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<b>Brief history</b>	The new Judicial Council was established by Constitution of 28 <sup>th</sup> December 1991, but existed within Yugoslavia
<b>Constitutional or legal status/basis</b>	The Council is a sui generis body, provided in the Constitution
<b>Legal acts regulating the Status</b>	The Courts Act and Judicial Service Act
<b>Composition:</b>	
Total number of members	11 members
Term of office	6 years. Every 3 years 2 or 3 members shall be elected by the National Assembly and 3 members shall be elected by and from among the judges with permanent judicial function. The term of office of a member of the Judicial Council elected at a by-election to fill a vacancy created by the premature termination of the term of office of a previous member expires upon the expiration of the term of the Judicial Council.
Is there a possibility to be renewed as a member?	Yes, but not immediately upon expiration of the term of office.
Do the members have a full-time position or not?	Not full-time. They gather in meetings every 2-3 weeks.
Make up	- <b>6 judges</b> elected amongst judges - <b>5 from other legal professions</b> (university professors of law, attorneys and other lawyers)elected by the National Assembly on the proposal of the President of the Republic of Slovenia
Is there a majority of Judges?	Yes (6 judges out of 11 members)
<b>Presidency</b>	<b>President</b> elected by a 2/3 majority of the members of the Judicial Council <b>Vice-president</b> elected by a 2/3 majority of the members of the Judicial Council

**Main Competences:**

Career of judges and / or prosecutors

The Council proposes to the National Assembly the candidates to be elected into judicial offices, appoints judges based on opinion of the responsible person within the institution where the judge will be appointed (Ministry, Judicial Council, Supreme Courts etc.), appoints and dismisses presidents of courts except for the president of the supreme Court of Republic of Slovenia, decides on promotion to higher judicial positions and on faster promotion within wage grades, on promotion to the title of senior judge or to a higher judicial position and on extraordinary promotion to a higher judicial title, decides on the incompatibility of judicial office, adopt the quantitative and qualitative criteria for the assessment of the work of judges, hear and decide on the justifiability of an appeal of a judge who believes that his/her legal rights, or his/her independent position, or the independence of the judiciary have been violated (no competence concerning prosecutors).

Judicial training

No competence

Discipline

The Judicial Council can initiate disciplinary proceedings upon the proposal for investigative action

Ethics

The Judicial Council educates judges in the field of ethics and integrity, gives opinions, and encourages judges to follow judicial independence and impartiality as well as the general principles of ethics mentioned within the code of ethics adopted by the Judges Association.

Opinions on legislation / other opinions

The Judicial Council gives its opinions on legislation or proposals of legislation concerning the Judiciary

**Status of decisions**

Administrative nature

**Review**

1st level of appeal is the Judicial Council, 2nd level of appeal is the administrative Court of Republic of Slovenia and 3rd level of appeal is Supreme Court of Republic of Slovenia

**Budget**

The Judicial Council has its own budget and is a member of the board of budgetary users. The main negotiator about the budget for judiciary is Supreme Court of Republic of Slovenia.