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## ELI Updates May-June 2013



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## Message from the Chair of the Projects Committee

Dear Members and Friends of the ELI,

As Chair of the Projects Committee it is my pleasure to address you on the subject most important to our Institute: ELI projects. The Projects Committee will meet on 21 June for the last time before the Council elections in September. This provides us with an opportunity to do groundwork for potential new projects that the new Council could adopt and set on track.

As members of the ELI you are always welcome to submit ideas for projects and I would be happy to bring any promising proposals you may have to the attention of the Committee.

The Projects Committee is responsible for the selection of project ideas based on a number of criteria and for submitting them to the Council as proposals. Essentially, an ELI project is aimed at improving the law in Europe; it should have immediate practical application, involve a diversity of jurists and take a genuinely pan-European perspective. Obviously we are looking for projects that could have significant influence, that can further strengthen the reputation of the ELI. To this end we can never have too much input from our membership.

What we expect from a project idea at an early stage is merely that it briefly describes subject matter, legal background and projected results. If deemed promising, a proposal will be further developed to include details of methodology, timescale, funding, and people involved.

If you believe there is a field of law in which the ELI should become active or if you have identified legal problems for which the ELI could offer solutions, then please submit your proposals to secretariat@europeanlawinstitute.eu and the Projects Committee will review them. For more information on current projects as well as the project workflow and guidelines I invite you to look at the ELI website.

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