The Independence of Judiciary as a European Standard - latest development
(Training material)

Documents on the international standards of the independence of the judiciary, courts and judges (a comprehensive list of international documents and their links):


Participants of the seminar should familiarise themselves with the European documents, especially the following ones from the documents listed on above link:

European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1950), Article 6

Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (2000), Chapter VI: Justice, Article 47: Right to an effective remedy and to a fair trial

Recommendation on judges: independence, efficiency and responsibilities (Council of Europe, 2010)

Consultative Council of European Judges, Magna Charta of Judges (CCJE – CCJE(2010)3 final)


European Network of Councils for the Judiciary, Resolution on Transparency and Access to Justice (2009)

European Network of Councils for the Judiciary, Judicial Ethics: Principles, Values and Qualities (report adopted in the 2010 London Declaration on Judicial Ethics)

European Network of Councils for the Judiciary, Dublin Declaration on Standards for the Recruitment and Appointment of Members of the Judiciary (2012)

Kyiv Recommendations on Judicial Independence in Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia: Judicial Administration, Selection and Accountability (OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, 2010)

Judges’ Charter in Europe (European Association of, 1997)
Selected case law of the European Court of Human Rights on different aspects of the independence of tribunals and judges (available in the HUDOC database of the ECHR on the internet site of the Court: www.echr.coe.int):

Kleyn and Others v. the Netherlands [GC]
Sramek v. Austria
Le Compte, Van Leuven and De Meyere v. Belgium
Beaumartin v. France
Sovtransavto Holding v. Ukraine
Flux v. Moldova (no. 2)
Agrokompleks v. Ukraine
Oleksandr Volkov v. Ukraine
Micallef v. Malta [GC]
Mežnarič v. Croatia
Baka v. Hungary [GC]