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Developing guidelines for a best practice qualification of accident analysts

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In all of the European states, there are highly qualified specialists who can reconstruct the circumstances of an accident by means of analysing the accident evidence - with differences between the individual countries with regard to the regulations on the education and training of accident analysts, on admittance to the courts and to other institutions, as well as on the position of the expert in court.

In 2004, the European Association for Accident Research and Analysis (EVU) set itself the target to firstly establish a Europeanwide accident reconstructionist network, and secondly to investigate how the professional profile of specialists in accident reconstruction is integrated into the different legal systems.

Detailed information on issues such as how the expert is incorporated into the various legal systems, what status he or she has, and what professional qualifications he or she must possess in the individual countries is now available. The Country Status Reports give a country-by-country overview of these details. The quantified analysis of the questionnaire results provides a comparison between all participant countries.

More importantly, through consultations with the participant countries, the professional profile of the expert in accident reconstruction was analysed, and guidelines for a 'Best Practice' qualification were developed. The final result of these consultations was the adoption of the Proposal for European Guidelines in Accident Reconstruction.

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