



**CALL FOR POSITION PAPERS  
ELJ SPECIAL ISSUE 2024:2**

*Sailing on High Seas: Reforming and Enlarging the EU for the 21st Century*

The European Union faces a critical juncture marked by geopolitical shifts, transnational crises, and internal complexities. Against this backdrop and following the Conference on the Future of Europe, the French and German governments convened a 'working group on EU institutional reforms'. In September 2023, the "Group of Twelve" released their report: *Sailing on High Seas: Reforming and Enlarging the EU for the 21st Century*. Their recommendations aim to achieve three goals: increasing the EU's capacity to act, getting the EU enlargement ready, and strengthening the rule of law and the EU's democratic legitimacy. Taking the report as a basis for discussion, now is the time to debate these recommendations and include further contributions from all over Europe.

It is in this spirit and with this goal in mind that the *European Law Journal*, in partnership with the *College of Europe POL Department* and the *Lyon III University Center for European Studies (CEE)*, is launching a call for position papers for scholars to contribute further in the reflection on adapting the European Union to the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Potential contributors are invited to:

- read the report of the Group of Twelve, available [here](#).
- attend, online or on site, the High Level Conference on the Report of the Group of Twelve which will take place at the College of Europe in Bruges on October 20, 2023. Full programme available [here](#). Mandatory registration [here](#).
- submit an executive summary of their contribution **by November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

Further submission specifications and editorial process:

1/ The executive summary shall include two pages:

- Page 1: name, affiliation and email address of the author or group of authors
- Page 2:
  - contextualisation and conceptual framing of the issues to be tackled
  - key recommendations listed in bullet points
  - maximum length: one page

Deadline for submission: November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at [sc.europeanlawjournal@gmail.com](mailto:sc.europeanlawjournal@gmail.com)

2/ A committee of experts will be in charge of selecting anonymised contributions for the special issue. Decisions will be communicated beginning of December 2023.

3/ **Selected** contributions will have to be submitted by January 8, 2024, at the very latest. Late contributions will not be considered for publication.

Position papers shall include an abstract with key recommendations, an introduction which contextualises and conceptualises the issues at stake. The core of the paper shall include recommendations and related draft treaty articles in case treaty revision is considered.

Length of position papers: between 5.000 and 10.000 words. ELJ Author Guidelines are available [here](#).