

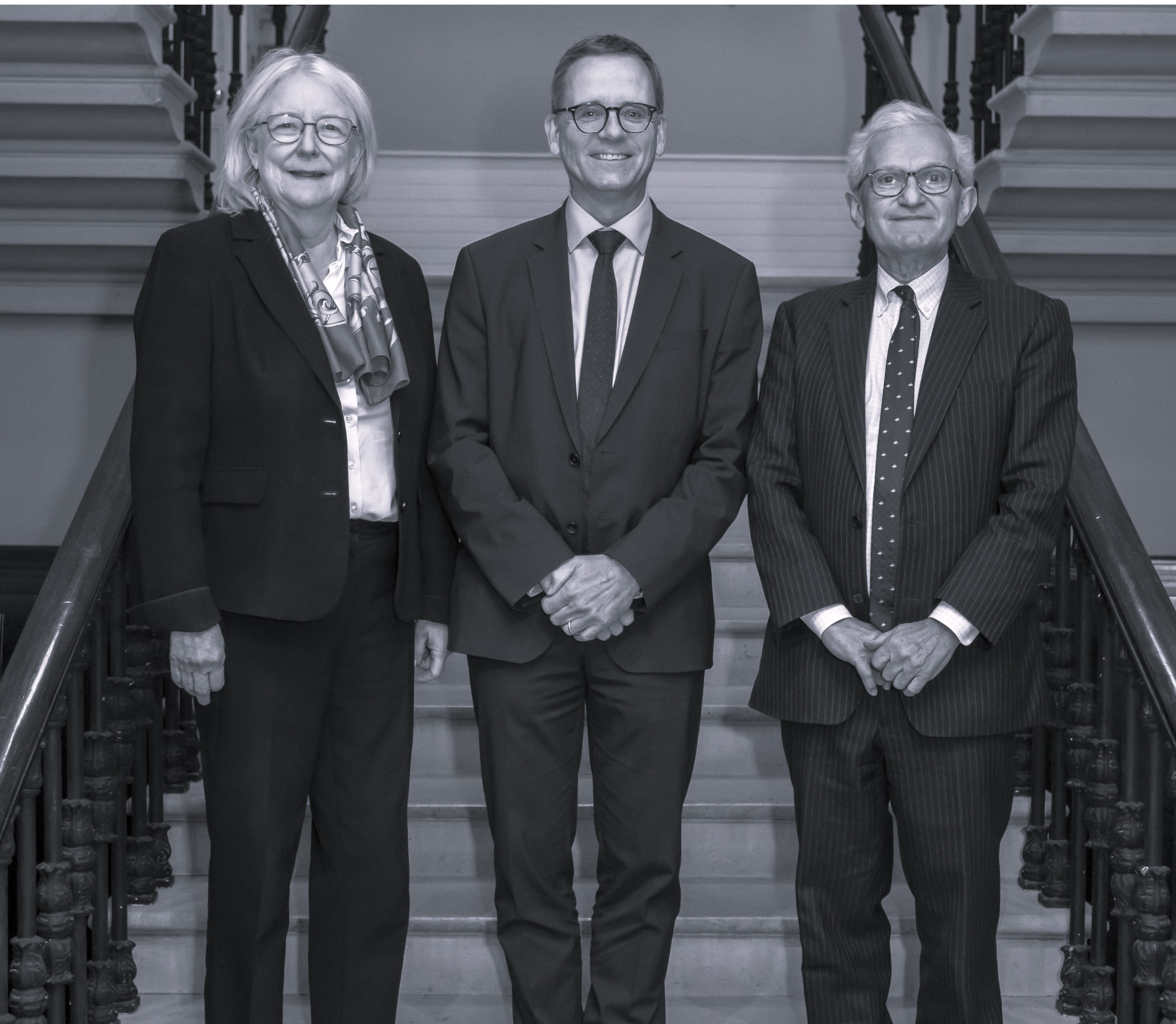


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ELI Activity Report

2024





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The Voice of the European Legal Community

About ELI





The European Law Institute (ELI) is an independent, democratic, membership-based organisation founded on 1 June 2011. Its mission is to conduct research, offer recommendations, and provide guidance on European legal development, operating across all branches of law. ELI seeks to bridge gaps between legal cultures and between public and private law.

ELI's work centers around projects, which can be long-term in nature or focused on timely responses to proposed legislation, and is carried out with consultation from its broad network of over 1,700 Individual Members, 160 Institutional Members.

Notable Institutional Members are the European Parliament, the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), several supreme courts in Europe, law firms, faculties and professional associations, including the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe

(CCBE), the Council of the Notariats of the European Union (CNUE), the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ) and the Network of the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the European Union.

Since its inception, the Institute has developed strong collaborative ties with the ALI, the United States Uniform Law Commission (ULC) and the Uniform Law Conference of Canada (ULCC). Additionally, it maintains close working relationships with the European legislature, national ministries of justice, key non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and other sector-specific stakeholders.

The Institute's Individual Members represent a diverse spectrum of the legal community, including members of the bar, judiciary, academia, and other legal professions.

ELI receives significant support from European Union institutions and the University of Vienna, where its Secretariat is based.

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ear ELI Members and Friends

In this Activity Report, we take the opportunity to reflect on the progress achieved over the past twelve months, acknowledging the transformations and challenges that have shaped our journey. As the Voice of the European Legal Community, ELI remains steadfast in its commitment to making a meaningful contribution to the legal landscape, particularly in addressing emerging issues that impact both legal practice and society at large. From tackling complex topics like algorithmic contracting, which continues to present novel challenges in the digital age, to reinforcing the foundational principles of judicial independence, we have worked diligently to ensure that the legal framework evolves to meet contemporary needs.

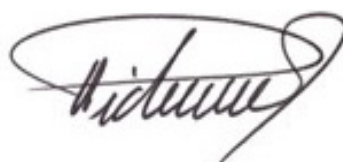
Throughout this year, ELI's achievements have been the result of the collective efforts of all those who support and contribute to our mission. These accomplishments were only possible thanks to their unwavering dedication.

A special mention must go to our Vice-Presidents, Anne Birgitte Gammeljord and Sir Geoffrey Vos, whose leadership and guidance have been instrumental in steering ELI's activities. We are also deeply grateful to our Treasurer, Prof Dr Pietro Sirena, whose financial expertise ensures the sustainability of ELI's operations. Additionally, the valuable contributions of our Executive members

– Prof Dr Teresa Rodriguez de las Herras Ballell, Dr Aneta Wiewiórowska-Domagalska, and Supreme Court Judge Sylvaine Poillot Perruzzetto – have greatly enhanced the depth and breadth of our work.

The dedicated efforts of our Scientific Director, Prof Dr Christiane Wendehorst, have been integral to the success of our projects, while our Secretary General, Dr Vanessa Wilcox, has been pivotal in the smooth coordination and implementation of our initiatives. The ELI Secretariat, along with our Council, Reporters, Members Consultative and Advisory Committee members, and Hubs and SIGs also deserve our gratitude for their consistent contributions.

Together, these collective efforts have propelled ELI forward, allowing us to shape the legal discourse and promote positive change within the European legal community and beyond. The partnerships and collaborations we have built this year continue to strengthen our resolve and commitment to enhancing the quality of law for the betterment of society.



Prof Dr Pascal Pichonnaz
ELI President





Income Streams

In 2024, ELI's income of EUR 709,800 saw a **16%** growth. Its accounts are anticipated to close with a positive balance of EUR 27,300. The **University of Vienna**, which has hosted ELI's Secretariat since its inception, provided **39%** of the 2024 budget, increasing by **14%** from €262,500 to €300,000. Income from **Membership fees** remained stable, accounting for **21%** of the total funding at €160,100. The **European Commission's Operating Grant**, amounting to €210,000, rose by 5% and represented **27%** of ELI's total income.

Other sources, including **event-related funding**, made up 13% of the total, representing a 6% increase. ELI is particularly grateful to the Chairs of its Irish Hub for securing significant funding for the 2024 Annual Conference held in Dublin. Additionally, ELI received a project grant from the International Centre of Expertise in Montreal on Artificial Intelligence (CEIMIA).

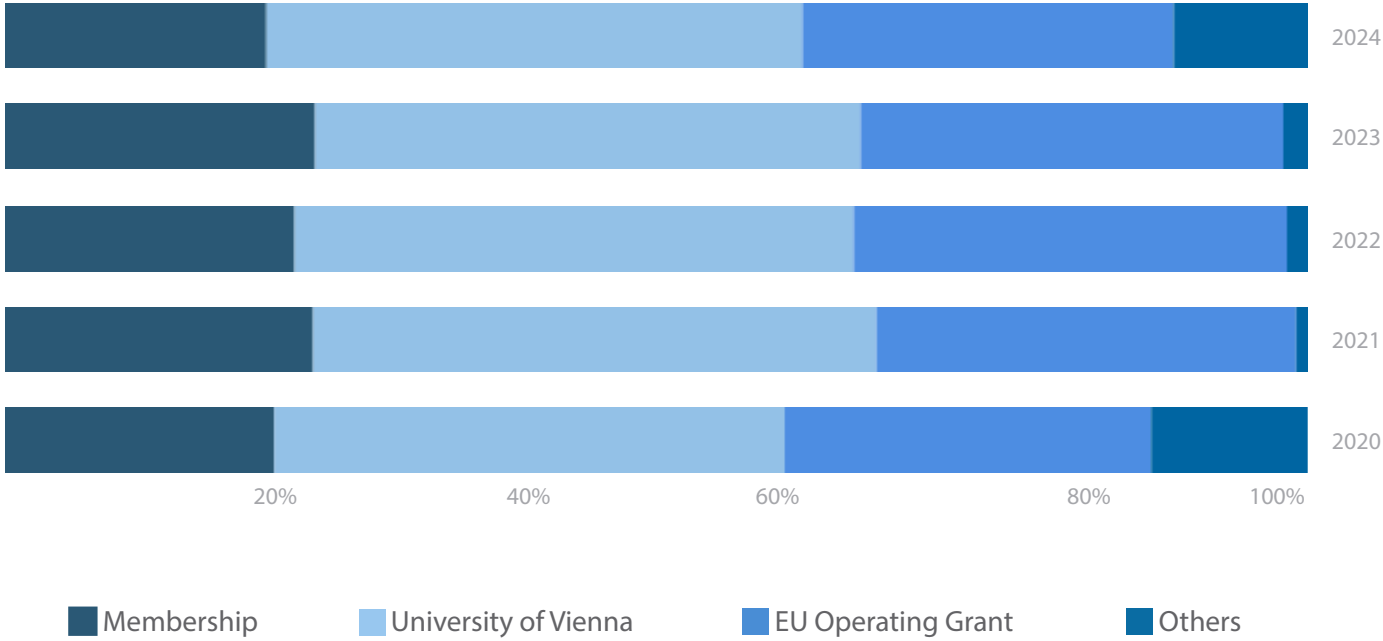
This diverse funding model underscores ELI's ongoing commitment to expanding its revenue base, ensuring its continued influence across Europe.

21% Membership Fees

27% EU Operating Grant
(+5%)

39% University of Vienna
(+14%)

13% Others
(+6%)





Institutional Membership

In line with its commitment to legal development, ELI actively seeks insights from a broad range of stakeholders. Its Institutional Members play a critical role, being regularly consulted to provide specialised expertise, advise on legal developments, and collaborate on projects. They help shape ELI's initiatives by ensuring its work remains informed and impactful. Their involvement also builds a network that connects ELI to policymakers, legal professionals, academics, and other thought leaders, enhancing its influence in advancing European legal standards. Through these contributions, Institutional Members are integral to ELI's mission of driving comprehensive legal development.

162 Institutional
Members
(+15%)

63 Institutional
Fellows

99 Institutional
Observers

The following are among ELI's Institutional Members:



22 New Institutional Members

European Justice Forum • European Consumer Organisation (BEUC) • Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law (BCNL) • Centre for Democracy and Law Miko Tripalo • Foundation Research on the (Dutch) Judicial System • Platt Law LLP • International Bar Association (IBA) • Ukrainian Bar Association (UBA) • Bar of Ireland • Law Society of Northern Ireland • European Law Students' Association (ELSA) Belgium • Te European Law Students' Association (ELSA) Italy • European Law Students' Association (ELSA) Portugal • European Law Faculties Association (ELFA) • University of National and World Economy • Galatasaray University, Faculty of Law • Keele University Law School • Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education University of Plovdiv, Faculty of Law • Faculté de droit de l'Université de Fribourg (Suisse • Ordre des avocats au Conseil d'État et à la Cour de cassation • Association of Notaries of the Republic of Poland (Stowarzyszenie Notariuszy Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej)

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Individual Membership

ELI’s Individual Members come from diverse legal backgrounds, including the bar, bench, and academia, reflecting the range of legal traditions, disciplines, and vocational frameworks across Europe. The Membership, regarded as the highest body of the Institute, includes all Fellows and Observers. Its main functions are to elect Council Members and approve the outcomes of ELI projects. The Institute’s Annual Conference serves as the primary forum for the Membership and external experts to discuss and thoroughly review ELI’s projects.

1,695

Individual Members

(+2%)

1,602

Individual Fellows

93

Individual Observers

- Meetings:
- 3 June, Online
 - 9–11 October, Dublin

2nd ELI Member's Day

In recognition of the need for meaningful engagement of its Members in shaping its project portfolio, ELI hosted its second annual Members' Day. Launched in 2023, ELI Members' Day offers a platform outside the Institute's Annual Conference for Members to connect and engage. Held online each year to coincide with ELI's anniversary on 1 June, the event brings together participants to reflect on pressing legal issues at the forefront of European legal development.

On 3 June 2024, attendees gathered to explore 'The Future of Money'. Distinguished representatives from the European Central Bank, European Investment Bank, Banque de France, the High Committee for the Paris Finance Marketplace Working Group on the Evolution of the Concept of Money, the Bank of England, the Bank of Italy, the Jean Monnet Module for European Monetary Law, and the European Consumer Organisation convened virtually to examine the decline of cash and the rise of digital currencies.

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101 Sustaining Members ^(+28%)

Peter H Adler • Vlatka Adler • Maria Lourdes Arastey • Vladimir Arlović • Josef Azizi • Johannes Barbist • Elena Bargelli • Shawn Bayern • Teresa Bielska-Sobkowicz • Robert Bray • Salvatore Buscema • Irene Calboli • Yohan Andrés Campos Martínez • Tomasz Chmielewski • Celina Daphne Marian Colquhoun • Robert Colton • Darinka Dekleva Marguč • Biljana Djuricin • Walter Doralt • Alexander Ebolor • Merethe Eckhardt • Begoña Flores González • Stijn Franken • John Gaffney • Anne Birgitte de Jonquieres Gammeljord • Patrick Gielen • Paul Gilligan • Angelo Jr Golia • Laurence Gormley • Friedrich Graf Westphalen • Massimiliano Granieri • Irmgard Griss • Rodger Peter Harris • Daniel M Häusermann • Christian Hertel • Marianne Hundahl Hansen • Paola Iamiceli • Marta Infantino • Elena Ioriatti • Francisco Javier Jiménez Muñoz • Phillip Johnson • Tatjana Josipovic • Hideki Kanda • Paul Keane • Ana Keglevic Steffek • Bernhard A Koch • Sören Koch • Ilia Kolochenko • Velibor Korać • Peter Lachinger • Lord John Thomas of Cwmgiedd • Piotr Machnikowski • Jukka Mähönen • Vanessa Mak • Corrado Malberti • Jonathan McGowan • Maarten Meijer • Attila Menyhárd • Antonio Manuel Morales Moreno • Eliana Morandi • Torbjörn Odlöw • Karl-Heinz Oehler • Ali Osman Ozdilek • Maria Cecilia Paglietti • Tekla Papp • Bertrand Perrin • Denis Philippe • Pascal Pichonnaz • Fausto Pocar • Cristina Poncibò • Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell • Nelson Rosenvald • Marc Rotenberg • Bashkim Rrahmani • Kirill Alexandrovich Ryabtsev • Jorge Sanchez Cordero • Anne Sanders • Vyara Savova • Fabienne Schaller • Hugo Maria Schally • Azymnazar Selimov • Manuela Sirbu • Małgorzata Skawińska • John Sorabji • Astrid Stadler • Felix Steffek • Ben Steinbrück • Olena Terekh • Christiaan Timmermans • Ivan Tot • Sjef van Erp • Wino Van Veen • Lajos Vékás • Aida Sofia von Schulman • Mislav Vukina • Steven Weise • Christiane Wendehorst LLM (Cantab) • Philip Wood • Herbert Zech • Reinhard Zimmermann • Irina Zlătescu



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Bodies



Council

The Council consists of up to 56 members, elected by the Membership from among Individual Fellows, alongside ex-officio members. As ELI's management body, it is responsible for electing Executive Committee members, approving the budget and accounts, and appointing auditors. Additionally, the Council is the responsible governance organ for the adoption and implementation of projects.

55 Members

10 Ex-officio Members

Meetings:

- 22–23 February, Vienna
- 1 July, Online
- 9 October, Dublin
- 2 December, Online

Elected Members: Despoina Anagnostopoulou • Susanne Augenhofer • Lorena Bachmaier Winter • Ewa Bagińska • Başak Başıoğlu • Hugh Beale • Sarah Bechaalany • Teresa Bielska-Sobkowicz • Robert Bray • Christoph Busch • Valentina Calderai • Michel Cannarsa • Georges Cavalier • Sara Cockerill • Mario Comba • Paul Craig QC (Hon) • Nada Dollani • Christiana Fountoulakis • Hristina Georgieva • Miguel Gimeno-Ribes • Gianluca Grasso • Laura Guercio • Geraint Howells • André Janssen • Francisco Javier Jiménez Muñoz • Paul Keane • Bernhard A Koch • Xandra Kramer • María Lubomira Kubica • Matthias Lehmann • Piotr Machnikowski • Oliver Mader • Maria Rosaria Maugeri • Svitlana Mazepa • William Martin McKechnie • Matthias Neumayr • Francesco Paolo Pattl • Fausto Pocar • Sylvaine Poillot Peruzzetto • Barbara Pozzo • Ilaria Pretelli • Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell • Albert Ruda • Marta Santos Silva • Jens Scherpe • Ulrich Schroeter • Hans Schulte-Nölke • Andrey Shirvindt • Anna Skrabina • Tamás Szabados • Camelia Toader • Ivan Tot • Laura Valle • Aneta Wiewiórowska-Domagalska • Aleš Zalar • **Ex-Officio Members:** Pascal Pichonnaz (President) • Anne Birgitte Gammeljord (First Vice-President) • Sir Geoffrey Vos (Second Vice-President) • Pietro Sirena (Treasurer) • Pierre-Dominique Schupp (CCBE President) • Marius Stračkaitis (CNUE President) • Miha Taus (ELRA President) • Dalia Vasariene (ENCJ President) • Marc Schmitz (UIHJ President) • Anders Eka (Network of the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the European Union President)





Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is ELI's administrative body, composed of the President, two Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, and three additional members. It represents ELI and is responsible for its general administration, as well as implementing decisions made by the Institute's governing bodies.

7 Members

Meetings:

- 12 January, Online
- 21 February, Vienna
- 5 June, Vienna
- 9 September, Dublin
- 8 November, Online

Pascal Pichonnaz (President) • Anne Birgitte Gammeljord (First Vice-President) • Sir Geoffrey Vos (Second Vice-President) • Pietro Sirena (Treasurer) • Sylvaine Poillot Peruzzetto • Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell • Aneta Wiewiórowska-Domagalska



Senate

The Senate provides advice. Three of its members also serve on the Tribunal, which addresses conflicts among ELI Members and bodies. The Senate convened on 8 October 2024.

Reinhard Zimmermann (Senate Speaker) • Irmgard Griss (Deputy Speaker) • Marta Cartabia • Francis Jacobs • Pauline Koskela • Vassilios Skouris • Lajos Vékàs • Eddy Wymeersch • Arbitral Tribunal Members: Arthur Hartkamp • Bruno Lasserre • Lord Jonathan Mance

Secretariat

The ELI Secretariat supports ELI's governing bodies and manages compliance, membership, finances, fundraising, projects, events, and public relations.

Vanessa Wilcox (Secretary General) • Laura Bianchi (Project Officer) • Tomasz Dudek (Senior Project Officer) • Marta Lages de Almeida (Project Officer) • Leonor Franco (Public Relations Officer) • Regina May Dolot (Finance and Membership Officer) • Nia Ivanova (Finance and Event Officer) • Mimi Nuzzo (Fundraising and Partnerships Officer)

Former: Anna Dibrova (Finance and Event Officer) • Zuzana Fačková (Senior Finance and Membership Officer)

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European
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Projects



ELI Reports

At the core of ELI’s activities are its projects, which range from long-term initiatives to timely responses to legislative developments. These projects are marked by collaborative drafting, bringing together practitioners, judges, scholars, legal professionals, and stakeholders from diverse vocational and geographical backgrounds. Projects undergo thorough review and revision following ELI’s deliberative processes and are ultimately approved by both the Council and the full Membership, ensuring that the perspectives of all sectors of the legal profession shape the law in a given field. This work is overseen by the Scientific Director, who ensures projects meet ELI’s standards and objectives.

Life-Cycle



Dissemination



Ongoing Projects

Rule of Law and the Convergence of Legal Systems in the 21st Century

- Extra-Judicial Administration of Justice in Cross-Border Family and Succession Matters
- Update of ELI's Detention of Asylum Seekers and Irregular Migrants and the Rule of Law: Checklists and European Standards
- Corporate Criminal Liability in the European Union
- Enhancing Child Protection: Private International Law on Filiation and the European Commission's Proposal COM/2022/695 final

Law and Governance for the Digital Age

- Access to Digital Assets
- Guiding Principles and Model Rules on Algorithmic Contracts
- Digitalisation of Civil Justice Systems in Europe
- Model Rules on Succession of Digital Assets, Data and other Digital Remains
- GPAI Project on Cogenerated Data

Climate Justice, Environmental Law Challenges and Sustainability

- Climate Justice – New Challenges for Law and Judges
- Advance Choices for Future Disablement
- Enterprise Foundations in Europe

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12th Annual Conference

Nearly 400 Participants

ELI's Annual Conference and Meetings play a crucial role in fulfilling the fifth aim of its Statute: fostering discussion and cooperation among jurists from diverse legal traditions. Held every autumn, the Conference brings together legal professionals and thought leaders to support ELI's efforts in European legal development, providing critical input on ongoing projects and reflections on key legal topics. The 12th Conference took place from 9–11 October at the Honorable Society of King's Inns and the Law Society of Ireland in Dublin. As the home of tech giants, Ireland naturally set the stage for the overarching theme of digitalisation and fundamental rights.

Industry
Event

AI &
GDPR

Hub
SIG
Awards

- Irish Hub
- Turkish Hub
- Digital Law
SIG

8th Young
Lawyers
Award

Aron
Johanson

Sponsors



Ambassadors and High-Ranking Diplomats





Keynotes

Marko Bošnjak (President, European Court of Human Rights) • Rossa Fanning (Attorney General of Ireland) • Michael O'Flaherty (Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe)

Other Panelists Included

Frances Fitzgerald (Member of the Gender Equality Advisory Committee to the G7) • Donal Gerard O'Donnell (Chief Justice of Ireland) • Jeremy Godfrey (Chair Comisiún na Meán, Ireland's Media Regulator) • Georg Kodek (President, Austrian Supreme Court) • Villu Kõve (Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Estonia) • Hugh I Mohan SC (Chair, Honorable Society of King's Inns) • Irene Nicolaidou (Deputy Chair, European Data Protection Board) • Emma Redmond (Associate General Counsel and Head of Privacy and Data Protection, Open AI) • Savvas S Papasavvas (Vice-President, General Court of the European Union) • Anna Veneziano (Deputy Secretary-General, International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) • Commission representatives

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Representation



Engagements

The ELI Executive Committee and Secretary General actively represent the Institute at various events, both within the legal industry and in broader community settings. Their high-level interactions foster meaningful relationships with legal professionals, organisations, and policymakers, helping to strengthen ELI's position within the legal landscape. These engagements are instrumental in advancing ELI's efforts, ensuring that it remains visible and that its work remains pertinent, impactful, and aligned with contemporary legal developments.

One of ELI's key achievements in 2024 was ensuring continued access to legal literature for lawyers Ukraine. In partnership with leading publishers, ELI launched a legal library to provide up-to-date resources and offer support during the war.

The first shipment, featuring books from BundVerlag, Edward Elgar Publishing, Helbing Lichtenhahn, Mohr Siebeck, Otto Schmidt, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Kardynała Stefana Wyszyńskiego, Nomos, CH Beck Poland, Wolters Kluwer, and International Law Book Facility (UK), coincided with the Sixth International Week at West Ukrainian National University's Faculty of Law, where the books are housed. ELI is indebted to these publishers and to Prof Dr Fryderyk Zoll for his support.

71 Representational
Meetings & Events
(+58%)

The following are among the organisations with which ELI has held meetings:



ELI thanks the following publishing houses for helping establish a legal Ukrainian library:



European Union Visitors Programme (EUVP) • Court of cassation • European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) • Société de Législation Comparée • European Commission • United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) • European Law Students' Association (ELSA) • Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ) • Die Österreichischen Rechtsanwältinnen und Rechtsanwälte • European Land Registry Association (ELRA) • American Law Institute (ALI) • Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) • University of Gdansk • European Law Faculties Association (ELFA) • International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) • European Bars Federation • Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) • International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL) • International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA) • Ukrainian Bar Association • The Law Society of Northern Ireland • Budapest Bar Association • Supreme Court of Justice of Luxembourg • International Bar Association (IBA) • Association Henri Capitant • Swiss Bar Association

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Hubs and SIGs



ELI's Satellite Groups

Hubs and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) offer valuable opportunities for ELI Members to connect locally, in their native language, or across specific sectors. While participation in ELI's country- and topic-specific groups is restricted to Members, their activities are accessible to the public. Hubs and SIGs provide platforms for discussing ongoing and upcoming projects, as well as fostering active debate on pressing legal developments. SIGs are primarily focused on identifying emerging trends and generating ideas for future initiatives, whereas Hubs play a pivotal role in translating ELI's reports to ensure broader local engagement. Additionally, Hubs contribute to bringing ELI's Annual Conference to their respective jurisdictions, raising awareness of ELI and its causes within the local legal profession. Both are essential to ELI's grassroots development.

17 Hubs
(+1)

12 SIGs
(+1)

87 Events
(+13%)

Austrian Hub • Baltic Hub • Belgio-Luxembourg Hub • Croatian Hub • French Hub • German Hub • Hungarian Hub • Irish Hub • Italian Hub • Nordic Hub • Polish Hub • Portuguese Hub • Slovenian Hub • Spanish Hub • Turkish Hub • Ukrainian Hub • United Kingdom Hub

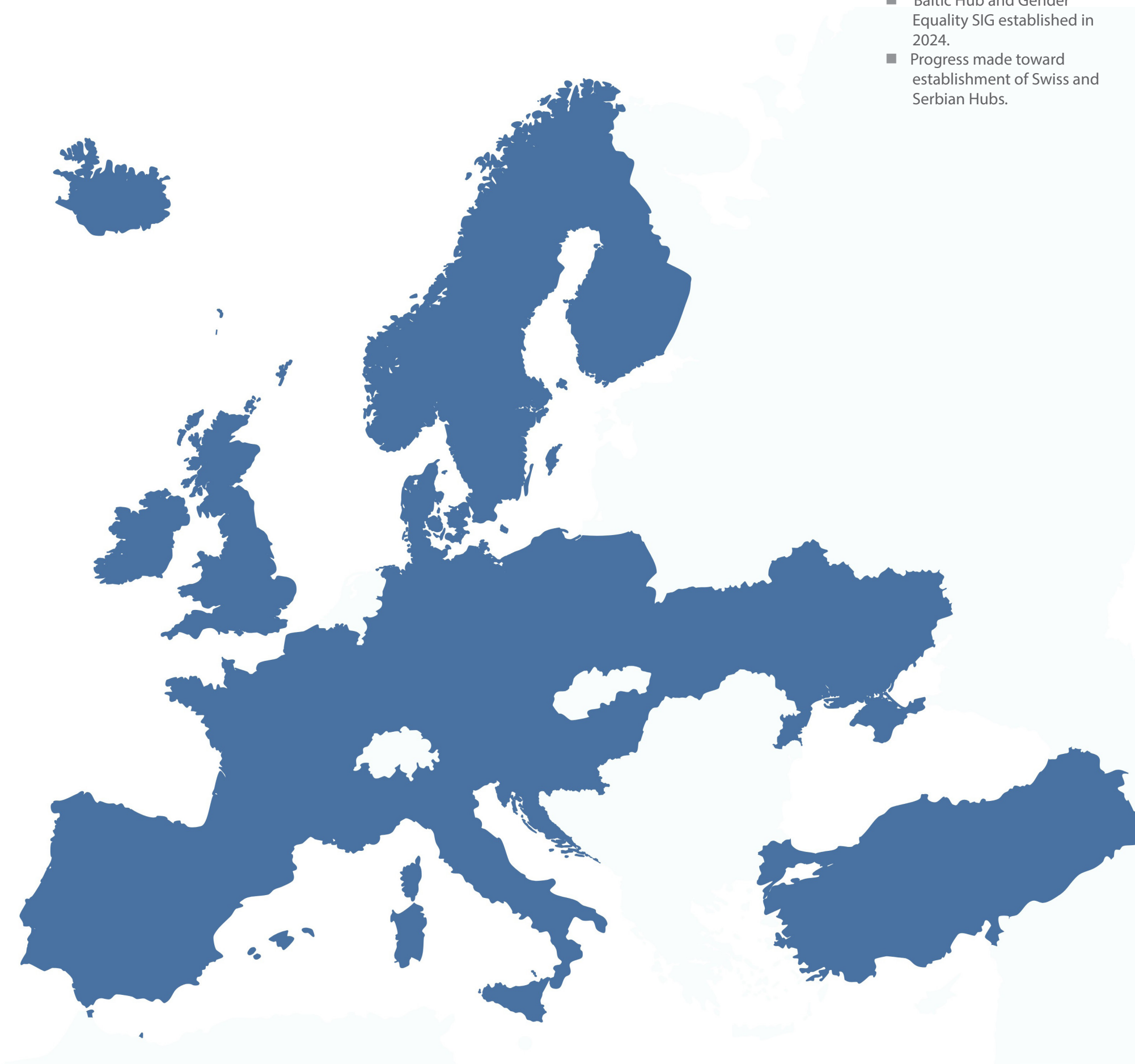
Administrative Law SIG • Business and Financial Law SIG • Competition Law SIG • Digital Law SIG • Dispute Resolution SIG • Family and Succession Law SIG • Fundamental Rights Law SIG • Gender Equality SIG • Global Private Law SIG • Insurance Law SIG • Intellectual Property Law SIG • Sustainability and Environmental Law SIG

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(+7%)

29 Satellite Groups

- Baltic Hub and Gender Equality SIG established in 2024.
- Progress made toward establishment of Swiss and Serbian Hubs.



Newsletter



- Cover: Christophe Soulard (First President of the French Cour de cassation)
- Spotlight: Jacques Ziller (Ancien Professeur des Universités, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)

- Cover: Javier Cremades (President of the World Jurist Association)
- Spotlight: Diana P Wallis (Former ELI President and Former Vice-President of the European Parliament) & Anna Veneziano (UNIDROIT Deputy Secretary-General)

- Cover: Georg Kodek (President of the Austrian Supreme Court)
- Spotlight: Kim Jørgensen (Director General and the European Investment Bank Permanent Representative to the EU institutions in Brussels)

(+6%)
2,793 Newsletter
Subscribers

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ELI Newsletter

Jul-Aug 2024

Cover: Paul Gilligan, Paul Keane, William McKechnie (Co-Chairs of ELI's Irish Hub)
Spotlight: Véronique Boillet (Professor at the University of Lausanne and Board of the Swiss Institution for Human Rights Member)



ELI Newsletter

Sep-Oct 2024

Cover: The Lady Chief Justice, The Right Honourable the Baroness Carr of Walton-on-the-Hill
Spotlight: Travis Lenkner (Chief Development Officer, Burford Capital)



ELI Newsletter

Nov-Dec 2024

Cover: Galina Zaharova (President, Supreme Court of Cassation of Bulgaria)
Spotlight: Siofra O'Leary (Former President, European Court of Human Rights)



2024 ELI Annual Conference



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ELI Social Media

ELI leverages social media to engage with its network of legal professionals, policy- and law-makers, and the wider public. The ELI Secretariat ensures regular updates on projects and events, broadening the Institute's reach. In 2024, these efforts successfully raised awareness of ELI's mission, fostering engagement and sparking discussions on key legal developments. Social media helped ELI connect with new audiences, and amplify its impact on shaping European legal discourse.

16,000

LinkedIn
Followers

(+28%)

610

YouTube
Views

(+47%)

4,450

Facebook
Followers

(+4%)

3,180

X
Followers

(+1%)

Media Coverage

Forbes

Irish Legal News

Irish Independent 

 **siliconrepublic**

LAW SOCIETY
gazette
IRELAND

BUSINESSPLUS


COUR DE CASSATION

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Timeline

2011

In May, the University of Vienna won the tender to host the ELI Secretariat. In July, the Inaugural Congress of ELI took place in Paris. In November, then Commissioner of Justice Viviane Reding opened the ELI Secretariat.



2012

The ELI published its first Statement:Case-Overload at the European Court of Human Rights and the ELI Statement on the Proposal for a Regulation on a Common European Sales Law.

2014

ELI published a Statement on Collective Redress and Competition Damages Claim, a supplement to its Statement on the Proposal for a Regulation on a Common European Sales Law and a Response to the European Commission's Public Consultation on the Review of the EU Copyright Rules.

2015

The agreement between ELI and the University of Vienna was extended until 2019. A second Supplement on the Statement on Sales was issued.

2016

ELI published a Statement on the European Commission's proposed Directive on the Supply of Digital Content to Consumers.

2017

ELI published the Draft Legislative Proposal for the Prevention and the Resolution of Conflicts of Jurisdiction in Criminal Matters in the European Union, the ELI Statement on Detention of Asylum Seekers and Irregular Migrants and the Rule of Law and the ELI Instrument on Rescue of Business in Insolvency Law.

2018

The agreement between ELI and the University of Vienna was extended until 2023. ELI also published the ELI Statement on the Principled Relationship of Formal and Informal Justice through the Courts and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

2024

Four ELI projects were published, namely, the ELI Charter of Fundamental Constitutional Principles of a European Democracy, its Principles Governing the Third Party Funding of Litigation, the ELI-Mount Scopus European Standards of Judicial Independence and the GPAI Principles on Co-generated Data. ELI also published a Response to the EU Commission's Consultation: Guidelines on the Application of the Definition of an AI System in the AI Act: ELI Proposal for a Three-Factor Approach.



2023

ELI published its Feedback on the European Commission's Proposal for a Revised Product Liability Directive, Guidance on Company Capital and Financial Accounting for Corporate Sustainability and Principles on Blockchain Technology, Smart Contracts, Consumer Protection, Report on Ecocide, Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and the Council on Mutual Admissibility of Evidence and Electronic Evidence in Criminal Proceedings, its Guiding Principles on Implementing Workers' Right to Disconnect and its Interim Report on EU Consumer Law and Automated Decision-Making (ADM). ELI published its Feedback on the European Commission's Proposal for a Revised Product Liability Directive, Guidance on Company Capital and Financial Accounting for Corporate Sustainability and Principles on Blockchain Technology, Smart Contracts, Consumer Protection, Report on Ecocide, Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and the Council on Mutual Admissibility of Evidence and Electronic Evidence in Criminal Proceedings, its Guiding Principles on Implementing Workers' Right to Disconnect and its Interim Report on EU Consumer Law and Automated Decision-Making (ADM). It also published a Feedback on the European Commission's Proposal for a Directive on Common Rules Promoting the Repair of Goods and a Response to the European Commission's Public Consultation on Digital Fairness – Fitness Check on EU Consumer Law.

2022

ELI five outputs were published, namely, the ELI Report on Business and Human Rights, the ELI Model Rules on Impact Assessment of Algorithmic Decision-Making Systems Used by Public Administration, the ELI Principles on the Use of Digital Assets as Security, the ELI Report on Freedom of Expression as a Common Constitutional Tradition in Europe, and the ELI Draft of a Revised Product Liability Directive. Additionally, the following Responses to the Public Consultations were published: on Civil Liability, the Cross-Border Protection of Vulnerable Adults, on the Sustainable Consumption of Goods. A Feedback on the Commission's Proposal for a Revised Product Liability Directive was also issued. In addition, ELI published a Council Resolution on Ukraine and the Innovation Paper on Automated Decision-Making in the EU. In 2022, the agreement between ELI and the University of Vienna was again extended (for the 2023–2027 period), with an increase in financial support.

2021

ELI celebrated its 10th anniversary. Its Report on For a European Approach to R&D Tax Incentive(s) and the ALI-ELI Principles for a Data Economy, the ELI-UNIDROIT Model European Rules of Civil Procedure, the ELI Innovation Paper on Guiding Principles for Updating the EU Product Liability Directive for the Digital Age, a Supplement to the ELI Principles for the COVID-19 Crisis and Response to the Public Consultation on the Data Act were published.

2020

ELI published its Model Rules on Online Platforms, the ELI Report on Protection of Adults in International Situations and the ELI Principles for the COVID-19 Crisis.

2019

The ELI Instrument on Empowering European Families: Towards More Party Autonomy in European Family and Succession Law was published.

European Law Institute

- Pan-European, democratic, membership-based organisation
- Uniting prominent jurists of all legal professions
- Aiming to improve the law in Europe
- Carrying out projects with immediate practical application

Members of the ELI can contribute to its projects and gain access to an international network of jurists. Apart from other activities, the ELI organises its Annual Conference and Meetings, bringing together Europe's leading experts in diverse fields of law.

Executive Committee

President:

1st Vice-President:

2nd Vice-President:

Treasurer:

Other Members:

Pascal Pichonnaz

Anne Birgitte Gammeljord

Sir Geoffrey Vos

Pietro Sirena

Sylvaine Poillot Peruzzetto

Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell

Aneta Wiewiórowska-Domagalska

ELI in Vienna

The Secretariat of the ELI, which is hosted by the University of Vienna, is located in the heart of the Austrian capital, close to the main building of the University, the representation of the European Commission in Austria as well as the information office of the European Parliament.

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