



ESIL Early-Career Network

Call for New Members of the Co-ordinating Committee

THE ESIL EARLY-CAREER NETWORK

The ESIL Board is pleased to announce a call for new members of the Co-ordinating Committee of the ESIL Early-Career Network.

Launched in 2022, the ESIL Early-Career Network aims to strengthen the involvement of emerging scholars and professionals in international law within ESIL and to encourage collaboration among them. The Co-ordinating Committee supports this mission by organising dedicated activities for early-career members and by ensuring that their interests are represented in ESIL's institutional fora.

Since its creation, the Co-ordinating Committee has:

- established a social media presence;
- institutionalised “Early-Career Drinks” at ESIL Flagship Events (ESIL Annual Conferences and ESIL Research Fora) in collaboration with local organisers and PhD participants;
- developed an ESIL Mentoring Programme;
- organised a range of online events and exchanges with the ESIL Board aimed at reducing barriers to participation for early-career members;
- led initiatives such as the “How to” series.

FUNCTIONS OF THE ESIL EARLY-CAREER NETWORK

As a member of the ESIL Early-Career Network Co-ordinating Committee, you would be part of a committed team responsible for coordinating the ESIL Early-Career Network's activities. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- organising in-person, hybrid, or online events for early-career members on a variety of themes that are relevant for early-career scholars and practitioners;
- organising the mentoring programme and designing and organising other activities that are of particular importance to the career development of early-career members, including events during the ESIL Flagship Events;
- representing the interests of emerging scholars and practitioners in the institutional fora of ESIL, for example, by sitting on the programme committees for ESIL flagship events;
- participating yearly in either Annual Conferences or Research Fora in person, representing the Early-Career Network; and
- leading outreach and engagement activities (e.g. via ESIL Early-Career Network social media).



As a member of the ESIL Early-Career Network Co-ordinating Committee, you will take part in deciding the direction of ESIL, cooperating with the ESIL Board.

Finally, up to two ESIL Early-Career Network Co-ordinating Committee members who do not receive other institutional support may be awarded ESIL Travel Grants to attend ESIL Flagship Events (the ESIL Annual Conference and Research Forum), provided they organise in-person activities at these events and actively participate in them.

NUMBER OF AVAILABLE SEATS

The ESIL Board is seeking to fill **three (3) vacancies** on the Co-ordinating Committee. Newly elected members will serve a term of **two (2) years**, with the possibility of a **one (1) year extension**, subject to the approval of the ESIL Board.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

You must be an ESIL early-career member, defined as eligible for participation in the ESIL Research Forum or the Early-Career Scholar prize. In other words, you must be enrolled in a postgraduate (PhD or master's) degree in law; or within the first 5 years of your career following the award of your last academic degree.

Candidates should be passionate about finding ways of providing opportunities for early-career scholars and practitioners and should be willing and able to take part in the day-to-day coordination of the Network and the tasks described above.

The ESIL Board is keen to ensure a diverse and inclusive Co-ordination Committee and would particularly encourage nominations from candidates who identify with groups that are under-represented within ESIL.

Candidates in the very early stage of their career (enrolled in a master's programme or in the first years of a postgraduate programme or their career) are particularly encouraged to apply.

While not required, prior experience with ESIL and familiarity with its activities are an asset.

Finally, candidates must be either current ESIL members or willing to join ESIL before being appointed.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please send your application as a single PDF to the ESIL Secretariat (esil.secretariat@eui.eu) by **22 June 2026, 23:59 Rome time**, using the subject line **'2026 ESIL Early-Career Network Application – Name SURNAME'**. The PDF must include a short CV (maximum 2 pages) and a motivation letter (maximum 1 page) outlining your engagement with ESIL, where relevant, for example, through participation in ESIL in-person or online events, mentoring activities, or ESIL Interest Groups, as well as your plans for the ESIL Early-Career Network.

We aim to inform candidates about the outcome of the selection process one month after the deadline.