



**CALL FOR PAPERS:
FIDE EARLY CAREER FELLOWSHIPS ('YOUNG FIDE') SEMINAR
HELSINKI 19 MAY 2027**

The XXXII FIDE Congress will take place in Helsinki, Finland, on 19–22 May 2027. The Congress brings together the great minds of EU law to exchange views and expertise on the following three topics:

Topic I – Financing the Priorities of the Union: Budget, Own Resources, Common Debt, Private Investing

Topic II – The Union's External Borders and Fundamental Rights

Topic III – Strategic Autonomy? Legal Construction of European Industrial Policies

Organised on the first day of the FIDE Congress, 19 May 2027, the FIDE Early Career Fellowships ("Young FIDE") Seminar provides a venue for *early career European law scholars and practitioners* to present papers on themes related to the three main topics of the FIDE Congress.

The presenters will benefit from comments from a panel of experienced academics and practitioners who will consider and discuss the papers.

The Seminar will be hosted by Nordea Bank Plc. An opening speech will be given by Special Adviser for the EU-Arctic relations, European Commission, and Head of Group Public Affairs (Nordea), Jyrki Katainen, former Prime Minister of Finland and Vice-President of the European Commission.

How to apply?

The FIDE Early Career Fellowships ("Young FIDE") Seminar is open to PhD researchers, post-doctoral researchers and other junior researchers and EU law practitioners (with under 5 years of professional experience) under 35 years of age. Attendance is independent of participation in the FIDE Congress.

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Qualifying European law scholars and practitioners are invited to submit papers relating to one of the three main topics of the XXXII FIDE Congress. Potential questions relating to each topic include e.g.

- **Topic I:** sources of revenue for the EU; budgeting practices; questions of democratic legitimacy and accountability; as well as national (constitutional) limitations to matters pertaining to EU financing;
- **Topic II:** border management, asylum processes, as well as instrumentalisation and externalisation of migration vis-à-vis migrant rights; the role of EU agencies; the Pact on Migration and Asylum
- **Topic III:** national and European notions of strategic autonomy; competitiveness; state aids, merger control, foreign investment control; crisis preparedness

More information on the topics and FIDE Congress questionnaires can be found at the FIDE Congress [website](#).

An abstract written in English and not exceeding 500 words as well as a CV should be submitted by 1 December 2026 to fide2027@helsinki.fi.

Selection of proposals and final papers

Based on the abstracts, a maximum of 9 authors (max 3 on each topic) will be invited to submit a full draft paper and to present it at the Seminar. These shall be written in English and not exceed 7,000 words (including footnotes) and must be submitted by 18 April 2027 to fide2027@helsinki.fi.

Selected papers may be published in an abridged format in a special issue of EU Law Live Weekend Edition in 2027.

Registration and fees

Participation in the FIDE Early Career Fellowships (“Young FIDE”) Seminar is free of charge for all participants. Registration will open on the FIDE website in late 2026.

A reduced registration fee for the FIDE Congress is available for the presenters in the FIDE Early Career Fellowships (“Young FIDE”) Seminar.

For more information and updates visit the FIDE Congress [website](#).

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