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# Initial training of judges and prosecutors in the European Union

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## Judges

### General description

The initial training is compulsory for every newly appointed judge in the Republic of Lithuania. This type of training is organised for all new judges collectively: ordinary and administrative judges attend this training at the same time.

Prior to the implementation, training programmes are composed (in accordance to a training needs assessment) by the National Courts Administration of the Republic of Lithuania, coordinated with the Committee of International Relations and Training of the Judicial Council and submitted for the approval by the Judicial Council. After the training programmes are approved, the National Courts Administration organises the initial training.

The number of participants attending such training depends on the number of new judges appointed that year. Usually, the number is no less than 5-8 judges a year. Normally, the initial training is organised twice a year. However, if a higher number of judges is appointed on particular year, more initial training sessions may be organized to meet the increased demand.

### Access to the initial training

The training is compulsory; therefore, each newly appointed judge must attend the training within a year of his/her appointment.

### Format and content of the initial training

The initial training is a 5-day long training that includes topics on soft skills. Law related trainings (including training on the EU law) are accessible to the newly appointed judges (alongside all other judges) through the regular training schedule, organised in accordance to the programmes approved by the Judicial Council, alongside other judges.

### Termination of the initial training and qualification process

Due to the fact that in Lithuania a person is appointed (becomes) a judge only after passing examinations with highest marks, there are no subsequent examination after the initial training programme is implemented.

## Prosecutors

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