

# **European Young Bar Association**

### About the EYBA

The EYBA is a European non-profit association founded in 1993. Since 2018, the EYBA has a participatory status at the conference of INGOS of the Council of Europe and since 2021 it is admitted to the EU transparency register. The EYBA is founded on key fundamental principles such as democracy, human rights, access to justice and the rule of law.

The EYBA currently brings together over 33 national or local young bar associations, and individual members, from more than 25 countries, representing more than 200 000 thousand young lawyers.



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#### **EYBA Statements of Support and Initiatives**



Al challenges for lawyers. The EYBA engages in addressing AI-related challenges in the legal field. This includes conducting an international AI survey on the impact of AI on legal work, facilitating professional discussions at conferences and workshops. Also, EYBA has announced a new collaboration with the AIEI (International AI Ethics and Integrity Association), aiming to involve young lawyers in the development of AI principles and provide them with proper guidance on AI usage.

 Maintain cooperation with Young Lawyers Academy (together with ERA and supporting institutions) and Mentoring Program organized jointly with European Association of Lawyers (AEA-EAL).



### International Events and Activities

- January 2024 EYBA Immediate Past President, Sergiy Barbashyn, took to the stage as a speaker at the Digitizing Justice & Empowering Legal Excellence Conference. He discussed Artificial Intelligence and the insights, challenges and opportunities it presents.
- April 2024 EYBA President, Shannon Gawley, attended the FBE Women Leaders in Law Summit in Warsaw, Poland. Shannon participated in a roundtable discussion on "Empowering Women Lawyers: Mentoring and other strategies for career development".
- May 2024 Immediate Past President, Sergiy Barbashyn, attended the Lawyers For Lawyers: Access to Justice Campaign in Amsterdam. The event addressed contemporary challenges in human rights and relevant legal activities, featuring insights from leading experts and discussions on potential collaboration
- October 2024 EYBA President, Shannon Gawley, attended the Women in Law Foundation Conference in Warsaw, Poland. Shannon participated in a panel discussion on the vital role that law associations play as a gateway to international contacts and business opportunities. The panel included representatives from the International Bar Association, CCBE, Union Internationale des Avocats, ECLA, and the FBE.





## **EYBA Committees**

- Research Committee The members of the Research Committee support the Executive Committee with regards to contributions to EU law-making and the EYBA Journal by publishing articles on relevant legal issues.
- Council of Europe The committee is allowed to attend sessions of the Conference of INGOs, propose motions and vote. The EYBA presence and active participation in the works of the INGO aligns with one of its key statutory purposes: support human rights across Europe. Members of the EYBA serve also in certain dedicated bodies such as INGOs Services and INGOs Dispute Committee.
- EYBA-CCBE Liaison Committee Approved during the Annual General Meeting on June 2023 in Oslo, Norway, considering the previous cooperation with the CCBE - Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe. The European Young Bar Association started actively building a relationship with the CCBE since 2021. The CCBE involves EYBA in the CCBE Young Lawyers Committee created in 2023
- The Committee for Eastern Regional Cooperation Established with the aim to strengthen the regional cooperation for the young lawyers and their associations from the Eastern European countries and enhance their integration into the community of European legal professionals

