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# EUROPEAN LAW AND GOVERNANCE SCHOOL

*Educating Europe's Next Generation*

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## A European Vision in Education

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The European Law and Governance School (ELGS), established by the European Public Law Organization (EPLO), was conceived as a forward-looking academic institution dedicated to European law, governance, and public policy. ELGS is not merely an academic initiative, but part of a broader intellectual project — contributing to the deepening of European integration through education.

The idea was initially conceived by Professor Giuliano Amato, Former Prime Minister of Italy and member of the Board of Directors of the EPLO. The inaugural meeting of the Board of Trustees took place at the premises of the European Parliament in the spring of 2013, and the School's programmes were officially presented at the Quirinale Palace of Italy, in the presence of H.E. President of the Italian Republic Sergio Mattarella, on 18 May 2016.

The ELGS serves a truly Global Objective in Education:

For European students, ELGS plays a crucial role in strengthening the intellectual and institutional foundations of Europe itself, especially with its undergraduate program. By offering a fully European-oriented education from the undergraduate level, the School cultivates a shared European consciousness that goes beyond national perspectives, while preparing professionals capable of operating within EU institutions and transnational environments. It deepens understanding of the legal, political, and governance structures of the Union and contributes to the development of a generation that does not simply belong to Europe, but is equipped to actively serve and shape it. In a period where Europe faces complex institutional, political, and societal challenges, such an educational approach is not only relevant but essential.

At the same time, by welcoming students from across the world and immersing them in a coherent European academic environment, ELGS fulfils an equally important global role. It enables non-European students to prepare themselves to serve their nations in the better understanding Europe, doing business with Europe and promoting their national interests within the Brussels context. In doing so, it facilitates more effective interaction between Europe and its international partners and promotes the dissemination of European values, legal culture, and institutional practices globally.

Through this dual function, ELGS acts as a bridge between Europe and the wider world, enhancing mutual understanding and cooperation.



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## A Unique Academic Path: from undergraduate to doctoral level

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ELGS holds a truly singular position in the global academic landscape. It is the only higher education institution worldwide offering a complete academic pathway — from undergraduate to doctoral level — exclusively dedicated to European Law and Governance.

This model allows the School to shape, from the earliest stages of education, a distinct academic and professional orientation centred on Europe. Its undergraduate programmes, in particular, represent a pioneering approach, introducing students directly into a comprehensive and structured European framework.

Three core pillars guide everything the School does:

- ▶ **Excellence:** High-level education delivered through rigorous theory, applied practice, and transversal skill development.
- ▶ **Innovation:** Promoting intellectual curiosity within a supportive, flexible, and genuinely interdisciplinary learning environment.
- ▶ **Change:** Cultivating European citizens and global leaders capable of addressing the evolving challenges of our time.

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## A Complete Academic Architecture

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At the **undergraduate level**, it offers three distinct and innovative programmes: an LLB in European Law, grounded in EU legal principles and combined with specialisation in a national legal system; a BA in European Governance, providing an interdisciplinary understanding of the historical, institutional, legal, economic, and political dimensions of European and global governance; and a BA in European Law and Governance Studies, a unique combined degree integrating both legal and governance formation within a single curriculum. Together, these programmes establish from the outset a coherent and comprehensive European academic orientation.

At the **postgraduate and research levels**, ELGS offers a broad and forward-looking academic portfolio that reflects the evolving needs of Europe and the international environment. Its Master's programmes cover key areas such as EU Law, Artificial Intelligence and regulation, International Trade and Investment Law, International Organizations, Governance, and the Global Rule of Law and Democracy, addressing both foundational and emerging challenges. At the research level, the School provides structured pathways through the Master of Studies (MSt), the Master of Philosophy (MPhil), and the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), enabling advanced and original research in European and international law and governance. Complementing these core programmes,

ELGS also offers Summer Schools, intensive courses, and executive education initiatives, reinforcing its role as a comprehensive academic hub dedicated to deepening knowledge and expertise on Europe in a global context.



## A Global Academic Community

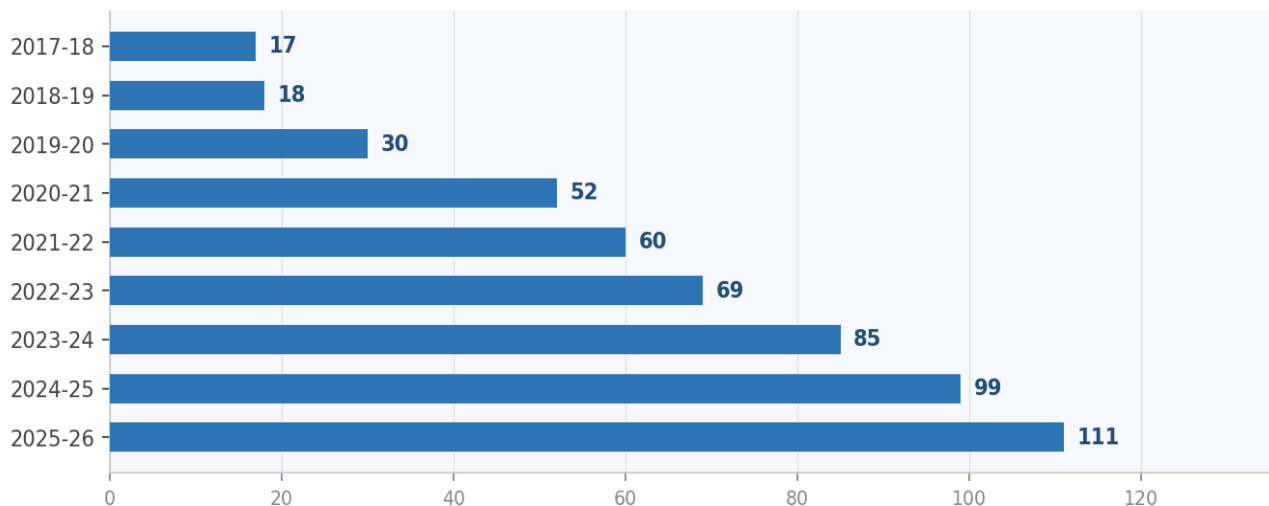
The ELGS has grown into a vibrant international hub — a genuinely global community united by a commitment to European law, governance, and the values that underpin them. Its reach today speaks for itself:

- ▶ **300+ professors** drawn from 110 of the world's leading academic and professional institutions.
- ▶ **37 partner universities** forming a worldwide network of research and academic exchange.
- ▶ **Alumni from over 20 countries**, with more than 600 graduates successfully established across the world.
- ▶ **Active campuses** in Athens, Rome, and Cascais (Portugal), with a growing presence in Tbilisi and Venice.

## ELGS in numbers

The following data reflects the School's dynamic evolution and its success in attracting talent from across the globe. Through a steady increase in enrollment and a diverse representation of nationalities, the ELGS continues to solidify its position as a premier international hub for European legal and governance studies.

**ELGS Graduates per Academic Year**



*The ELGS was founded to serve Europe. That is still its only purpose.*