

ELI Preliminary Project Guidelines

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In accordance with Article 12(5) of the Statute, the Council has determined the following preliminary guidelines for the selection of ELI projects during the initial phase of 2011 and 2012:

- (1) Projects carried out under the auspices of the ELI may take the form of
 - (a) short-term reactions to current developments, the added value of which is to coordinate, and so far as possible to reconcile, the views taken by various European constituencies (“ELI Statements”); or
 - (b) medium- to long-term projects, the added value of which is to provide, through the independence, excellence and diversity of the project teams and the on-going critical guidance by a very broad constituency of jurists, well-founded solutions that find the support of the European legal community (“ELI Instruments”).

- (2) Any project carried out under the auspices of the ELI must
 - be at the service of the European citizen by improving the law or facilitating its application;
 - aim at results that potentially have immediate practical impact, normally condensing to draft rules, comments on rules or guiding tools of similar conciseness;
 - be effectuated through collaboration between jurists from academia and from legal practice; and
 - take a genuinely pan-European perspective as well as consider the achievements of the various legal cultures.

- (3) During the initial phase of 2011, before the first Council is complete and the first Senate elected, the ELI will publish a call for projects, with proposals not exceeding 2 pages. It may then ask the promoters of shortlisted projects to submit more elaborate outlines. The ELI may also adopt projects that are already under way.

- (4) For the time being, the ELI itself cannot provide the funding for projects carried out under its auspices, but will offer advice and support in securing the necessary resources. Proposals for ELI projects should therefore include a funding scheme.