

## Academy of European Law

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The Academy of European Law (ERA) promotes the awareness, understanding and good practice of EU law by providing legal professionals with training and a forum for debate.

### Profile

Founded in 1992 on the initiative of the European Parliament, ERA is a public foundation whose patrons include the majority of EU member states. It is based in Trier, Germany and supported by the European Union.

Through conferences, seminars, study visits, language courses and other training projects ERA enables legal practitioners to gain a wider and deeper knowledge of the diverse aspects of European law. Attendees include judges, lawyers in private practice, business and public administration, academics and others who encounter legal issues in their work.

Through its events and publications, notably the quarterly legal review *ERA Forum*, ERA serves as an interface between the European legal profession and the decision-making centres of Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg.

### Team

The ERA team includes a dozen lawyers specialising in different areas of EU law who are responsible for designing and implementing the programmes. Speakers at ERA events are drawn from a Europe-wide network of experts, leading professionals and lawmakers. Beyond the events provided as part of its open programme, ERA organises courses and seminars on request on a range of aspects of European law.

### Scholarships

To enable lawyers, judges, public prosecutors and officials from the new and future EU Member States to take part in one or more ERA conferences in Trier, ERA provides a range of scholarships. Named Peter Caesar Scholarships after the long-standing chairman of the Executive Board of the ERA foundation, who sadly died in 1999, they cover the cost of travel, accommodation and board as well as conference fees.

### Facilities

A majority of ERA events take place at the ERA Congress Centre (ECC) in Trier, but conferences are also offered in Brussels and other European cities. In Trier, the Academy has a specialised library that includes publications on all areas of Community law from both the European and national perspectives. Since 1999 it has served as a European Documentation Centre with an up-to-date archive of most official EU publications in English, French and German.

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