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EYBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2021-22

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EYBA SUB-COMMITTEES 2021-22

EYBA representatives to the CoE Committee

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Vladimir PALAMARCIUC, Moldova
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Joyce HERRENT, Belgium



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Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

8 NEW ORGANISATION MEMBERS



Spain

Spanish Confederation of
young lawyers



Italy

Italian Association of Young
Lawyers



Milan Bar Association



Georgia

Young Lawyers Committee of
the Georgian Bar Association



Georgian Young Lawyers'
Association



Ukraine

Ukrainian Bar Association
Young Lawyers Forum



Armenia

Youth Board of the Chamber
of Advocates of the Republic
of Armenia



Romania

Young Lawyers Cluj
association

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7 NEW INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

DANIEL AMATO

FROM ITALY

KATIA CHEBBAH

FROM FRANCE

SIXTINE GOSSELLIN

FROM FRANCE

**MICHAEL HOFFEND-
VON KNOBLOCH**

FROM GERMANY

ELSA KOLLQAKU

FROM KOSOVO

ROBERTO LUZ VIEIRA

FROM PORTUGAL

MIHAI MORAR

FROM ROMANIA



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MAIN CONFERENCES



Hybrid International Weekend 2021

25 September 2021, LONDON AND EVERYWHERE



EYBA Spring Conference 2022

24-26 March 2022, GLASGOW



EYBA Summer Conference 2022

23-25 June 2022, STRASBOURG

REPORT OF THE EYBA ACTIVITIES

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

31 August 2021

EYBA Public Statement concerning the Situation in Afghanistan

The EYBA expresses its solidarity with the people of Afghanistan and deep concern about reports of serious human rights violations and abuses across the country.

The EYBA stands beside the G7 bar associations and other international organisations in urging the international community to provide protection and safe passage for all the judges, lawyers, human rights defenders and court staff, particularly the women, who have worked to uphold the rule of law and protect fundamental freedoms, for the past years, and may now face risk of intimidation and persecution after the takeover by the Taliban.

10 December 2021

EYBA STATEMENT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 10th of December 2021

"To deny people their human rights
is to challenge their very humanity"
Nelson Mandela

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted on 10th December 1948 as "a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations".

Since then, 73 years have passed and we are still facing inequalities and several adjustments. Today these are highlighted because of the pandemic and its socio-economic consequences, the gap between rights and the rule of law has grown bigger. States, all over the world, have been faced with difficult challenges, and have been tempted to diminish human rights protections.

Therefore, not surprisingly, on this year's Human Rights Day 2021 the theme is "Equality, Reducing inequalities, advancing human rights".

The European Young Bar Association stands with the Declarations held by the Council of Europe on this. In particular, with regards to the highlighted issue of women rights and the right to health.

It is estimated by the United Nations that for 3 women 1 has been offended - by any mean adopted in the Convention, such as physical violence, emotional violence, harassment. These figures are devastating and the rule of law should be enforced in a protective manner. We, as a society, should also stand together against any form of violence and denounce it in a way that victims are protected and safe.

When it comes to the right of health, it should be understood, as the right to access health. The pandemic has exposed how the health access is a rare gift only accessible to some countries. For example, vaccines are still a major issue in some African countries. If we do not supply all the countries with vaccines, how come can we expect to develop an equitable health system?

Finally to all endangered lawyers in Afghanistan - who are practicing without being granted the due independence and due safety. The European Young Bar Association stands next to them and support their struggles.

24 January 2022

EYBA STATEMENT 24.01.2022 International Day of the Endangered Lawyer 2022

The 24th of January has been designated as the annual International Day of the Endangered Lawyer in memory of the "Massacre of Atocha" occurred on this day in 1977 when four lawyers and a coworker were murdered and four others were heavily injured at their address at Calle Atocha 55 in Madrid.

The twelfth annual **Day of the Endangered Lawyer**, on **January 24, 2022**, will focus for the second time on **Colombia**, where the persecution of lawyers continues, preventing them from exercising their profession.

As sadly highlighted in the Report drafted by the Foundation "Day of the Endangered Lawyers", the International Observatory for Lawyers in Danger and Avocats Européens Démocrates, "more than 700 lawyers have been killed in the previous ten years and more than 4,400 have suffered different types of aggression (...) between January 2019 and April 2021, 6 homicides, 26 threats, 12 attacks, 3 victims of legal proceedings and one exile among judicial professionals. Lawyers and human rights defenders are particularly at risk when representing clients in cases related to environmental law, land restitution and the Special Court for Peace. (...) Colombia also continues to fail to properly investigate and prosecute threats against lawyers involved in sensitive cases. (...) Some colleagues, involved in sensitive cases, are also the target of smear campaigns, which makes them particularly vulnerable to threats and increases risks to their lives".

As the EYBA is founded on key fundamental principles such as democracy, human rights, access to justice and the rule of law, **we share the Requests and Recommendations** listed in the Report addressed to the Colombian State **and we call again for attention** to lawyers all over the world who continue to carry their profession in order to guarantee access to justice, right to a fair trial and effective judicial protection, despite the risk of being murdered, persecuted, threatened, despite the risk of being the target of smear campaigns and hate on social media.

The **EYBA invites all its members to raise the awareness** on this issue and **expresses its deepest gratitude and solidarity to the Colombian lawyers mentioned in the Report** (Paula Andrea Rosero, Mariano Cuero Ruiz, Alcibiades Liberos Varela, Pierangelly Hugueth Henriquez, Arquimedes Getulio Centanaro Carriazo, Freddy Agustín Gonzáles Barragán, Fredman Arturo Herazo Padilla, Esperanza Navas, Adil José Meléndez Márquez, Zoraida Hernández Pedraza, Germán Romero Sánchez, Julia Figueroa, Reinaldo Villalba, Franklin Castañeda, Daniel Prado, Johan Sebastián Moreno Castro, Leonardo Jaimes Marín, María Alejandra Garzón Mora).

25 February 2022

STATEMENT REGARDING THE SITUATION IN UKRAINE

The European Young Bar Association expresses its deep concern about the tragic events underway and the ongoing escalation of violence in Ukraine.

The principles of democracy, protection of human rights and defence of the rule of law must be paramount in a civil society.

As European citizens, as European lawyers, We firmly condemn every threat to peace in violation of the fundamental principles of international law, that is now resulting in a terrible humanitarian crisis, on European soil. A threat to the peace of one country is a threat to global peace and it goes beyond the immediate.

We express our solidarity with the people of Ukraine and with our Ukrainian colleagues.

We deplore the loss of life and the human suffering.

We unwaveringly support the independence, sovereignty, right of self-determination and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

We support lawful actions to bring this conflict to an end as soon as possible.

We urge the international community to pursue every diplomatic effort to defuse tensions and achieve immediate de-escalation and to guarantee humanitarian assistance, because the protection of civilians must be a priority.

We must stand together at this time in our condemnation and our solidarity.

We stand with Ukraine.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS WHERE THE EYBA HAS BEEN REPRESENTED

29 June 2021 - expert meetings related to the development of a concept paper and a road map on supporting the youth in the legal profession in Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine within the EU/CoEPGGII regional project “Strengthening the profession of lawyer in line with European standards” (attending: Joyce Herrent, Vladimir Palamrciuc, Michalis Mittas).

30 June 2021 - Meeting of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe (attending: Agatha Bulha).

1 July 2021 - Cerimony of the Jeune Barreau d'Aix-en-Provence (attending: Joyce Herrent, Guillaume Tatoueix, Nonna Leontieva).

2 July 2021 - Congress of the Italian Association of Young Lawyers (attending: Giulia Guagliardi, Chiara Palombi).

30 August 2021 - Meeting of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe (attending: Giulia Guagliardi).

9 September 2021 - Meeting of the EU Council delegates with Lawyers during the 9th round of mutual evaluation on the practical application of cooperation instruments (attending: Giulia Guagliardi).

10 September 2021 - General Assembly of the Moldovan Young Bar Association (attending: Giulia Guagliardi).

14 September 2021 - Meeting with a representative of the European Criminal Bar Association to evaluate possible cooperation between EYBA and ECBA (attending: Giulia Guagliardi).

13 October 2021 - Meeting related to the concept paper on supporting the youth in the legal profession in Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine within the EU/CoE PGGII regional project “Strengthening the profession of lawyer in line with European standards” - attending Giulia Guagliardi, Chiara Palombi, Sergiy Barbashin, Vladimir Palamarciuc, Michalis Mittas

EVENTS AND MEETINGS WHERE THE EYBA HAS BEEN REPRESENTED

25 October 2021 - CCBE Roundtable On the occasion of the European Justice Day and European Lawyers' Day 2021 – the theme of which is "No justice without independent lawyers" - the EYBA, represented by its President Giulia Guagliardi, attended the Roundtable organised by the CCBE to discuss the topic of a future European Convention on the profession of lawyer.

26 October 2021 - Meeting with John Coughlan, Director of Corporate Communications, at the Academy of European Law (ERA) to explore cooperation between EYBA and ERA - Attending Giulia Guagliardi

15-16 November 2021 - National congress of the Italian Association of Young Lawyers (EYBA member). Attending: Giulia Guagliardi.

24 November 2021 - Pro-Bono Day PILnet and its partners hold the third annual European Pro Bono Week. This multi-city, week-long event celebrates the role played by volunteer lawyers, all across Europe, in supporting civil society and human rights organizations and promoting access to justice for those in need.

25 November 2021 - Network breakfast in London organised by the London Young Lawyers Group (EYBA Member). Attending: Giulia Guagliardi.

26-27 November 2021 - Rentrée solennelle du barreau de Paris et de la Conference / Paris Bar Solemn Opening. Attending: Giulia Guagliardi, Chiara Palombi, Joyce Herrent, Agatha Bulha

29 November 2021 - Meeting with Maria Slazak, President of the European Association of Lawyers to explore cooperation opportunities between EYBA and EAL. Attending: Giulia Guagliardi

30 November 2021 - Action for Justice: Project (5th edition) dedicated to the professional and personal development of young lawyers in the Republic of Moldova. Vladimir Palamarciuc intervened speaking to young lawyers about professional development.

8 December 2021 - "Presentation and discussion of the Study: The Legal Space for Non-Governmental Organisations in Europe in Europe" carried out by CoE Expert Council on NGO Law. Attending: Agatha Bulha.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS WHERE THE EYBA HAS BEEN REPRESENTED

1 February 2022 - Meeting with the Academy of European Law to explore partnership in submitting a project in response to the European Commission's current call for proposals on judicial training for young lawyers. Attending: Giulia Guagliardi and Chiara Palombi.

15 February 2022 - Meeting with the Chair of of the CCBE James MacGuill and the Secretary general of CCBE Simone Cuomo to present the EYBA. Attending: Giulia Guagliardi, Chiara Palombi and Joyce Herrent

22 February 2022 - Follow up meeting with Karen Karapetyan, Project Officer of the Regional project "Strengthening the profession of lawyer in line with European standards" (Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine). Attending: Giulia Guagliardi.

28 February 2022 - Meeting with the Chair of the CCBE James MacGuill, the Secretary general of CCBE Simone Cuomo and Anna Smolińska, chair of the CCBE migration committee to discuss the initiatives in support of Ukraine. Attending: Giulia Guagliardi and Ayla Iridag.

2 March 2022 - meeting with Gwen Jansen, Board member of the European Criminal Bar Association to explore cooperation opportunities between EYBA and ECBA. Attending: Giulia Guagliardi

14 March 2022 - meeting with the members of the Coalition for the endangered Lawyers to discuss about the 2022 Programme. Attending: Chiara Palombi

17 March 2022 - Meeting with Diane Passinke, Legal Services Trade team at the UK Ministry of Justice about the possibility to organise some sessions on the Solicitors Qualifying Exam (the 'SQE') and benefits of being dually qualified. Attending: Giulia Guagliardi and Ayla Iridag.

31 March 2022 - Public Presentation of the CCBE-ELF Guide on the use of artificial intelligence (attending Giulia Guagliardi)

31 March 2022 - Interview by Agatha Bulha, member of the EYBA CoE Committee, in the context of the project "Civil society participation on artificial intelligence (AI) issues: a case study".

EVENTS AND MEETINGS WHERE THE EYBA HAS BEEN REPRESENTED

4-6 April 2022 - General Assembly of the Conference of INGOs at the Council of Europe (attending online Giulia Guagliardi and in person Iordanis Chorooglou).

23 April 2022 - ECBA Spring Conference - Giulia Guagliardi intervened representing the EYBA with a speech on the new European Public Prosecutors Office

2 May 2022 Launching of the HELP Course Ethics for Lawyers (attending Giulia Guagliardi and Vladmir Palamarciuc)

12 May 2022 - ICC Moot Court Competition (Giulia Guagliardi intervened as Judge representing the EYBA)

16 May 2022 - Meeting with the Chair of the Georgian Bar Association in Rome (attending Giulia Guagliardi)

27 May 2022 - National Congress of the Italian Association of Young Lawyers (EYBA Member) (attending Giulia Guagliardi)

30 May 2022 - Event "Solicitors' Qualifying Examination (SQE): a new path to becoming a lawyer in England and Wales and benefits of dual qualification" (welcome address by Vladimir Palamarciuc on behalf of the EYBA)

15 June 2022 - Meeting with the CoE team of the Regional project "Strengthening the profession of lawyer in line with European standards" and representatives of the involved associations from Moldova, Ukraine, Georgia and Armenia.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

Registration of the EYBA in the EU Transparency Register

Registration date: 02/09/2021



The European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission are open and transparent in their regular dialogue with interest representatives and civil society.

The Transparency Register is a tool to allow European citizens to see what interests are being represented at Union level and on whose behalf, as well as the financial and human resources dedicated to these activities.

ADVANTAGES OF BEING REGISTERED:

Access for interest representatives to decision-makers, premises and certain fora in the Parliament and the Commission are subject to registration, according to the internal rules and decisions of each institution.



PIC NUMBER

EUROPEAN FUNDING
PROGRAMMES

A Participant Identification Code (PIC) is a 9-digit number that serves as a unique identifier for legal entities participating in European funding programmes.

A PIC number has no expiry date.

If, in the future, EYBA wants to participate in a EU call for proposals or in a EU call for tenders with eSubmission, it needs to be registered and have a PIC number.

EYBA applied on the 4th of March, obtaining a preliminary PIC number. We are waiting for the further steps of the validation process.

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENTS

BY JOYCE HERBERT **BY GIULIA GUAGLIARDI**

"And now the EYBA newsletter is reborn. It was a necessary decision, in the midst of this strange period where the challenge has been to maintain a bond with/between the members not being able to meet in person. Fortunately, the next International Weekend, will be an opportunity for EYBA to see its very first hybrid event, both online and in person" (By Joyce).

"This is the right moment to put the basis of a long term improvement to make EYBA flourish with new skin but still with a strong legacy" (By Giulia).

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE HYBRID INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND 2021

BY SUZANNE EAMES

The last two years of Covid restrictions have prevented many junior lawyers from meeting up with their colleagues in person. It was therefore all the more exciting that International Weekend could take place as a hybrid event on 25 September 2021 in Middle Temple, London.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EYBA SPRING CONFERENCE 2022

BY AYLA IRIDAG

"Whatever you decide to do and whenever you decide to do it, be aware of your impact. People will see through greenwashing, so make your actions louder than your words. Work together with others and unite to protect the planet and those living in it".

(full article at p. 7)



CONTRIBUTIONS TO EU LAW-MAKING

EUROPEAN YEAR OF YOUTH (2022) 14 December 2021

FEEDBACK BY THE EUROPEAN YOUNG BAR ASSOCIATION PUBLIC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 349030043996-35

The European Young Bar Association welcomes the announcement of the European Year of Youth 2022.

The Proposal for a Decision on a European Year of Youth 2022 is particularly important in this historical moment of repair and recovery. Covid has shaken Europe and has had a strong impact on education, employment and mental health, to the detriment of the youngest. We firmly believe that, especially in this period, fresh and broad-minded people are an indispensable resource. Therefore, young people (students and workers) should be supported, prioritised, inspired and actively involved, demonstrating that their conditions, their opinion and their contribution count.

For example, it is very important that "the active involvement and engagement of young people and youth civil society organisations in implementing the activities of the Year" is effective, through giving young people a specific and significant role in the meetings (mentioned by the Proposal) at national level but also at Union level.

We suggest the inclusion (at art. 4) of the appointment of a young national coordinator, together with the national coordinator, for organising the participation of Member States in the European Year of Youth.

We have a similar suggestion with regard to the Coordination at Union level (at art. 5), where it should be provided that the young national coordinator is allowed to participate to the meetings of the national coordinators in order to coordinate the running of the European Year.

With regard to art. 6, we suggest that in advance all the stakeholders and representatives of organisations or bodies in the field of youth are identified and informed, about the programme and a dialogue initiated with them, harnessing their expertise in the different areas in order to reach as many young people as possible (especially in the less privileged countries) to raise awareness on the opportunities created in the context of the Year of Youth, particularly those where funding is available. Widespread communication is fundamental for the success of the Year.

Moreover, it would be useful to launch a survey among the stakeholders and representatives of organisations or bodies in the field of youth to identify the major challenges for young people.

With regard to the EU funding, it is necessary that a dedicated budget is assigned to the European Year of Youth, leaving untouched the budget that is already assigned to the other programmes listed in the Explanatory Memorandum of the Proposal.

It is crucial that, beyond the Year 2022, long-term projects are implemented to ensure continuity and consistency.

At the European Young Bar Association, we are looking forward to working closely with the European Commission, the European Parliament and Member States, to co-implement the Year of Youth and guarantee a legacy for the young generations to come.

Adapting liability rules to the digital age and Artificial Intelligence

Fields marked with * are mandatory.

Introduction

This public consultation aims to:

- confirm the relevance of the issues identified by the 2018 evaluation of the Product Liability Directive (e.g. how to apply the Directive to products in the digital and circular economy), and gather information and views on how to improve the Directive (Section I);
- collect information on the need and possible ways to address issues related specifically to damage caused by Artificial Intelligence systems, which concerns both the Product Liability Directive and national civil liability rules (Section II).

Thanks to Agatha Bulha (member of the EYBA CoE committee) and Borja Llonin (member of the EYBA Research Committee), who both have experience in the field of Artificial Intelligence, the EYBA has given its contribution to the EU consultation named "Adapting liability rules to the digital age and Artificial Intelligence". An initiative that proposes to adapt the framework of the current rules on liability for damage caused by new and refurbished products to take account of developments linked to the move towards a circular and digital economy, also addressing challenges brought about by artificial intelligence.

Upgrading digital company law

Fields marked with * are mandatory.

Disclaimer

This document is a working document of the Commission services for consultation and does not prejudice the final decision that the Commission may take.

The views reflected on this consultation paper provide an indication on the approach the Commission services may take but do not constitute a final policy position or a formal proposal by the European Commission.

Please note that in order to ensure a fair and transparent consultation process only responses received through the online questionnaire will be taken into account and included in the report summarising the responses.

Introduction

The ongoing digital transition of the economy and society has substantial impacts on companies, including small and medium-sized companies (SMEs). More recently, the COVID-19 pandemic showed clearly that digital tools are essential to ensure the continuity of business operations and interactions with authorities on company law related issues. Companies, in particular SMEs, should be able to have full recourse to digital tools when they are set up and throughout their operations across the single market. Authorities also need to adapt their working methods and ways of cooperation with each other, and with businesses and other stakeholders, and to fully use digital technologies.

Thanks to Pier Paolo Picarelli (member of the EYBA Research Committee), the EYBA has given its contribution to the EU consultation named "Upgrading digital company law". This EU company law initiative aims to:

- improve transparency on EU companies by making more information available on a cross-border basis
- enable the cross-border use of trustworthy company data
- further modernise EU company law rules to make them fit for the digital age.

EYBA COE COMMITTEE - REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES

Participation to the Discussion on the CINGO Strategic Priorities 2021 - 2024

- 30th of June 2021 - Open platform dialogue with Members of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe (attending: Agatha Bulha).
- 30th of August 2021 - Open platform dialogue with Members of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe (attending: Giulia Guagliardi).

- **General Assembly of the Conference of INGOs in Strasbourg (5-6 October 2021).**

On the first day, took place a debate about the implementation of the Helsinki decisions and about the situation of civil society in member States of the Council of Europe. In the afternoon session took place the discussion on the adoption of the three-year strategic plan of the Conference of INGOs. The EYBA expressed its vote in favour and a clear majority approved the adoption of the Plan. On the second day, the EYBA delegation listened to the reports by the Chair of the committees and participated actively to the discussion on proposals for new committees (related to gender equality and women's rights; Education and Democracy and the implementation of ECtHR judgments and the role of NGOs in that context).

Representatives of the EYBA attending online: Agatha Bulha, as members of the EYBA CoE Committee, and Giulia Guagliardi, as President of the EYBA.

Representative of the EYBA attending in person in Strasbourg: Iordanis Chorozioglou, as youth delegate.

- **Appointment of Joyce Herrent in the INGO-SERVICE of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe (15 December 2021)**

On the 15th of December, during the General Meeting of the INGO-SERVICE, the financial service of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe, Joyce Herrent was elected among the 5 members of the Board.

The purpose of the INGO-SERVICE is to promote the functioning and activities of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe and its structures, by collecting and making available the necessary means.

This appointment is a new opportunity to strengthen the involvement of the EYBA within the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe, started since 2018 when the EYBA was granted with the participatory status.

EYBA COE COMMITTEE - REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES

- **Contribution to the Statement related to the “Migration and tension on the Polish-Belarusian border”**

The EYBA, through its representatives Robert McTernaghan and Michalis Mittas, has contributed to the press release of the Migration Committee on the situation at the Polish-Belarusian border.

The President of the Conference of INGOs has joined the Committee to denounce the situation and to call on other Council of Europe bodies.

- **World Forum for Democracy of the Council of Europe**

From 8-10 November 2021, the World Forum for Democracy took place in Strasbourg.

A 3-day long forum with many experts of all fields and with enthusiastic and active delegates - citizens and politicians - of highly importance and of course with very useful outcomes on this very crucial topic.

Attending: Iordanis Chorozioglou (EYBA Youth Delegate to the CoE)

- **General Assembly of the Conference of INGOs in Strasbourg (4-6 April 2022)** (attending Giulia Guagliardi and Iordanis Chorozioglou).

We have heard heart-rending interventions by the Mayor of Lviv, representatives of #Ukrainian civil society as well as refugees and citizens of #Ukraine suffering from the consequences of this war.

- **General Assembly of the INGO-Service (5 April 2022)** (attending Joyce Herrent)

EYBA RESEARCH COMMITTEE - REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES

Appointment of members on the 22nd of July 2021

New Video on our YouTube channel

Interview "Law and Literature" with prof. Alberto Vespaziani, edited by Pier Paolo Picarelli, member of the EYBA Research Committee.

"In order to be a good lawyer, you have to engage with literature. (...) It's not enough to know law, you need to know society and which better way of understanding values than engaging with literature (...) Knowing about music or knowing about theatre is actually good for legal profession. To do law and humanities is a way of enhancing your professional qualities".



- Borja Llonin has contributed to the EU consultation named "Adapting liability rules to the digital age and Artificial Intelligence".
- Pier Paolo Picarelli and Jennifer O'Sullivan have published an article in the EYBA Journal, respectively titled "Electronic signature at a glance" and "Moving in-house as a young lawyer".
- Pier Paolo Picarelli has supported the EYBA Board with regard to the creation of a youtube channel and with regard to the Survey on unpaid legal traineeships.
- Pauline Girerd has supported the EYBA Board with the regard to the organization of the EYBA Summer Conference 2022 in Strasbourg.

SUPPORT TO UKRAINE



There are many Ukrainian people who are currently outwith the country who can't get home or who are seeking protection in European countries.

Therefore, the European Young Bar Association has created a list of lawyers expert in migration law, refugee law and human rights, in the European countries, that are available to give advice for the Ukrainians who are currently outwith the country seeking protection.

Our list currently includes more than 150 lawyers from more than 20 countries.

The initiative received support from several organizations that shared our list and from the Conference of the INGOs of the Council of Europe.

The CCBE has included the EYBA list in the list of contact points indicated by bars and law societies providing legal assistance to people fleeing the war in Ukraine.



Call for donation - President of the Ukrainian National Bar Association Lidiya Izovitova

Ukrainian National Bar Association is calling for donations to support their advocates in need.

They plan to use charitable funds from foreign Colleagues exclusively to help our members (advocates) and their families.

Following the approval at the last GM in Glasgow, the EYBA has donated 2.000,00 euros to support Ukrainian colleagues.



PARTNERSHIPS AND INVOLVEMENT IN EU PROJECTS

➔ Cooperation Agreement EYBA-ERA

On the 17th of December, the European Young Bar Association (EYBA) signed a cooperation agreement with the Academy of European Law (ERA) to promote closer cooperation between them and to facilitate the participation of members of EYBA in ERA training events.

The Academy of European Law, created in 1992 in Trier, aims at enabling individuals and authorities involved in the application and implementation of European law to gain a wider knowledge of European law and its application and to make possible a mutual and comprehensive exchange of experiences.

Members of EYBA are granted, through a dedicated voucher code, a regular 25% discount on the participation fee for ERA events and e-learning products in which the regular ERA discount scheme applies.

If you want more information please send an e-mail to info@eyba.org.

➔ Contribution to the EU/CoE regional project

The EYBA is contributing to the regional project "Strengthening the profession of lawyer in line with European standards" by supporting the youth in the legal profession in Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe.

The Project aims at strengthening the cooperation between the Bar associations and law societies of the participating countries in order to improve their internal functioning and independence in accordance with the Council of Europe standards and recommendations.

One of the initial goals of the Project was to create a Regional Network between the young lawyers' associations of the target countries.

As the EYBA is a network of European young lawyers' associations, and already includes organization members from Moldova and Ukraine, the Council of Europe - together with the involved young lawyers' associations and the EYBA executive committee – have reached the agreement to create a committee integrated in existing EYBA network, open to young lawyers' associations from Eastern European non-EU jurisdictions.

As a result of the EYBA involvement, 4 new associations (2 from Georgia, 1 from Armenia, 1 from Ukraine) have become members of the EYBA and a special committee, with representatives of each targeted country, will be presented at the AGM for approval.

The CoE is supporting the membership of the above associations and their participation to the EYBA Summer Conference & AGM.

PARTNERSHIPS AND INVOLVEMENT IN EU PROJECTS

➔ Judicial training for young lawyers

Following the cooperation agreement between EYBA and ERA, ERA has requested EYBA to become partner in submitting a project in response to the European Commission's call for proposals on judicial training for young lawyers in the area of EU law.

- EU law litigation
- protection of fundamental rights in Europe (including ECHR)
- data protection law and privacy law
- rule of law – including the related CJEU and ECtHR rulings.
- topics affecting the European legal profession

EYBA have participated as associate partner to the submission of the application and, in the event of a successful outcome, EYBA is committed to:

- disseminate information/raise awareness among the members of EYBA on the entire project;
- advise ERA on the programme, appoint experts/speakers for the courses;
- contribute financially by securing some places reserved to EYBA members selected through a call for application.

THE RESULTS OF THE EVALUATION PROCEDURE ARE EXPECTED FOR JULY 2022

➔ Cross-border HELP Course “Ethics for Lawyers”

The EYBA in cooperation with the Council of Europe HELP Programme and the European Association of Lawyers (AEA-EAL) has implemented a free on-line HELP Course “Ethics for Lawyers” for a group of lawyers from EU and non-EU countries.

The HELP course covers in an interactive way the key concepts and principles, the International and European (CoE and EU) framework as well as the relevant case law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) and of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU). It seeks to address ethical dilemmas in the performance of professional duties by deepening the knowledge and understanding of professional tools and developing reflective skills, based on practical examples.

Co-tutor of the course: Vladimir Palamarciuc (EYBA Treasurer)

Call for applications opened on 3 March 2022

10 EYBA members participate to the Course

THE COURSE STARTED ON 2 MAY 2022

➔ Cooperation with the Coalition for the Endangered lawyers

On 10 March 2022, the EYBA was included in the Cooperation with the Coalition for the Endangered lawyers. The purpose of the Day of the Endangered Lawyer is a call for attention on that day to threatened human rights lawyers with special attention to one designated country. The course of action is to draw a centralized petition in as many cities as possible, in and across Europe's borders, which will be offered to ambassadors, consulates and other bodies of authority. The petition will call for attention to the problematic situation of endangered lawyers in that country. Another aim is to engage in a dialogue with the representatives.

AFGHANISTAN IS THE COUNTRY CHOSEN FOR NEXT YEAR'S DAY OF THE ENDANGERED LAWYER.

PARTNERSHIPS AND INVOLVEMENT IN EU PROJECTS

➔ Contribution for the future European Convention on the Profession of Lawyer.

On 19 January 2022, the EYBA sent a letter to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and the European Committee on Legal Cooperation with regard to the Contribution for the future European Convention on the Profession of Lawyer.

The Council of Europe is creating a working group of experts devoted to the elaboration of the future binding instrument addressing the profession of lawyer. Therefore, EYBA has expressed its interest in providing expertise and further contribution to the elaboration of the future instrument, which, we believe, should reflect the view of the young generation of practicing lawyers.

We asked the Committee of Ministers to consider appointing one representative of the EYBA as member or as observer of the Group of Experts that will work on the drafting of the future convention.

On 20 april 2022, we have been informed that the Bureau has been tasked by the CDCJ to prepare a set of criterion for the evaluation of requests for an observer status within the Committee and its subordinate bodies. The Bureau decided on the criteria to be proposed to the CDCJ, that will be examined and adopted at next plenary meeting of CDCJ in June. Only after that the Committee will review and assess the requests received in 2021.

➔ Cooperation with the CCBE

On 15 December 2021, the EYBA sent a letter to the President of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), James MacGuill, to congratulate for the appointment, to present the EYBA and invite him to the EYBA Spring Conference.

It followed two meetings, on 15 and 28 February 2022.

James MacGuill intervened at the Spring Conference in March 2022. The CCBE has mentioned the EYBA Spring Conference in its newsletter.

The CCBE migration committee has been in contact with EYBA with regard to the list of lawyers in support of Ukrainians. The CCBE has included the EYBA list in the list of contact points indicated by bars and law societies providing legal assistance to people fleeing the war in Ukraine.

➔ Letter to the new President of the European Parliament

On 24 January 2022, the EYBA sent a letter to the President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola, to congratulate for the appointment, to present the EYBA and invite her to the EYBA Spring Conference. The President's assistant has answered thanking the EYBA and wishing us luck with the organisation of the Conference.

INVOLVEMENT OF EYBA MEMBERS



SURVEY

UNPAID LEGAL TRAINEESHIPS

2 MAY 2022

On the 17th of February, the European Parliament voted on a resolution on Empowering European Youth in the context of the European Year of Youth and our society post-covid (2021/2952(RSP)).

In particular, the European Parliament condemns the practice of unpaid internships as a form of exploitation of young workers, and a violation of their rights, and calls on the European Commission and the Member States, to propose a common legal framework to ensure fair remuneration for traineeships and apprenticeships in order to avoid exploitative practices.

The EYBA launched a survey in order to:

- collect the national rules (laws or code of conducts) regarding legal traineeship (focused on the remuneration) specifying if those rules are mandatory or not, and if there is any remedy for a young legal trainee with respect to violation of the rules;
- evaluate if those rules are respected in practice (whether or not they are mandatory) or if there is still a phenomenon of "exploitative practices".

**Members received the survey on 2 May 2022.
We are collecting answers.**

On the basis of the answers, the EYBA will prepare and publish a comprehensive analysis to raise the awareness and support the European goals.



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

YOUTH DELEGATE

at the Conference of INGOs of the
Council of Europe

4 May 2022

The EYBA is a member of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe. In line with its "Roadmap for youth participation", the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe invites 3 young persons, representing their member INGO, to Strasbourg, to take an active part, as a youth delegate, in its coming activities, working groups and statutory meetings.

The Council of Europe has opened the applications for the period June 2022 - June 2023.

Therefore, considering the positive experience of the previous years, the EYBA on the 14th of April, the EYBA opened a call for applications to its members (open to individual members of the EYBA or members of an organisation member/associate member of the EYBA) who wish to attend 2022 and 2023 sessions on behalf of the EYBA as "youth delegate".

The EYBA has sent application for 2 candidates on the 4th of May and now we are waiting for the results of the selection.

Thanks
from the outgoing
Executive Committee



& Good luck
to the incoming
Executive Committee