

Definitive questionnaire

Study of Comparative Law on the status, skills and responsibilities of Territorial Leaders of local and regional administrations in Europe

Questionnaire-type (20)

The 27 member countries of the European Union:

-members countries of UDITE (14): Belgium, Cyprus, Spain, France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Czech Republic and the United Kingdom.

-other countries (13) : Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Sweden, Slovakia and Slovenia.

+ 20 other countries of the council of Europe according to the opportunities and the aptness of the observable situations in the sample group of Study.

I / Country:

Name, Job Title, Email Address:

II./Introduction

2-1° Please provide a brief overview of the legal situation of the country, to identify the location of local and regional government within the overall structure of the country's system. The overview should also briefly describe the competences of local authorities, and their degree of autonomy when compared to the central or federal state (30 lines maximum.)

III / Statute of the agents of local or regional administrations and "focus" on the statute of the Chief Executive (8).

3-1°. How does the local authority recruit its staff? What are the methods of recruitment and how are staff organised? (e.g. through private or public contracts?). (30 lines maximum)

3-2°.How is the Chief Executive employed? (e.g. is he/she employed as a permanent civil servant, or for a limited period of time?) (10 lines maximum)

3-3° Is the Chief Executive required to pass specific exams or achieve particular qualifications in order to take up his/her position?) (10 lines maximum)

3-4° What are the arrangements for professional development in the local authority? In order to progress in their careers, do staff need to enrol on particular training and development courses? (10 lines maximum)

3-5° How are Chief Executives remunerated? (e.g. fixed part, variable part). How is the performance of Chief Executives evaluated? (e.g. performance criteria) (10 lines maximum)

3-6° In what circumstances would a Chief Executive lose his or her job? (10 lines maximum)

3-7° Is there a large degree of professional mobility? Can a Chief Executive move from job to job with relative ease? (10 lines maximum)

3-8° Conclusive observations: the status of the agents of the local and regional administrations and the territorial leaders takes ? it for all or any, characteristic lines of the statutes of the agents and the territorial leaders current in Other European countries?

IV/ Nature and limits of the competences exercised by the Chief Executive (2)

4-1° How autonomous is the Chief Executive? In which areas can he or she take his own decisions, and in which areas does he need to seek the permission/approval of the Leader/Mayor? (30 lines maximum)

4-2° Is there evidence of legislation which might make it difficult for Chief Executives to work in another European country? (as per article 39-4 of the treaty of the EC [freedom of movement for workers])? (10 lines maximum)

V/ Shared responsibilities between the elected Leader and Chief Executive (6)

5-1° How far do the powers of the Chief Executive extend, when compared with those of the Leader/Mayor? (10 lines maximum)

5-2° In which policy areas can the Chief Executive operate, when compared with those of the Leader/Mayor? (10 lines maximum)

5-3° In which ways can the Leader/Mayor influence the way in which the Chief Executive goes about his or her job? '10 lines maximum

5-4° What is the 'distribution of work' between the Leader/Mayor and Chief Executive? In which distinct areas do they operate? (30 lines maximum)

5-5° How important is it for the Chief Executive to be politically neutral? (10 lines maximum)

5-6° Is there a clear division between the role of the Chief Executive and that of the Leader/Mayor's political advisers? (e.g. principal private secretaries within the Leader/Mayor's Cabinet)? (10 lines maximum)

VI / Organization of the occupation of Chief Executive (2)

6-1° Is there a professional network for Chief Executives? (10 lines maximum)

6-2° If so, what is the network called? (10 lines maximum)

VII / Perspectives of evolution to come, from the occupation of territorial leader (2)

7-1° Have there been considerable changes to the profession of Chief Executive during recent years? (30 lines maximum)

7-2° What issues are expected to emerge in future for Chief Executives in your country in statutory term and in term manager (influence of the new public management)? (Approximately 30 lines)

VIII / Annex:

Copies or references of some articles and significant jurisprudences which can enlighten the specificities of the profession of the leaders of local and regional administrations in the observed country.
