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This section presents the initial training scheme in the EU Member States for lawyers: entry conditions, objectives and substance, length and organisation, final evaluation.

Lawyers play a vital role in the practical implementation of EU law in many legal proceedings, whether national or cross-border, civil, family, administrative or criminal. It is also up to them to raise EU law issues in specific legal situations.

The initial training, training for future or newly appointed lawyers, should provide:

- grounding in the EU legal system and legal culture, helping to build practical understanding of the role of EU law in national legal systems
- the rule of law *acquis*
- information on their role as European justice practitioners.

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