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# European Young Bar Association Report (2022-2023)

Representing and supporting young lawyers across Europe



# Our history

The EYBA is a European non-profit association founded in 1993, in Prague. Since 2018, the EYBA has a participatory status at the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe and since 2021 it is admitted to the EU Transparency Register.

# Our values and goals

The EYBA is founded on key fundamental principles such as democracy, human rights, access to justice and the rule of law.

Its objectives include:

- 1.Promoting the interests, education and welfare of young lawyers in Europe.
- 2.Establishing professional and social relationships between young lawyers throughout Europe.
- 3.Encouraging the development of young bar associations.
- 4.Influencing policies affecting young lawyers.

# Our members

The EYBA members comprise individuals and young bar associations. They reflect the diversity of modern European legal practice, including young lawyers in a variety of full-service global, regional and national law firms, members of leading independent law firms, and public sector lawyers working for their governments.

The EYBA currently brings together 32 national or local young bar associations, and individual members, from more than 25 countries, representing more than 200 000 thousands of young lawyers.

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# OVERVIEW



(SINCE THE LAST EUROPEAN PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE OF JUNE 2022)

## Events for young lawyers

**Summer Conference**  
23-25 June 2022  
Strasbourg  
Topic: Human Rights

**International Weekend**  
25 September 2022  
London  
Topic: International Criminal Law

**Webinar**  
11 November 2022  
Crypto-currency and professional challenges in the activity of lawyers

## Contributions to EU Law-Making

EYBA gave feedback at the EU public consultations regarding:

- Liability rules for Artificial Intelligence - The Artificial Intelligence Liability Directive (AILD)
- Further macro-financial assistance to Moldova - proposal for a European Parliament/Council decision

**Next events:**  
Spring Conference, 23-25 March 2023, Lisbon  
Summer Conference, 22-25 June 2023, Oslo

## Public statements

**On the European Lawyers' Day**  
25 October 2022

Co-signing the Resolution on transparency in the application of the death penalty with the occasion of the 8th World Congress against the Death Penalty held between 15-18 November 2022.

**Day of the Endangered Lawyer 24th January 2023 13th edition - AFGHANISTAN.**  
Co-signing the Recommendations of the Report addressed to the de facto authorities in Afghanistan, the international community, the European Union and its Member States, in order to improve the situation of Afghan lawyers in Afghanistan and elsewhere around the world

## Cooperation within Council of Europe Projects

### HELP Course on Ethics for Lawyers

The EYBA jointly with European Association of Lawyers (AEA-EAL) partnered with Council of Europe on implementation of the HELP course on Ethics for Lawyers. More than **40 participants from 12 countries** across Europe and Central Asia registered for the training. Vladimir Palamarciuc, the President of the EYBA served as co-tutor for this cross-border training, being also co-author of the module on Ethics for Lawyers of this HELP course.

### Regional Project on Strengthening Cooperation between Young Lawyers

The EYBA and EYBA's members cooperated with CoE since 2019 within the Regional Project on Strengthening Cooperation between Lawyers. As the result of this cooperation the EYBA Regional Committee for Cooperation in Eastern Europe was established with the aim to strengthen the regional cooperation for the young lawyers and their associations from the Eastern European countries and enhance their integration into the community of European legal professionals. The Regional Committee includes **EYBA members representatives from Armenia, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine**. Since its creation the Regional Committee organizes seminars and professional discussions and improve the contact with colleagues western European jurisdictions.

## Ongoing Projects

### Survey on unpaid legal traineeships

The EYBA, following the resolution on **Empowering European Youth** in the context of the European Year of Youth and our society post-covid, has launched a survey among its members in order to:

- collect the national rules (laws or code of conducts) regarding legal traineeship (focused on the remuneration) specifying if those rules are mandatory or not, and if there is any remedy for a young legal trainee with respect to violation of the rules;
- evaluate if those rules are respected in practice (whether or not they are mandatory) or if there is still a phenomenon of “exploitative practices”.

### Young Lawyers Training Academy

The EYBA, as partner of ERA academy submitted a project in response to the European Commission's call for proposals on judicial training for young lawyers in the area of EU law. The application was successful. The EYBA will cover the expenses for the participation of 4 candidates to the Course, selected through a public call for applications.

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The members of the Research Committee supports the Executive Committee with regards to the contributions to the EU Law-making and with regard to the EYBA Journal by publishing articles on relevant legal issues.

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The EYBA is allowed to attend sessions of the Conference of INGOs, propose motions and vote. The EYBA presence and active participation in the works of the CINGO aligns with one of its key statutory purposes: support human rights across Europe. Members of the EYBA serve also in certain dedicated bodies such as INGOs Services and INGOs Dispute Committee. The EYBA representatives have attended the 2022 sessions of the Conference of INGOs.