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ELI Council Elections 2021: Serving on the ELI Council

In 2021, ELI Fellows will elect 28 new Council Members from among the Institute's Individual Fellows. Interested Members wishing to shape the future of ELI are invited to consider running for the Council.

ELI Individual Fellows who want to play a more active role in the Institute and who are eager to help shape the future of ELI by making important decisions about its governance and activities, can put themselves forward for a seat on the **ELI Council**.

Members of the Council are responsible for electing the **Executive Committee**. They decide which projects ELI should embark on, appoint Project Team members, act as **Assessors** of ELI projects, approve project results, the Institute's accounts and budget as well as applications for new Members, 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. Interim remote meetings might be held to discuss, for example, specific ELI projects or

other activities. 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](#).

‘As a member of the ELI Council you may play a fundamental role in deciding on the shape of projects, in assessing their quality, and in fostering the future of this Institute. We need you to contribute to the improvement of the law in Europe.

Pascal Pichonnaz
Second Vice-President, President-elect and Chair of the
Membership Committee

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 two consecutive four-year terms. Former Council Members may stand again provided four years have elapsed since their terms. Individual Observers may run after changing their Membership status to Individual Fellow.

To run, the candidate must submit by 25 July 2021 to the ELI Secretariat (elections@europeanlawinstitute.eu):

1. a [nomination form](#) containing a short CV and statement of interest, specifying inter alia how they could contribute to the aims of ELI, and
2. a portrait photograph.

In addition, the candidate must be **endorsed by five ELI Fellows by 25 July 2021**, who need to send an e-mail to: elections@europeanlawinstitute.eu stipulating which candidate(s) they endorse. Each ELI Fellow may endorse an unlimited number of candidates. Alternatively, the candidate can submit five [endorsement forms](#) collected by themselves.

The final list of nominated candidates will be published at the beginning of August 2021. All candidates will have the opportunity to present themselves during a webinar on **2 September 2021** (from approx. 16:00–19:00 CET).

The vote will be held remotely on **6 and 7 September 2021** in the framework of the ELI Membership meeting. Every ELI Fellow will receive instructions for voting over email and be entitled to vote with a maximum of 28 votes (one vote per candidate).

The results will be counted immediately afterwards and announced at

the resumed Membership meeting of **8 September 2021**.

The newly elected Council will then convene for the first time online on **15 September 2021** (09:00–11:00 CET and 16:00–17:00 CET).

How to Join ELI Standing Council Committees

The newly elected ELI Council will appoint new members of the Membership Committee and Fundraising Committee at its meeting on 15 September 2021. Any Council Member can express their interest to serve on a Committee. Absent Council Members may file their expression of interest in writing with the Secretariat by 22 September 2021.

About the ELI Executive Committee Elections

The newly elected ELI Council will elect at its first meeting in September three new **ordinary Executive Committee Members**, who will start serving on the Executive Committee in September 2021 for a two-year term with President-elect Pascal Pichonnaz, First Vice-President-elect Lord John Thomas, Second Vice-President-elect Anne Birgitte Gammeljord and Treasurer-elect Pietro Sirena.

Any ELI Council Member is eligible to stand for the three ordinary Executive Committee Member positions or put forward the name(s) of other Council Members. 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.

Candidates will need to file their nomination form **by 12 September 2021** with the ELI Secretariat, which will then share information about the candidates with the Council on

13 September 2021. Candidates will also have the opportunity to present themselves at the meeting of the newly elected ELI Council on **15 September 2021**, in the framework of which the remote vote for the three Executive Committee positions will take place.

Council Members will receive further information on the voting after the announcement of the Council elections results on 8 September 2021.

Important Dates

25 July 2021

End of nomination and endorsement period

6 August 2021

Final list of candidates published

2 September 2021

Webinar with Council candidates

6 and 7 September 2021

Remote Council elections

8 September 2021

Announcement of Council elections results

15 September 2021

Meeting of newly elected Council

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 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 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 Institute.

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 Article 4 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 Fund-raising 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 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](#)).



Important Documents

- [ELI Statute](#)
- [Temporarily Amended ELI Election Byelaw](#)
- [Council Elections Nomination Form](#)
- [Council Elections Endorsement Form](#)
(Only if Collected by Candidate)

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- Uniting prominent jurists of all legal professions
- Aiming to improve the law in Europe
- Carrying out projects with immediate practical application

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

Executive Committee

President:	Christiane Wendehorst
First Vice-President:	Lord John Thomas
Second Vice-President:	Pascal Pichonnaz
Treasurer:	Denis Philippe
Other Members:	Anne Birgitte Gammeljord Pietro Sirena Fryderyk Zoll

ELI Annual Conference

The ELI Annual Conference will take place online from 6–8 September 2021.

ELI in Vienna

The Secretariat of 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.

We cordially invite you to visit us whenever you are in Vienna.



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