

Call for an ELI Innovation Paper



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1. Background

The aim of the ELI Innovation Paper Series is to enable ELI Members to propose pioneering legal or multidisciplinary ideas, which deserve the attention of the European legal community and aim at improving European law. An Innovation Paper should contain specific proposals for relevant stakeholders and may resemble ELI project output (such as draft legislation, model rules, principles, checklists or position papers, for more on which, see [here](#)). They are, however, usually shorter than ELI projects (typically not more than 10 pages, including the Executive Summary) and may potentially be of a more tentative nature. Innovation Papers need not necessarily be the result of comprehensive research, but they should serve as inspiration to other stakeholders and be a catalyst for discussion. An Innovation Paper may inspire a future ELI project.

After publishing a successful pilot Innovation Paper in January 2021, the '[Guiding Principles for Updating the EU Product Liability Directive for the Digital Age](#)', and a second Innovation Paper on '[Guiding Principles for Automated Decision-Making in the EU](#)' in May 2022, the Institute wishes to invite interested participants to submit their ideas for a third Innovation Paper, which will be published and promoted by ELI.

2. Applicants

All ELI Members (Individual Members or individuals working for ELI's Institutional Members), or small teams of up to five ELI Members, can participate in the call.

Where an interested individual is yet to become an ELI Member, their submission will be considered following their application for Membership.

The decision of the ELI Executive Committee on queries concerning eligibility is final.

3. Submission and Assignment of Intellectual Property Rights

Applicants are invited to submit a proposal for the next ELI Innovation Paper (not exceeding 2,000 words) on a topic of their choice, briefly explaining how the Paper would contribute to an innovative development of European law as well as defining the proposed type of outcome of the Paper. The

proposal must be in English. It must be preceded by a brief Executive Summary (not exceeding 500 words).

Please note that the application is not open to the drafters of previous ELI Innovation Papers as well as to Reporters of current ELI projects.

The drafter of the successful Innovation Paper, once approved by the relevant ELI bodies, will be acknowledged as author. ELI will publish the Innovation Paper on its website and disseminate it through various other channels. The author agrees to assign the necessary exclusive intellectual property rights to this end to ELI.

Please use the following [submission form and submission template](#) for this purpose, and submit both documents together.

4. Deadline for Submission

Submissions should reach the [ELI Secretariat](#) by **19 November 2022**.

5. Selection

Selection is at the full discretion of the ELI Executive Committee.

The ELI Executive Committee will review submissions, in light of guidance received by the ELI Scientific Director, and select the most promising proposal by around 30 November 2022. The Executive Committee may also suggest modifications to the proposal prior to selection, or may suggest that the authors of two or more entries join forces and combine proposals within a defined period, should they agree to do so.

The successful proponent(s) will be tasked to prepare an ELI Innovation Paper by 23 March 2023. They will receive further guidance on house style from the ELI Secretariat.

6. Consultation

During the drafting stage, a preliminary discussion on a tentative Draft will be held at the ELI Council meeting of 24 February 2023, where the author of the Paper will present their work. On completion by 23 March 2023, the draft Innovation Paper would be then sent to the ELI Membership for consultation for



a period of one month, thereby guaranteeing broad input and support by the ELI legal community.

The author(s) will receive feedback from the Membership on a rolling basis and will have one month after the consultation period to revise the Innovation Paper in light of it.

7. Endorsement

The final draft Innovation Paper will be forwarded, on the Executive Committee's approval, to the ELI Council for endorsement or rejection at its 3 July 2023 meeting, where the drafter(s) will again be called to present it, and, if endorsed, will be published and promoted by ELI.

**Submission Form and
Template**

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