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# The European Law Institute

The European Law Institute (ELI) is an independent non-profit organisation established to initiate, conduct and facilitate research, make recommendations and provide practical guidance in the field of European legal development. By its endeavours, the ELI seeks to contribute to the formation of a more vigorous European legal community, integrating the achievements of the various legal cultures, endorsing the value of comparative knowledge and taking a genuinely pan-European perspective.

## About the Award

The ELI Young Lawyers Award was officially launched at the ELI Annual Conference in 2016. The goal of this award is to provide the young European legal community with a mechanism to propose practical suggestions for the betterment of European law, as a way of giving voice to future European legal experts and to help the ELI in fulfilling its core mission of improving the quality of European law.

## Eligibility Criteria

The following individuals are eligible to submit entries:

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

For enquiries concerning eligibility, please consult the ELI Secretariat at <[award@europeanlawinstitute.eu](mailto:award@europeanlawinstitute.eu)>.



## Requirements

Candidates must submit a unique and original paper which has not been previously published, dealing with a European legal issue that could be improved. The contribution can be submitted in any of the official EU languages along with an English translation. You can find more detailed instructions, including the ELI Stylesheet template on our website: <<https://www.europeanlawinstitute.eu/about-the-eli/young-lawyers-award/>>.

## Procedure

- Deadline: papers for the Award have to be submitted by 30 April of each year, 8 pm CET to the following address: <[award@europeanlawinstitute.eu](mailto:award@europeanlawinstitute.eu)>
- The Jury of the ELI Young Lawyers Award, which is comprised of ELI members and other institutions, selects the winner of the Award each year. The latter is then informed about this by the Secretariat by the end of July. The Jury is selected by the ELI Executive Committee every two years.
- The successful candidate will be invited to present her/his paper during the ELI Annual Conference.
- In addition to covering travel expenses to the event, the winning contribution will be published on the ELI website and its author will be awarded two years of free ELI Fellowship.

*'Europe's future lies in the hands of the young generation. As part of the ELI's mission to improve law-making in Europe, the ELI Young Lawyers Award is a special opportunity to uncap the innovative power and creativity of younger lawyers and to facilitate intergenerational exchange of views and ideas. It feels good to see the enthusiasm of young people who are submitting their fresh ideas to the ELI. I am sure we will see many of them within the ranks of our Fellows soon.'*

Christiane Wendehorst, ELI President

