



YOUNG  
EUROPEAN  
LAWYERS  
**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                                                                                |
| 1 December 2023  | End of applications                                                                                  |
| 20 December 2023 | Publication of the list of registered participants<br>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 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

Participants will receive a fixed contribution towards their travel and accommodation expenses. 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.

To calculate:

<https://era-comm.eu/go/calculator>

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## Partners

### France

Barreau de Paris / Paris Bar



### Poland

Izba Adwokacka w Warszawie / Warsaw Bar Association



### Slovakia

Slovenská Advokátska Komora / Slovak Bar Association



### Spain

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



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# Supporting Institutions

Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)

## Austria

Austrian Bar Association (ÖRAK)

## Belgium

Dutch Language Section of the Brussels Bar

## Croatia

Croatian Bar Association

## Cyprus

Cyprus Bar Association

## Estonia

Estonian Bar Association

## France

Regional Lawyers' Schools within the Jurisdiction  
of the Versailles Court of Appeal (HEDAC)  
Regional lawyers' schools of the Grand Est (ERAGE)

## Germany

Deutscher Anwaltverein (DAV)

## Greece

Thessaloniki Bar Association

## Ireland

The Bar of Ireland

## Italy

Italian Bar Association (CNF)

## Latvia

Latvian Bar Association

## Lithuania

Lithuanian Bar Association

## Luxembourg

Luxembourg Young Bar Association

## Poland

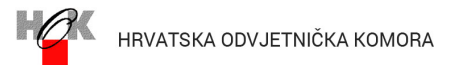
Polish National Bar of Attorneys-at-Law (KIRP)

## Romania

National Association of the Romanian Bars (UNBR)  
National Institute for the Training and the Improvement of Lawyers



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