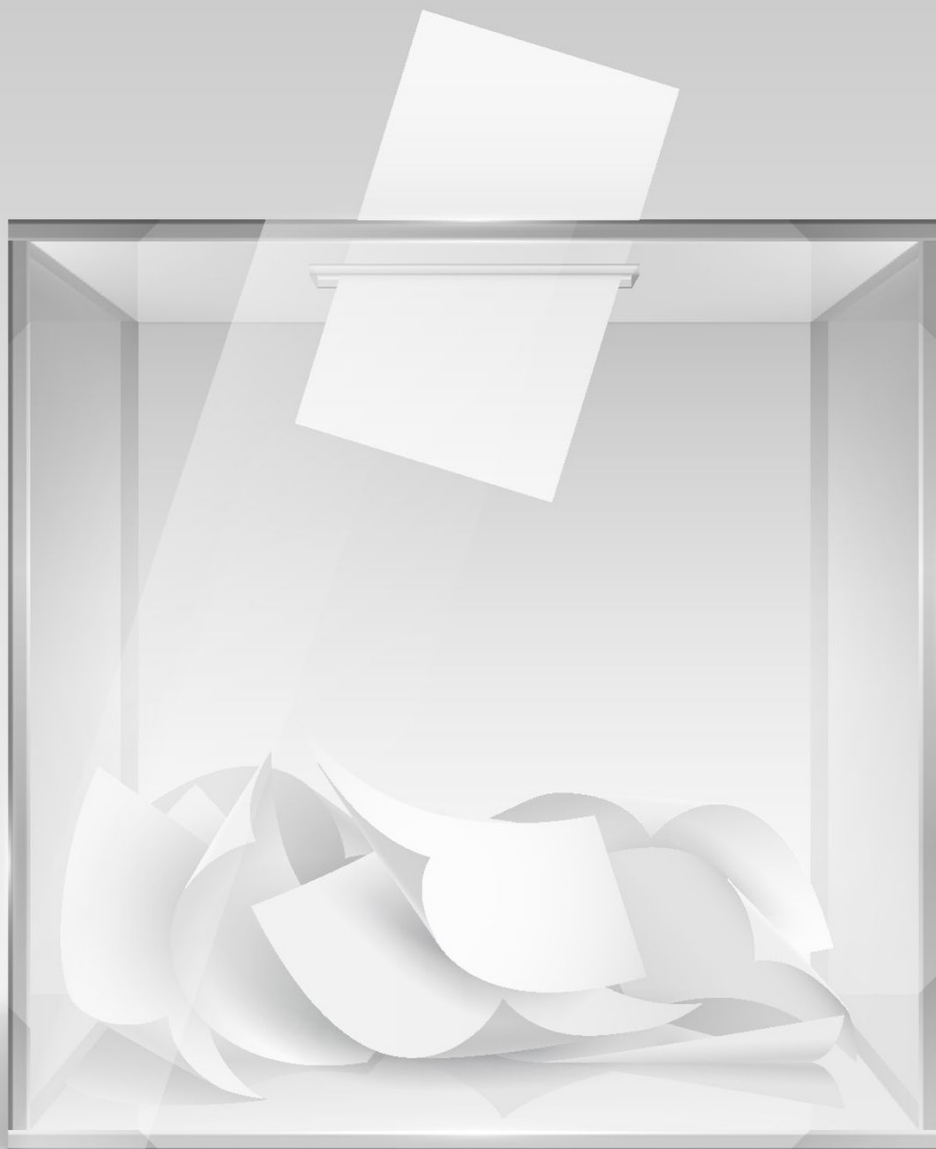




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2023 ELI Council Elections





ELI Council Elections 2023: Serving on the ELI Council



Competition to serve in ELI's Council is increasingly stiff. This is testament to ELI's increasing influence and recognition. It is important that the composition of the ELI Council is diverse, including in terms of vocational, geographical, cultural or gender diversity, as a diverse Council is essential for ELI's quest to improve the quality of law in Europe. This can only be achieved with a large range of candidates at the outset – I therefore invite all interested Fellows to run.

Prof Dr Pascal Pichonnaz
ELI President

In 2023, ELI Fellows will elect 28 new Council Members from among the Institute's Individual Fellows. Interested Fellows 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. What is important is that the Council reflects diversity and has an appropriate balance between genders, nationality/state of residence, academics, practising lawyers and judges and legal specialisation. **The latter extends to the fields of administrative law and criminal law.**

Members of the Council are responsible for electing the Executive Committee and can run for positions within it. They decide which projects ELI should embark on, appoint Project Team members, act as Assessors and MCC Chairs of projects, approve project results, the Institute's accounts and budget as well as applications for new Members, among others. Council Members have the opportunity to join and head 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 person in February and September each year. Interim remote meetings are usually held in July and December 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 reimbursed by the Institute in accordance with the [ELI Reimbursement Guidelines](#).

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 ended. Individual Observers may run after changing their Membership status to Individual Fellow.

To run, the candidate must submit the following to the ELI Secretariat (elections@europeanlawinstitute.eu) by 18 July 2023:

- A [nomination form](#); and
- A high resolution portrait photograph.

Each candidate must be endorsed by five ELI Fellows by the above deadline and can either:

- submit five completed [endorsement forms](#);
- inform the Secretariat that they will seek five endorsements themselves by asking Fellows to send an email to: elections@europeanlawinstitute.eu to endorse them;
- ask the ELI Secretariat to invite endorsements by five ELI Fellows.

Nomination forms will be uploaded onto an electronic platform accessible to all ELI Fellows on a rolling basis, along with a document indicating the number of endorsements received per candidate.

Each ELI Fellow may endorse an unlimited number of candidates. Candidates cannot endorse their own nomination. The final list of endorsed candidates as well as the Elections Brochure will be published at the beginning of August 2023 on an electronic platform accessible to all ELI Fellows.

The elections will be held in person in Vienna on 6 and 7 September 2023 in the framework of the ELI Annual Conference and will be overseen by the Speaker of the ELI Senate, Prof Dr Reinhard Zimmermann. Every ELI Fellow present in Vienna will be entitled to a maximum of 28 votes (one vote per candidate).

The votes will be counted after the elections and the results will be announced on 7 September 2023. The newly composed Council will convene for the first time on 7 September 2023.

Important Documents

- [ELI Statute](#)
- [ELI Election Byelaw](#)
- [Nomination Form](#)
- [Endorsement Form](#)

Important Dates

18 July 2023

End of nomination and endorsement period

4 August 2023

Elections
Brochure published

6 and 7 September 2023

Council elections in Vienna

7 September 2023

Announcement of Council elections results

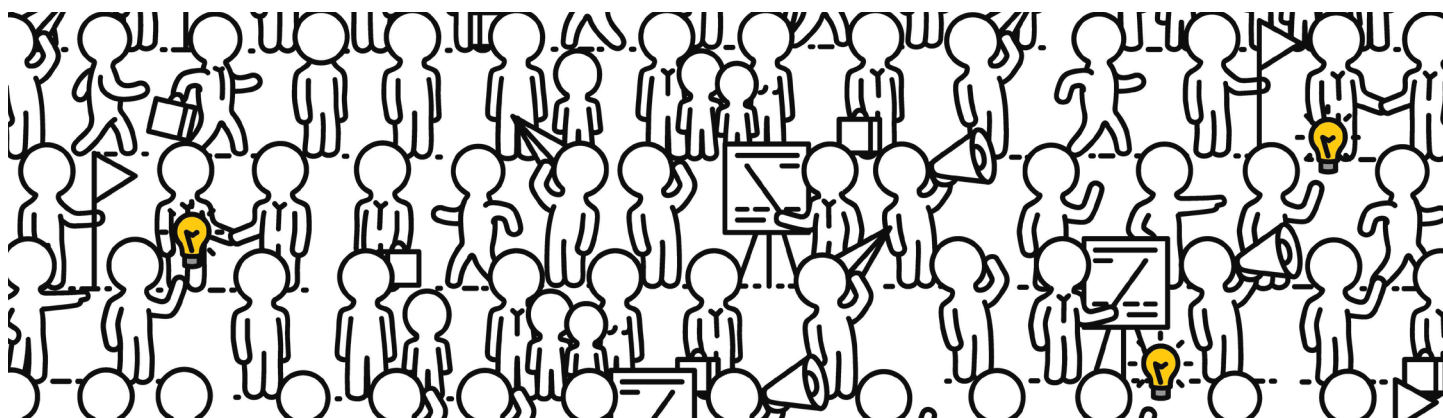
7 September 2023

Meeting of newly composed Council

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 of 7 September 2023. 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 15 September 2023.



About the ELI Executive Committee Elections

At its meeting of February 2023, the ELI Council unanimously re-elected current ELI President, Prof Dr Pascal Pichonnaz as ELI President for a second term. Second Vice-President Anne Birgitte Gammeljord will assume the role of First Vice-President, Sir Geoffrey Vos was elected Second Vice-President and Prof Dr Pietro Sirena was re-elected Treasurer for a second term. The newly elected members of the Executive Committee will assume office in September 2023 and serve for a term of two years.

At its first meeting in September 2023, the newly composed ELI Council will elect three new ordinary Executive Committee Members who will serve a two-year term from September 2023. Any ELI Council Fellow is eligible to stand for these positions or put the name(s) of other Council Fellows forward. Council Members that have served two consecutive terms as ordinary members of the Executive Committee may not stand again for the same position this year.

Nominations must be submitted as soon as possible and at the latest at the meeting of the Council on 7 September 2023. Prior nominations can be sent to the ELI Secretariat (elections@europeanlawinstitute.eu).

Candidates will be given the opportunity to present themselves in person at the meeting of the newly composed ELI Council on 7 September 2023. Presentations in writing are usually reserved for candidates that are not able to join the Council meeting in person. These should be submitted to the ELI Secretariat by 1 September 2023.

At the Council meeting of 7 September 2023, every present Council Fellow will have one vote. Proxy voting is possible, with the number of proxies being limited to one proxy per Council Fellow. Proxies must be issued in writing and submitted at the latest at the meeting before the elections take place.



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 11 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 12 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](#)).

One Assessor is drawn from the Executive Committee and one will concurrently serve as chair of the Members Consultative Committee (MCC), where relevant.

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, dis-

ciplines and professions, among other things (see [CD 2011/11](#)).

What is the role of the Fundraising Committee (FC)?

The FC is a standing Council Committee 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](#)).

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- 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 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:	Pascal Pichonnaz
First Vice-President:	Lord John Thomas
Second Vice-President:	Anne Birgitte Gammeljord
Treasurer:	Pietro Sirena
Other Members:	Bénédicte Fauvarque-Cosson Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell Aneta Wiewiórowska-Domagalska

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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