



European Young Bar Association

About the EYBA

The EYBA is a European non-profit association founded in 1993. 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. The EYBA is founded on key fundamental principles such as democracy, human rights, access to justice and the rule of law.

The EYBA currently brings together over 33 national or local young bar associations, and individual members, from more than 25 countries, representing more than 200 000 thousand young lawyers.



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EYBA International Conferences in 2025

EYBA Spring Conference 2025 - Rome

Contemporary legal challenges of the European landscape



EYBA Summer Conference 2025 - Amsterdam

From canals to Courts:
Cycling through fresh perspectives



EYBA Autumn Conference 2025 - Belfast

Threats to the rule of law, AI, climate change, defamation & media law and sports law



EYBA International Conferences in 2026

EYBA Spring Conference 26-29 March 2026 - Faro

Representing Young Lawyers across Europe



EYBA Summer Conference 18-21 June 2026 - Turin

*Topics are to be determined



EYBA Autumn Conference 2026 - Baku

*The date and topics are to be determined.



EYBA Statements of Support and Initiatives

Statement of Support with the Istanbul Bar Association

27 March 2025

Statement in support of the Convention on the Protection of lawyer

25 Apr. 2025

Webinar: Defending the right to defence

16 May 2025

19 Jan. 2026

Young European Lawyers Contest. EYBA will sponsor one spot for one of its member to attend the Young European Lawyer Contest organised by ERA. The contest brings young lawyers from across Europe together to apply EU law in realistic scenarios, working in mixed teams and being judged on both legal knowledge and advocacy skills.

Mentoring Program. Organized jointly with European Association of Lawyers(AEA/EAL).The program aims to strengthen communication between generations of senior and young lawyers from different countries in their career path and personal development. The third edition of the program was launched in December 2025.

Statement of solidarity with American Bar Association

Appeal for the defense of protesters in Iran

International Events and Activities

- September 2025 - The EYBA attended the [hearing in support of Prof. Ibrahim Kaboglu](#), President of the Istanbul Bar Association, with [Vice President Roberto Luz Vieira](#) representing the association alongside other European legal bodies.
- September 2025 - The EYBA participated in the [FBE Congress in Frankfurt](#), where [Immediate Past President Shannon Gawley](#) moderated a panel on the challenges young lawyers face when starting a law firm. [Vice President Roberto Luz Vieira](#) and [Secretary Mathijs van Riet](#) spoke as EYBA panelists, reinforcing the association's commitment to supporting early-career practitioners.
- October 2025 - The EYBA was represented at the [2025 YBC Conference in Hong Kong](#) by [President Chiara Palombi](#) and [Mehmet Fırat Can Haraç](#) (member of the [EYBA COE Committee](#)), joining over 100 participants to discuss how legal frameworks are evolving in response to developments in art and cryptocurrency. Hosted by the Standing Committee on Young Barristers of the HKBA, the event offered a valuable platform for international exchange.
- January 2026 - The EYBA and Lawyers for Lawyers hosted an online [webinar on 22 January 2026 titled Defending the Right to Defense](#), held as part of the Day of the Endangered Lawyer. The session examined global threats to lawyers' independence, with particular focus on recent restrictive measures affecting legal professionals in the United States, and featured contributions from L4L and the American legal community.





EYBA Committees

- **Research Committee** – The members of the Research Committee support the Executive Committee with regards to contributions to EU law-making, the EYBA Journal by publishing articles on relevant legal issues and being part of the legal Committee of the association on artificial intelligence AIEI.
- **Council of Europe Committee** – The committee 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 INGO 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.
- **EYBA-CCBE Liaison Committee** – Approved during the Annual General Meeting on June 2023 in Oslo, Norway, considering the previous cooperation with the CCBE - Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe. The European Young Bar Association started actively building a relationship with CCBE since 2021. CCBE involves EYBA in the CCBE Young Lawyers Committee.

