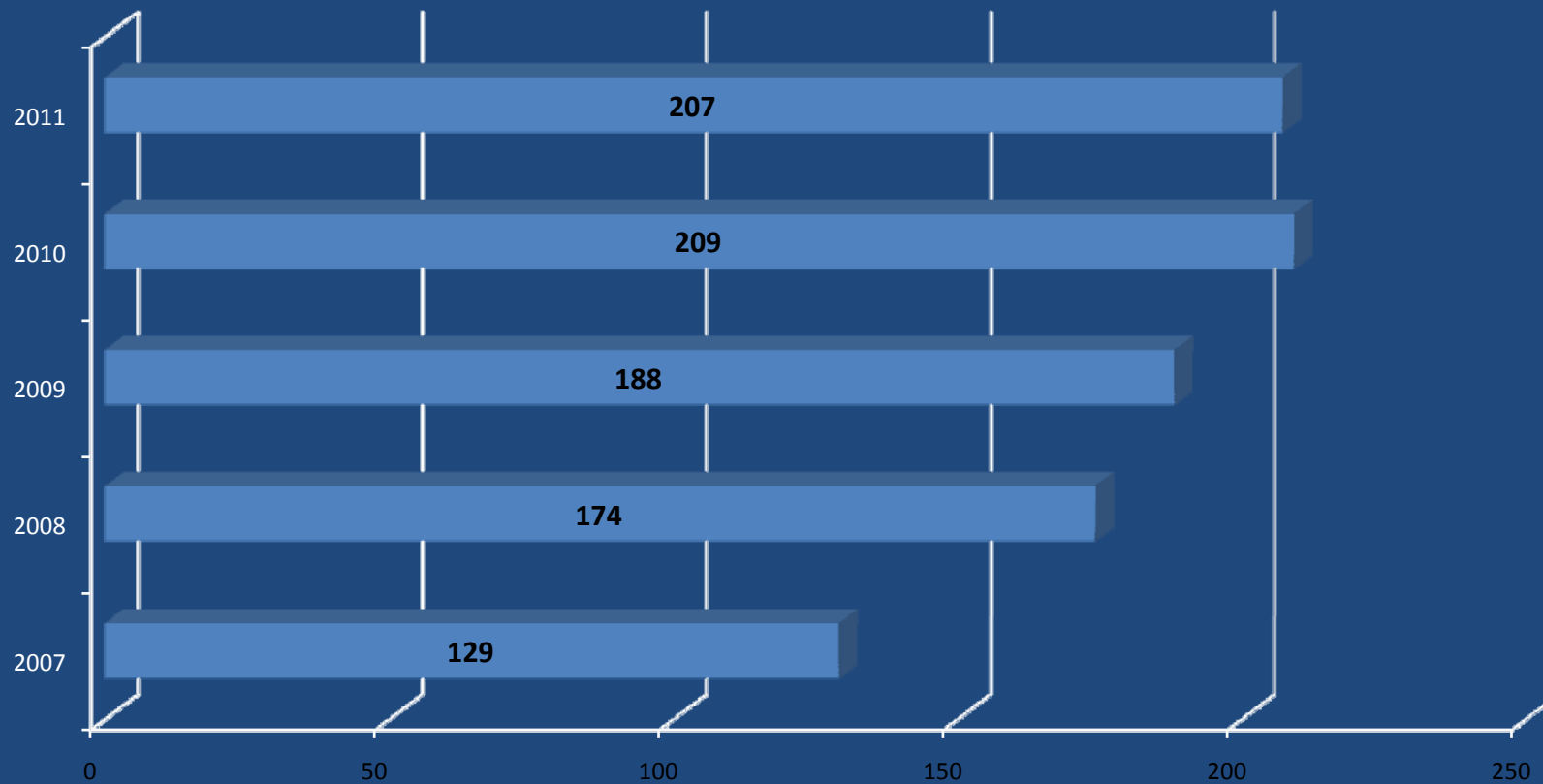
# NIJ participants 2007-2011

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# NIJ trainings 2007-2011

Number of trainings 2007 - 2011



# Anti-corruption training forms

- Within the compulsory training courses and the continuing training seminars
- Centralized and regional trainings
- E-learning courses
- National and foreign expertise

# TRAINING TENDENCIES

## Professional Ethics - I

- Courses within the compulsory forms of training (since 1999)
- Training campaign for the Regional Ethics Commissions (2010)
- On-line course (2012)

# TRAINING TENDENCIES

## Professional Ethics - II

- From general information courses, presenting the Code of Ethics, to practical exercises, case-studies and situations
- Trainers: judges, prosecutors, court clerks, journalists, sociologists, psychologists, etc.
- Selection of topics and participants

# TRAINING TENDENCIES

## Investigation and Prosecution of Corruption Crimes - I

- From implementation of the Law (Criminal Code and Criminal Procedure Code) to techniques and tactics of investigating, prosecuting and judging corruption crimes, collection and evaluation of evidence
- Selection of topics: needs assessment, expert opinions, analysis of the case-law

# TRAINING TENDENCIES

## Investigation and Prosecution of Corruption Crimes - II

- Trainers: judges, prosecutors, investigators, experts
- Mixed audience: judges, prosecutors, investigators, police officers, other governmental agencies



# TRAINING TENDENCIES

## International dimensions - I

- From general presentation of different national systems to exchange of concrete expertise
- Investigating techniques, tactics and practical approaches. Sharing good practices from different countries - Belgium, Germany, Romania, USA
- International judicial cooperation mechanisms: EU (EAW, JIT, etc.), CoE and UN conventions, etc.

# TRAINING TENDENCIES

## International dimensions - II

- Two OPAC (EU Social Fund) projects, 18 months, over 1,5 M Euro budget  
Partnership with 6 EU countries and 2 European training institutions (ERA & EIPA)
- EJTN training activities and exchanges
- Cooperation with US agencies

# Anti-corruption Trainings Statistics

- 2007: 3 trainings with 62 participants
- 2008: 7 trainings with 171 participants
- 2009: 4 trainings with 102 participants
- 2010: 5 trainings with 397 participants and 3 e-learning trainings with 110 participants
- 2011: 2 trainings with 61 participants
- 2012: 1 training held with 50 participants

Planned: 4 trainings for 140 participants and 1 pilot e-learning training for 40 participants

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