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<b>Official name in English</b>	The National Council of the Judiciary
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<b>Brief history</b>	The Act on the National Council of the Judiciary was adopted on 20 December 1989 (Dz. U. [Journal of Laws] No 73, item 435 as amended; the actual version of the act is from 12 May 2011 Dz. U. No 126 item 714), the Council first met on 23 January 1990.
<b>Constitutional or legal status/basis</b>	Independent Constitutional Body according to Article 186 of Constitution of the Republic of Poland.
<b>Legal acts regulating the Status</b>	Article 186 and 187 of Constitution of the Republic of Poland (Dz. U. of 1997, No. 78, item 483, with amendments, consolidated version: <a href="http://www.sejm.gov.pl/prawo/konst/angielski/kon1.htm">www.sejm.gov.pl/prawo/konst/angielski/kon1.htm</a>
<b>Composition:</b>	
Total number of members	25 members
Term of office	4 years
Is there a possibility to be renewed as a member?	Yes, but only once
Do the members have a full-time position or not?	Not full-time. The Council meets usually once a month for a whole week, so the judges remain full-time judges.
Make up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>15 judges elected</b> by the general assemblies of the judges of the court from amongst the judges of: the Supreme Court - 2, common courts - 10, administrative courts - 2, military courts - 1;</li> <li>- <b>6 members</b> - who are the members of Polish Parliament;</li> <li>- <b>4 ex officio members</b>: the First President of the Supreme Court and the President of the High Administrative Court, Minister of Justice, 1 representative of the President of Poland.</li> </ul>
Is there a majority of Judges?	Yes (15 members out of 25 are judges)
<b>Presidency</b>	President, elected by the Council 2 Vice-presidents, elected by the Council
<b>Main Competences:</b>	
Career of judges and / or prosecutors	Presenting to the President of the Republic of Poland applications for appointment of judges of the Supreme Court, common courts, administrative courts and military courts

Judicial training	Expressing only opinion on training programmes as part of general traineeship and judge traineeship; expressing opinion on the annual training timetables within the scope concerning professional training and development of judges and court employees.
Discipline	The Council chooses a Disciplinary Commissioner of common courts after candidates are put forward by general assemblies of judges of courts of appeal and a Disciplinary Commissioner of military courts after candidates are put forward by the Assembly of Judges of Military Courts.
Ethics	Adopting collections of the principles of judge's professional ethics and making sure that they are being abided by. The existing code of Ethics was adopted by the Council in resolution number 16/2003 of 19.02.2003.
Opinions on legislation / other opinions	Expressing opinion on draft normative acts concerning the judiciary and the judges and presenting applications in this regard.
<b>Status of decisions</b>	Resolutions - binding, opinions and statements - advisory status.
<b>Review</b>	In individual personal cases the person whose rights or obligations the Council's resolution is supposed to concern can lodge the review procedure before the Supreme Court.
<b>Budget</b>	Independent, separate from the State's budget. Decided by Parliament, spend on the statute activities of the Council and the remuneration of the Council's staff.