




Young European
Lawyers Contest

Young European Lawyers Contest 2023



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Aim of the contest

The contest will bring together young and newly-qualified lawyers to spotlight the importance of European law for their future legal practice.

In teams composed of contestants from different European countries, they will be challenged to apply their knowledge of European law in practical role-play scenarios. Under the watchful eye of a jury of leading European law practitioners, they will learn to work with peers from other legal cultures to build strong cases in areas as diverse as fundamental rights and the rule of law, access to justice, economic law, cross-border cooperation in civil and commercial matters, and criminal justice. The contestants will be judged both on their knowledge of European law and on their advocacy skills in drafting written arguments, conducting negotiations and pleading before a judge. The contest is an opportunity for national and regional Bars to encourage their young lawyers to get excited about European law and to learn how to use it to improve their day-to-day practice.

Format

The contest will be composed of 3 semi-finals and one final.

Semi-finals

The semi-finals will consist of the preparation by the teams of a written report on a question of EU law with a practical relevance for the daily professional practice, and the oral presentation of it. The written report will be prepared ahead of the face-to-face semi-finals. Teams of up to four contestants from different EU Member States will be put into contact at least two months ahead of the semi-final by means of online communication and will be invited to exchange their ideas and work for the preparation of their written report.

Final

The best two teams from each semi-final will take part in a three-day final held at ERA's premises in Trier and at the General Court of the European Union in Luxembourg. The final will include training on "how to litigate before the Court of Justice" and negotiation exercise. It will close with the organisation of a moot court at the General Court of the European Union where the two winning teams of the previous exercise will contest in front of a jury composed of high-profile representatives from legal practice, and judges from the CJEU.

Calendar of activities

25 October 2022	Start of applications
3 January 2023	End of applications
30 January 2023	Publication of the list of registered participants Team members put into contact with one another
15 February 2023	Teams to receive task(s) for semi-finals
3 May 2023	Teams to submit written report for semi-final

Semi-finals :

Brussels, 25-26 May 2023	Nederlandse Orde van Advocaten bij de Balie te Brussel
Vilnius, 8-9 June 2023	Lithuanian Bar Association
Paris, 15-16 June 2023	Paris Bar

Final:

6-8 November 2023

**Trier (ERA) and Luxembourg
(General Court of the
European Union)**

Terms & Conditions

Participation

The contest is open to trainee lawyers and newly qualified lawyers (in their first year after qualification) nominated by their Bars.

Language

Participants should have a working knowledge of English

Costs

Participation from young lawyers nominated by Bars financing the project are free of charge. For participants applying on their own or through other Bars, a fee of 170 Euro will be charged, including costs for documentation, lunch, coffee breaks and dinner.

Accommodation

For the semi-finals: Accommodation for 1 night will be booked and paid by ERA. For the final: Accommodation for 3 nights will be booked and paid by ERA

Travel

All young lawyers selected to participate to the contest will receive a contribution to their travel costs upon receipt of the original invoices, tickets and receipts.

Participants are asked to arrange their own travel.

CHECK-IN

Partners

France

Barreau de Paris / Paris Bar

Poland

Izba Adwokacka w Warszawie / Warsaw Bar Association

Slovakia

Slovenská Advokátska Komora / Slovak Bar Association

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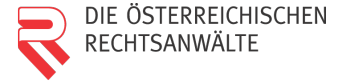
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Austria

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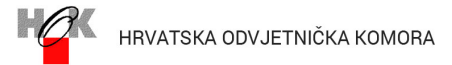
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Estonia

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Polish National Bar of Attorneys-at-Law (KIRP)



Romania

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