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### Initial training of judges in the European Union

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

Judges are the main guarantors of the proper application of EU law at national level. They 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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