



YOUNG
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CONTEST

Young European Lawyers Contest 2024



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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 organised in Bucharest, Strasbourg and Trier 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

10 October 2023	Start of applications
17 December 2023	End of applications
20 December 2023	Publication of the list of registered participants Team members put into contact with one another
10 January 2024	Teams to receive task(s) for semi-finals
20 March 2024	Teams to submit written report for semi-final

Semi-finals :

Bucharest,
18-19 April 2024

National Association of the
Romanian Bars (UNBR)

Strasbourg,
25-26 April 2024

Regional Lawyers' School of the
Grand Est (ERAGE)

Trier,
27-28 May 2024

Academy of European Law (ERA)

Final:

14-16 October 2024

**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 or participation from members of EYBA 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.

Travel & Accommodation

Participants will receive a fixed contribution towards their travel and accommodation expenses, and are asked to book their own travel and accommodation. The condition for payment of this contribution is to sign all attendance sheets at the event. No supporting documents are needed. The amount of the contribution will be determined by the EU unit cost calculation guidelines, which are based on the distance from the participant's place of work to the seminar location and will not take account of the participant's actual travel and accommodation costs.

Travel costs from outside a country of a semi-final and final: participants can calculate the contribution to which they will be entitled on the European Commission website (<https://era-comm.eu/go/calculator>).

The distance should be calculated from their place of work to the seminar location.

For those travelling within one country of semi-final / final, the contribution for travel is fixed for a distance between 50km and 400km. Please note that no contribution will be paid for travel under 50km. For more information, please consult p.10 on <https://era-comm.eu/go/unit-cost-decision-travel>

Accommodation costs: international participants and national participants travelling more than 50km one-way will receive a fixed contribution for up to one night accommodation for semi-finals and for up to three nights for the final.

For more information, please consult p.13 on <https://era-comm.eu/go/unit-cost-decision-travel>

These rules do not apply to representatives of EU Institutions and Agencies who are required to cover their own travel and accommodation.

Successful applicants will be sent the relevant claim form and information on how to obtain payment of the contribution to their expenses. Please note that no payment is possible if the registered participant cancels their participation for any reason.

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Barreau de Paris / Paris Bar



Poland

Izba Adwokacka w Warszawie / Warsaw Bar Association



Slovakia

Slovenská Advokátska Komora / Slovak Bar Association



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Cyprus Bar Association

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Estonian Bar Association

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Thessaloniki Bar Association

Ireland

The Bar of Ireland

Italy

Italian Bar Association (CNF)

Latvia

Latvian Bar Association

Lithuania

Lithuanian Bar Association

Luxemburg

Luxembourg Young Bar Association

Poland

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Romania

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