



YOUNG EUROPEAN LAWYERS CONTEST 2025

Semi-Final

Barcelona, 25-26 May 2025

EXCELLENCE
IN EUROPEAN
LAW

Jurors

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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.

Event number

225DT39

Organiser

ERA (Florence Hartmann-Vareilles)
in cooperation with ICAB

For further information:

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Young European Lawyers Contest 2025: Semi-final, Barcelona

Sunday, 25 May 2025

19:30 Welcome dinner

Monday, 26 May 2025

08:30 Welcome coffee and registration of participants

08:45 **Opening and introduction to the rules of the contest**
Florence Hartmann-Vareilles; Representative of ICAB

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

09:00 **The teams introduce themselves**

Team 2 Funny monkey tong

Team 10 Black shark

Team 11 Minou Mousy

Team 12 Delving Delphin

ORAL DEFENCE OF THE WRITTEN REPORT

09:20 Oral defence by Team 2

09:40 Questions from jury to Team 2

09:50 Oral defence by Team 10

10:10 Questions from jury to Team 10

10:20 Oral defence by Team 11

10:40 Questions from jury to Team 11

10:50 Oral defence by Team 12

11:10 Questions from jury to Team 12

11:20 Coffee break

11:45 Teams confer internally to prepare answers

12:00 Answers from Team 2

12:10 Answers from Team 10

12:20 Answers from Team 11

12:30 Answers from Team 12

12:40 Jury deliberation

13:15 Lunch

CONCLUSIONS

14:15 Wrap-up session with jury and teams: what went right and wrong?
Jury comments on teams' presentations with tips and tricks

14:45 Announcement of the two winning teams

15:00 End of the semi-final

For programme updates: www.younglawyerscontest.eu
Programme may be subject to amendment.

Preparing the semi-finals via E-learning materials and online training

E-learning materials (video podcasts) will be provided ahead of the semi-finals offering basic knowledge on EU law. This e-learning material will be complemented by a webinar organised jointly on 6 May at 15:45-19:00 CEST for participants of YELC and YELA. Participation at the webinar is mandatory and monitored (see conditions of participation).

Webinar schedule:

15:45 Opening of Zoom room
16:15 Opening and introduction
16:45 Q&A: Introduction to EU law
17:15 Small break
17:30 Workshop: cases on EU law
19:00 End of seminar

Speakers:

Mareike Hoffmann, Course Director, ERA

Eduardo Gill-Pedro, Associate Senior Lecturer, Lund University

Dinner on 25 May 2025

A dinner will be organised the evening before the semi-final. Take this opportunity to network with fellow participants and jurors in a friendly atmosphere.

Language

Participants should have a working knowledge of English.

Venue of the semi-final

Ilustre Colegio de la Abogacía de Barcelona (ICAB)
(Barcelona Bar Association)
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Lithuania

Lithuanian Bar Association 

Malta

Malta Law Academy 

Portugal

Portuguese Bar Association 

Romania

Romanian National Union of Advocats 

Slovakia

Slovenská Advokátska Komora / Slovak Bar Association 

Format

Each team must prepare a written report in advance of the training, which will be defended at the semi-final.

The semi-final will be organised as follows:

- Oral defence of the written report in plenary
- Each team has 5 minutes to introduce itself
- Each team is given 20 minutes to present its written report
- The jury will ask questions of each team
- The teams have 15 minutes to prepare their answers
- Each team is given 10 minutes to answer the questions
- The jury comments on each team presentation
- The jury announces the two winning teams invited to take part in 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 on 6-8 October 2025
- Teams not participating in the final will be offered the opportunity to participate online in the training on "How to Litigate Before the Court of Justice" on 6 October 2025

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Times indicated are CEST
(Central European Summer Time)

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Participation costs

1. Young lawyers nominated by Bars financing the project participate free of charge or will be reimbursed by their bars. For participants applying independently or through other Bars, a fee of **200 Euro** will be charged, including costs for documentation, lunch(es), coffee break(s) and dinner(s). No discounts are given.

Travel, Accommodation and Catering

2. Applicants will be subject to a selection procedure. ERA will send confirmation of selection to each participant individually. Confirmed participants are eligible to receive a fixed contribution towards their travel expenses following the event.

3. The precondition for payment of the travel cost contribution is confirmed attendance at all events (webinar, dinner, contest). Travel cost contributions are based on the distance between the place of work and the event venue (distance only one way – reimbursement amount is for the total travel cost) location and will not take account of the participant's actual travel and accommodation costs. Please note that no contribution can be paid for travel under 50km. The reimbursement will be calculated as follows:

51-199 km	€ 100
200-399 km	€ 200
400-600 km	€ 245
601-800 km	€ 261
801-1200 km	€ 276
1201-1600 km	€ 288
Over 1601	€ 369

To calculate the distance please use this calculator, contribution is according to Table 2:

https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/procedures-guidelines-tenders/information-contractors-and-beneficiaries/calculate-unit-costs-eligible-travel-costs_en

4. For the semi-finals, participants shall book their own accommodation. The condition for payment of this contribution is to participate and sign all attendance sheets at the event. No supporting documents (i.e., invoice, ticket or boarding pass) are needed. Accommodation cost contribution (1 night) for the YELC semi-finals:
Semi-final in Barcelona: € 160
5. 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.
6. Catering: ERA provides dinner the evening before, lunch and coffee break during the semi-finals.
7. No per diem or daily allowance is available.

Participation

8. Selected participants will be asked to book their travel as soon as possible and confirm their itinerary to ERA.
9. Participation at the whole contest is required and participants' presence will be logged. A list of participants including each participant's working address will be made available to all participants unless ERA receives written objection from the participant no later than one week prior to the beginning of the event.
10. Participants are asked to give permission for their address and other relevant information to be stored in ERA's database in order to provide information about future ERA events, publications and/or other developments in the participant's area of interest.
11. A certificate of attendance will be distributed after the end of the conference.