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# European Young Bar Association Report (2021-2022)

Representing young lawyers across Europe





# Our history

The EYBA is a European non-profit association founded over 28 years ago, in Prague. Since 2018, the EYBA has a participatory status at the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe.

# 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

EYBA members comprise individual 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 30 national young bar associations, and several individual members, from more than 20 countries, which means thousands of young lawyers.

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# OVERVIEW



(SINCE THE LAST EUROPEAN PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE)

## Our events for young lawyers

Online Spring Conference  
14 May 2021  
Topic: Brexit

Online Summer Conference  
18 June 2021  
Topic: Ethical aspects of work in the legal society.

Hybrid International Weekend  
25 September 2021  
London  
Topics: use of virtual courts; how legal technology is changing the practice of law; lawyers at risk; famous jury trials.

Spring Conference  
24-26 March 2022  
Glasgow  
Topic: environment and the law

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

## Our public statements

Concerning the Situation in Afghanistan  
31/8/21

Human Rights Day  
10/12/21

International Day of the Endangered Lawyers  
24/01/22

Concerning the Situation in Ukraine  
25/2/22

## Contributions to EU Law-Making

Feedbacks on the Proposal for a Decision on a European Year of Youth 2022

Contribution to the EU consultation named "Adapting liability rules to the digital age and Artificial Intelligence".

Contribution to the EU consultation named "Upgrading digital company law".

## Ongoing Projects

The EYBA is contributing to the regional project "Strengthening the profession of lawyer in line with European standards" by supporting the youth in the legal profession in the 5 EaP countries (Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe.

The EYBA in cooperation with the Council of Europe HELP Programme and the European Association of Lawyers (AEA-EAL) has implemented a free on-line HELP Course "Ethics for Lawyers" for a group of lawyers from EU and non-EU countries.

### EYBA Task force for Ukraine

The EYBA has created a list of 150 lawyers expert in migration law, refugee law and human rights, in the European countries, that are available to give advice for the Ukrainians who are currently outwith the country seeking protection.

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".



## Executive Committee in charge

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### OUR ACTIVITY WITH THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

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.

The EYBA representatives have attended the 2021 and 2022 sessions of the Conference of INGOs, contributed to the Statement related to the "Migration and tension on the Polish-Belarusian border" and participated in the public consultation for the future legal framework in Artificial Intelligence (AI). Moreover, a member of the EYBA executive committee has been appointed in the INGO-SERVICE of the Conference of INGOs.

The EYBA organises since 2020 a Call for applications to its members who wished to attend, as "youth delegate", both sessions of the Conference of INGOs of the CoE. Our youth delegate attended the 2021 sessions of the Conference of the INGOs and the World Forum for Democracy in Strasbourg in November 2021. A new call for applications has been launched for 2022.

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