

ELI European Young Lawyers Award

1. Purpose

The ELI European Young Lawyers Award is an award, launched by the European Law Institute (ELI) in 2016. The goal of this award is to provide the young European legal community with a mechanism to propose practical suggestions for the improvement of European law, as a way of giving voice to the future European legal experts and to help the ELI in fulfilling its core mission of improving the quality of European law. The award is supported by the ELI and other appropriate participating institutions.

2. Applicants

The following are eligible to submit entries:

- Individuals currently undertaking a university law degree, whether undergraduate or postgraduate; and
- Individuals who are within five years of being awarded a law degree at the date by which entries must be submitted.

Where queries concerning eligibility arise, the decision of the ELI is final.

3. Contribution

Candidates must submit a unique and original paper which was not previously published and is dealing with a European legal issue that could be improved. The contribution can be submitted in any of the EU official languages along with the English translation. The submission shall contain:

1. A cover sheet with the name, telephone number, e-mail and postal address of the applicant, as well as the topic of the paper;
2. An executive summary of maximum 300 words;
3. A paper of maximum 2.500 words, containing at least the following information:
 - a. Introduction;
 - b. Identification of a problem or a possibility for improvement in the indicated field of law in Europe;
 - c. Analysis of one or more possible solution(s);
 - d. Concluding remarks

4. Jury

The Jury of the ELI European Young Lawyers Award is comprised of representatives of the ELI and other appropriate participating institutions. It will be selected by the ELI Executive Committee every two years.

5. Prize

The awarded candidate will be invited to present his/her paper in front of the Jury in the course of the ELI Annual Conference.

The ELI will further cover his/her accommodation and travel expenses up to **EUR 1.000**. This will provide the winner with an opportunity to meet and greet some of the world's leading law experts and exchange ideas with them.

In addition, the winning contribution will be published on the ELI website and its author will be awarded with two years of free ELI fellowship, which will allow this person to be involved in Special Interest Groups, present project proposals and participate in the Members Consultative Committees of the different ELI projects.