




Young European
Lawyers Contest

Young European Lawyers Contest 2022



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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 Barcelona, Bratislava and Warsaw 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 December 2021	Start of applications
10 February 2022	End of applications
1 March 2022	Publication of the list of registered participants Team members put into contact with one another
15 March 2022	Teams to receive task(s) for semi-finals
15 May 2022	Teams to submit written report for semi-final

Semi-finals :		Final: 10-12 October 2022 Trier (ERA) and Luxembourg (General Court of the European Union)
Warsaw, 7 June 2022	Izba Adwokacka w Warszawie	
Bratislava, 10 June 2022	Slovenská Advokátska Komora	
Barcelona, 13 June 2022	Ilustre Colegio de la Abogacía de Barcelona (ICAB)	

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 in the contest will receive a significant contribution to their travel costs (up to €300) upon receipt of the original invoices, tickets and receipts. Participants are asked to arrange their own travel.

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France

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Poland

Izba Adwokacka w Warszawie / Polish Bar Association



Slovakia

Slovenská Advokátska Komora / Slovak Bar Association



Spain

Ilustre Colegio de la Abogacía de Barcelona (ICAB) /
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Cyprus Bar Association

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Lithuanian Bar Association

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Romania

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