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## Initial training of judges and prosecutors in the European Union

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

Judges and prosecutors are the main guarantors of the proper application of EU law at national level. They need to be familiar with and apply the relevant parts of the EU acquis in the area of justice. Judges apply EU law *ex officio*, put into practice the principles of primacy and direct effect, and refer preliminary questions to the CJEU.

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

- grounding in the EU legal system and legal culture, helping build a 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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