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In 2019, the ELI Membership will elect 28 new Council members among their Individual Fellows. If you wish to shape the future of the ELI, please consider running for the Council.

ELI Individual Fellows wishing to play a more active role in the Institute and eager for the opportunity to help make important decisions about the governance and activities of the ELI can put themselves forward for a seat on the **ELI Council**.

Members of the Council are responsible for electing the **Executive Committee**, including the President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer. Council members approve applications for new members, decide which projects the ELI should embark on, appoint Project Team members and act as **assessors** of ELI projects, among other things. Council members have the opportunity to join standing committees, namely the **Membership and/or the Fundraising Committee**. They are also encouraged to play a leading role in the management of **Hubs and Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**.

The Council usually meets in February and September each year, and makes decisions electronically on a regular basis. Reasonable costs of travelling and accommodation incurred as a result of ELI Council business are usually reimbursed by the Institute in accordance with the [ELI Reimbursement Guidelines](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the ELI Council

The ELI Council is the governing body of the Institute. It consists of up to 56 elected Individual Fellows, in a way that adequately takes into account the ELI's general principles, as well as ex-officio members (the President, the two Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer and up to ten persons holding ex-officio ELI membership) (see Article 10 of the [ELI Statute](#)).

What is the ELI Executive Committee

The ELI Executive Committee, which you would elect, is the Institute's administrative body, which consists of the President, two Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer and three ordinary members (see Article 11 of the ELI Statute). Among other things the Executive has powers of representation of the Association and is responsible for the implementation of decisions made by the competent bodies of the Association.

What is the role of project assessors

Council members who are assessors are members of the projects' Advisory Committees and act as peer reviewers and auditors of quality (see Section 16 of the [ELI Project Guidelines](#)).

What is the role of the Membership Committee (MC)

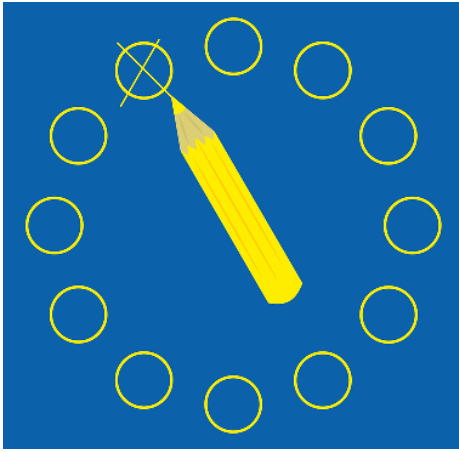
The MC is a standing Council committee, which develops a structured policy to attract new members, in particular from underrepresented countries, disciplines and professions, among other things (see [CD 2011/11](#)).

What is the role of the Fundraising Committee (FRC)

The FRC is a standing Council committee, which coordinates the discussion on ELI projects between various internal and external stakeholders, sounds out ways to attract additional funds for the ELI's work and supports and advises the Treasurer (see [CD 2011/14](#)).

How do ELI Hubs and SIGs work

Hubs and SIGs are country and topic specific working groups respectively, which have been established for ELI members to facilitate discussion, share and monitor legal developments, and stimulate project proposals. At least one of their Chairs, which are appointed by members of the respective groups, must ideally be an ELI Council member (see Section 4 of the [ELI Guidelines for Hubs and SIGs](#)).



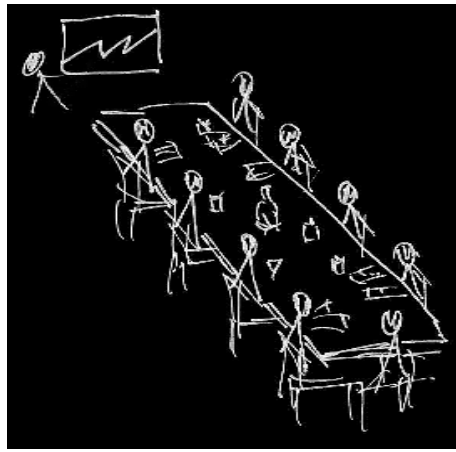
How to run for the ELI Council

Any ELI Individual Fellow is eligible to stand for the upcoming Council elections, provided they have not already served a period of eight years.¹

To run, the candidate must submit a nomination form containing a short CV and statement of interest (max 400 words), specifying inter alia how they could contribute to the aims of the ELI, and a portrait photograph. In addition, the candidate must be electronically **endorsed by five ELI Fellows** by sending an e-mail to the [ELI Secretariat](#). Alternatively, the candidate can submit an endorsement form with the five endorsements collected by herself/himself. A list of nominated candidates will be published in July 2019. Various forms can be found [here](#).

The vote will be held on **4 and 5 September 2019** at the ELI Membership meeting. Every present ELI Fellow will be entitled to vote with a maximum of 28 votes (one vote per candidate). Proxy voting will be possible, with the number of proxies being limited to one proxy per Fellow, provided proxies are issued in writing no later than two weeks before the elections. Voting will occur by ballot and the results will be counted immediately afterwards. The elected candidates are members of the Council on the condition that they accept their election. For more information see the [ELI Election Byelaw](#).

¹ Council members that were elected in 2013 and stepped down (either voluntarily or by drawing lots) in 2015 are also barred from standing in the 2019 elections, as decided by the Council at its meeting of February/March 2019.



How to run for the ELI Executive Committee

Any ELI Individual Fellow is eligible to stand for the positions of **President, Vice-Presidents or Treasurer** and **any ELI Council member** is eligible to stand for the three **ordinary Executive Committee member** positions. Council members who have served two consecutive terms as ordinary members of the Executive Committee or as a particular officer may not stand again for the same position in the next Executive Committee elections.

A Search Committee will identify the candidate(s) for the President, and, in consultation with her/him/them, for the Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer, and make non-binding recommendations to the Council. In addition, Council members may nominate candidates for any of the positions.

Candidates will have the opportunity to present themselves, both in writing before the election and in person at the meeting of the newly elected ELI Council on **5 September 2019**, where the vote for all Executive Committee positions will take place.

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Walter Doralt,
ELI Council Member and Co-Chair
of the Membership Committee

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Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer being subject to separate ballots.

For more information see the [ELI Election Byelaw](#).

How to join ELI standing Council committees

The newly elected ELI Council will appoint new members of the standing Council committees at its meeting on **5 September 2019**. Any Council member can express her/his interest to serve on a committee. Absent Council members may file their expression of interest in writing with the Secretariat ideally in advance of the meeting.

For more information see the [ELI Election Byelaw](#).

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