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# 2025 ELI Council Elections



# Serving on the ELI Council

## In 2025, ELI Fellows will elect 28 new Council Members from among the Institute's Individual Fellows.

Fellows interested in influencing the future direction of ELI are encouraged to consider running for the Council.

ELI Individual Fellows who wish to take a more active role in the Institute and help shape its future are encouraged to run for a seat on the ELI Council. It is essential that the Council reflects diversity, with a balance of gender, geography (especially from regions like the Baltic, Central and Eastern Europe, France, Ireland, Scandinavia, and Switzerland), with more practicing lawyers and judges, and legal specialisation (including administrative and criminal law experts).

Council Members elect the Executive Committee and may run for positions within it. They decide on the Institute's projects, appoint Project Team members, act as Assessors and Members Consultative

Committee Chairs, approve project results, the budget, and new Member applications, among other responsibilities. Council Members can also join and lead standing committees such as the Membership and Fundraising Committees. They are encouraged to take a leading role in managing Hubs and Special Interest Groups (SIGs).

The Council meets in person twice a year, in spring and autumn, with additional remote meetings in summer and winter, to discuss specific initiatives. Reasonable travel and accommodation expenses for Council business are reimbursed by the Institute according to the [ELI Reimbursement Guidelines](#).



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The opportunity to serve on ELI's Council is a unique chance to shape the future of European law and contribute to impactful legal reforms. Joining the Council provides a platform to collaborate with leading experts, influence key decisions, and promote innovation in legal practice. As ELI continues to grow and evolve, having diverse voices on the Council is crucial to ensuring that we address the full range of challenges and opportunities facing the law in Europe. I encourage all Fellows who are committed to driving meaningful change to consider running.

Prof Dr Pascal Pichonnaz  
ELI President

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# How to Run for the ELI Council

## Important Dates & Links

### July

#### 18

Deadline for the submission of candidature and endorsements

### August

#### 4

Final list of candidates published

### September

#### 8

Deadline for issuance of proxies

#### 22–23

Council elections in Vienna

#### 23

■ Announcement of results  
■ Meeting of new Council

■ [ELI Statute](#)

■ [ELI Election Byelaw](#)

■ [Nomination Form](#)

■ [Endorsement Form](#)

## Electa Platform

Elections will be conducted via Electa, a digital elections solution that strictly complies with GDPR, ISO 27001, ISAE 3000 SOC2, and Cyber Essentials Plus. Electa is trusted by organisations such as the European Parliament, UN, OSCE, the Red Cross, and Transparency International. It offers end-to-end verifiability, strong authentication methods, and is administered by Lumi Global, one of the sponsors of ELI's Annual Conference. The elections will be overseen by the Returning Officer, Prof Dr Reinhard Zimmermann, and administered by the Secretariat.

## Eligibility

Any ELI Individual Fellow is eligible to stand for the upcoming Council elections, provided they have not already served two consecutive four-year terms. Former Council Members may stand again after four years have elapsed since their terms ended. Individual Observers may stand for election after converting their

Membership to Individual Fellow.

## Submission of Candidacy

To run, the candidate must complete and upload the following to Electa by 18 July 2025:

- A nomination form; and
- A high resolution portrait photograph.

## Endorsement and Nomination

Each candidate must be endorsed by five ELI Fellows by the above deadline. They can either:

- **Strongly recommended:** Solicit endorsements by five ELI Fellows through Electa;
- Submit a [nomination form](#) and five completed [endorsement forms](#) to the Secretariat (elections@europeanlawinstitute.eu).

Nomination forms will be completed in Electa, an electronic platform accessible to all ELI Fellows. The

number of endorsements received per candidate will be clearly visible. Each ELI Fellow may endorse an unlimited number of candidates. Candidates cannot endorse their own nomination.

## Publicity

The final list of endorsed candidates will be published in early August 2025 on an electronic platform accessible to all ELI Fellows.

## Voting

Elections will be held in person in Vienna on 22 and 23 September 2025 in the framework of the ELI Annual Conference. Every ELI Fellow present in Vienna will be entitled to a maximum of 28 votes (one vote per candidate). Proxy voting is allowed, with the number of proxies being limited to one per Council Fellow. Proxies must be issued in writing

to the Secretariat (elections@europeanlawinstitute.eu) by 8 September 2025. The list of proxies will be published a week later.

## Announcement

Election results will be announced on 23 September 2025. The newly composed Council will convene for the first time on the same day.

# September

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by 23

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- Submission of presentations in writing (absent candidates)

- End of nominations

- Announcement of results

## About the ELI Executive Committee Elections

### Elections of Nominate Members of the Executive Committee

At its meeting of 4 March 2025, the ELI Council unanimously elected [Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell](#) to serve as President, [Sir Geoffrey Vos](#) to assume the role of First Vice-President, [Pietro Sirena](#) as Second Vice-President and [Anne Birgitte Gammeljord](#) as Treasurer. The newly elected members of the Executive Committee will assume office in September 2025 and serve for a term of two years.

### Elections of Innominate Members of the Executive Committee

At its first meeting on 23 September 2025, the newly composed ELI Council will elect three new innominate Executive Committee Members who will serve a two-year term commencing in September.

Any ELI Council Fellow is eligible to stand for these positions or put the name(s) of other Council Fellows forward. Members that have served two consecutive terms as innominate members of the Executive Committee may not stand again for the same position this year.

### Nominations

Nominations must be submitted as soon as possible and at the latest at the meeting of the Council of 23 September 2025. Prior nominations can be sent to the ELI Secretariat Secretariat ([elections@europeanlawinstitute.eu](mailto:elections@europeanlawinstitute.eu)).

### Candidate Presentations

Candidates will have the opportunity to present themselves in person at the meeting of the newly composed ELI Council of 23 September 2025. Presentations in writing are usually reserved for candidates that are not able to join the Council meeting in person. These should be submitted to the ELI Secretariat ([elections@europeanlawinstitute.eu](mailto:elections@europeanlawinstitute.eu)) by 1 September 2025.

### Voting

At the Council meeting of 23 September 2025, every Council Fellow present will have one vote. Proxy voting is allowed, with the number of proxies being limited to one per Council Fellow.

Proxies must be issued in writing to the Secretariat ([elections@europeanlawinstitute.eu](mailto:elections@europeanlawinstitute.eu)) and submitted at the latest at the meeting before the elections take place.

### Announcement

The results will be announced on 23 September 2025.

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Important Date

## September

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Deadline to submit interest to serve on Council Standing Committees



### What is the ELI Council?

The ELI Council is the governing body of the Institute, comprising up to 56 elected Individual Fellows, with representation reflecting ELI's core principles. It also includes ex-officio members (the President, the two Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer and up to ten other individuals) (see Article 11 of the [ELI Statute](#)).



### What is the ELI Executive Committee?

The ELI Executive Committee is the Institute's administrative body, consisting of the President, two Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer and three ordinary members (see Article 12 of the [ELI Statute](#)). The Executive Committee has the authority to represent the Association and is responsible for implementing decisions made by the Institute's governing bodies.



### What is the role of project Assessors?

Council Members who serve as Assessors are part of the Advisory Committees for ELI projects. They act as peer reviewers and auditors, ensuring the quality of projects (see Article 4 of the [ELI Project Guidelines](#)).

One Assessor is selected from the Executive Committee, and one may also serve as the Chair of the MCC, when applicable.



### How do ELI Hubs and SIGs work?

Hubs and SIGs are country-specific and topic-specific working groups created to facilitate discussions, monitor legal developments, and encourage project proposals. Each group's members appoint their chairs, and at least one Chair should ideally be an ELI Council Member (see Section 4 of the [ELI Guidelines for Hubs and SIGs](#)).



### What is the role of the Fundraising Committee?

The Fundraising Committee is a standing Council Committee focused on identifying ways to secure additional funding for ELI's activities. It supports and advises the Treasurer in this process (see [CD 2011/14](#)).



### What is the role of the Membership Committee?

The Membership Committee is a standing Council Committee responsible for developing policies to attract new members, especially from underrepresented countries, disciplines, and professions (see [CD 2011/11](#)).



### How can I join the Fundraising Committee or the Membership Committee?

The newly elected ELI Council will appoint members to the Membership Committee and Fundraising Committee at its meeting of 23 September 2025.

Any Council Member can express their interest in serving on one or more Committees.

Council Members who are unable to attend the meeting may submit their expression of interest in writing to the Secretariat ([elections@europeanlawinstitute.eu](mailto:elections@europeanlawinstitute.eu)) by 30 September 2025.



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- Carrying out projects with immediate practical application

Members of the ELI can contribute to its projects and gain access to an international network of jurists. Apart from other activities, the ELI organises its Annual Conference and Meetings, bringing together Europe's leading experts in diverse fields of law.

## Executive Committee

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1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President:  
Treasurer:  
Other Members:

Pascal Pichonnaz  
Anne Birgitte Gammeljord  
Sir Geoffrey Vos  
Pietro Sirena  
Sylvaine Poillot Peruzzetto  
Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell  
Aneta Wiewiórowska-Domagalska

## ELI in Vienna

The Secretariat of the ELI, which is hosted by the University of Vienna, is located in the heart of the Austrian capital, close to the main building of the University, the representation of the European Commission in Austria as well as the information office of the European Parliament.

We cordially invite you to visit us whenever you are in Vienna.



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