

ERA Young European Lawyers Academy

The Young European Lawyers Academy (YELA) is your passport to becoming a tech-savvy, EU law expert ready to tackle the legal challenges of tomorrow. YELA is a unique blend of training, consisting of a webinar and an eight-day intensive course where EU law meets digital innovation. Don't miss this opportunity to supercharge your legal career!



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About the project

YELA is part of the Young European Lawyers Project (YELP), which is an initiative by the Academy of European Law (ERA), CCBE, EYBA, partnering Bar associations and the European Commission, designed to empower the next generation of legal professionals across Europe. YELP isn't just another training programme - it's a launchpad for young lawyers to thrive in an increasingly digital and interconnected Europe.

The project focuses on three critical areas:

1. **Digital Mastery:** Equipping lawyers with cutting-edge tech skills
2. **EU Law Expertise:** Ensuring confident and effective application of EU legislation
3. **Advocacy Skills:** Learning from peers how to convince, conduct negotiations and plead before a judge

Why should you apply?

- **Future-Proofing Careers:** The legal landscape is evolving rapidly. YELP prepares you for the digital transformation of justice systems.
- **Practical, Hands-On Learning:** Learn how to use EU law and digital developments to your advantage in your daily legal practice. Move beyond theory with real-world exercises and case studies in the interactive and practice-oriented courses presented by EU and national legal experts, including experienced lawyers in private practice.
- **European Network:** Connect with fellow young lawyers from across the continent, building valuable professional relationships.
- **Exclusive Access:** Visit the Court of Justice of the EU and European Court of Human Rights to discuss the future of law in personal meetings with judges of the courts

Participation

The project focuses on lawyers in private practice at the beginning of their career. 'Young lawyers' are those who are, at the time of registration, considered trainee lawyers under national law, including those who are in an induction or apprenticeship period; in jurisdictions in which initial training does not include a period of legal practice, newly qualified lawyers with less than three years of experience can apply.

The organisers reserve the right to request proof of apprenticeship or qualification during the application process.

Participation fee

€275; participants nominated by project partners participate free of charge or are reimbursed

Language

English

Apply online



Organisational Information

Accommodation will be provided from Sunday evening till the end of the course. The costs for accommodation in both Trier and Strasbourg are booked by and paid for by ERA. Participants will be informed of their accommodation arrangements prior to arrival.

Catering during the day is provided by ERA. For more information on dinners and social programmes please check the detailed programme. Breakfasts are part of the accommodation.

Participants are asked to arrange their own **travel**, after they have received ERA's confirmation to book. Participants can use any form of travel. YELA starts in Trier and finishes in Strasbourg. Travel should be booked accordingly. Participants are obliged to confirm their participation by submitting their travel arrangements, otherwise a different candidate will be chosen. Should the participant cancel their participation for any reason, no travel contribution will be paid.

All young lawyers (whether nominated or applying independently) selected to participate in the course will receive a contribution to their travel costs depending on the distance from their place of work. Travel cost contributions are based on the distance between the place of work and the event venue (distance only one way – reimbursement amount is for the total travel cost) location and will not take account of the participant's actual travel costs. Please note that no contribution can be paid for travel under 50km.

The precondition for payment of the travel cost contribution is confirmed attendance at all events (webinar, intensive course). Transfers Trier to Luxembourg (return) and to Strasbourg (one way) are arranged and paid for by ERA.

Contribution amount by average distance (one way):

51-199 km	€100
200-399 km	€200
400-600 km	€245
601-800 km	€261
801-1200 km	€276
1201-1600 km	€288
Over 1601	€369

To calculate distance, please click [here](#).

The nearest airports to Trier:

- Luxembourg (40 km, 1 hour 20 minutes by bus and/or train),
- Frankfurt Hahn (76 km, 2 hours by bus and train),
- Cologne (167 km; 3,5 hours by train),
- Frankfurt am Main (185 km, 3-3.5 hours by train).

The nearest airports to Strasbourg:

- Strasbourg (16 km, 10 mins by train),
- Stuttgart (150 km, 2-3 hours by train),
- Frankfurt am Main (212 km, 2-3 hours by train).

Project partners



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