



EAHL Strategy 2026 – 2030

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to support the development of health law as a vital discipline in education, science, and practice across Europe. The EAHL is committed to promoting European values in the field of health law by fostering shared principles, human rights, and the advancement of free and independent research, training, and education.

A. Introduction

The Board of the European Association of Health Law (EAHL) has asked the Advisory Board and the National Contact Points (NCPs) to support the development of the new EAHL Strategy 2026 -2030. This strategy reflects the main input from this process and aims to enhance the mission of the Association: to promote health law in Europe as stated in the EAHL-Constitution.

B. Objectives

- 1. Advance Health Law Research** – Promote and support research in health law and health sciences across the Council of Europe region.¹
- 2. Enhance Health Law Education** – Facilitate the teaching and dissemination of knowledge in health law throughout the Council of Europe region.
- 3. Strengthen Professional Networks** – Foster collaboration and knowledge exchange by connecting practicing and academic health lawyers across the Council of Europe region.

¹ Following Art. 2 of the European Association of Health Law Constitution, Europe is defined as Council of Europe member states.

Objective 1: Advance Health Law Research

Facilitating Collaboration

- Establishing strong connections between health law and health sciences researchers, legal practitioners, and institutions to foster interdisciplinary research and practical application while promoting health law as a cross-cutting discipline. Emphasizing the necessity of an interdisciplinary approach, the EAHL aims to address innovations and emerging technologies by encouraging collaborations.
- Organizing dedicated workshops and networking events to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing between academia and legal practitioners.
- Maintain and strengthen the close connection and cooperation with the European Journal of Health Law (EJHL) fostering a continuous exchange of knowledge and ideas.
- Supporting health law research by promoting funding opportunities, facilitating grant applications, fostering cross-border collaboration, and connecting researchers with key partners to enhance impactful research.
- Encouraging the formation and activity of interest groups within the Association to address specialized topics and emerging trends in health law.

Hosting Conferences and Events

- Organizing bi-annual conferences to bring together members, providing a platform for discussing key developments in health law and health sciences. In years without a conference, facilitating Young Scholars Workshops to foster the exchange of ideas and research.
- Supporting and co-hosting additional conferences, symposiums, and seminars to expand opportunities for engagement and professional growth.
- Actively supporting young scholars by offering dedicated workshops, mentorship opportunities, and research presentation platforms at conferences.
- Providing grants, scholarships, or reduced participation fees to encourage early-career researchers and young professionals to engage in the field of health law.

Strengthening Digital Engagement

- Maintaining an active online presence through websites, forums, and dedicated platforms to facilitate discussions and resource-sharing among members.
- Utilizing social media channels and other relevant platforms to share updates, engage with the broader community, and promote health law initiatives.
- Enhancing the Association's digital reach by hosting webinars, short online debates or similar virtual events to foster engagement, knowledge exchange, and collaboration in health law.

Establishing an Expert Network of National Contact Points (NCPs)

- Maintaining a structured expert network consisting of National Contact Points (NCPs) to provide country-specific expertise and facilitate cross-border collaboration.
- Ensuring that NCPs act as key liaisons between members in different countries, offering guidance, disseminating information, and fostering cooperation.

Expected Results of Objective 1: Research

The expected results include increased participation and submissions at bi-annual conferences and other supported events. A growing number of cross-border research projects involving EAHL members will foster international collaboration and knowledge exchange. Strengthened networking opportunities will enhance connections between researchers, practitioners, and policymakers in the field of health law. Additionally, greater support for young scholars will encourage increased contributions from early-career researchers in conferences and publications. Finally, an expanded digital and social media presence will promote active discussions and engagement within the health law community across Europe.

Objective 2: Enhance Health Law Education

- **Workshops, Doctoral Courses, and Training**
Organizing workshops, doctoral courses, webinars, short online debates, and virtual events to foster engagement, knowledge exchange, and collaboration in health law.
- **Supporting Training Courses**
Collaborating with universities and institutions to develop and promote high-quality health law training, including e-learning and certification programs.
- **Connecting Experts**
Establishing a network of educators, researchers, and practitioners to facilitate cross-border collaboration, mentorship, and professional growth.
- **Lifelong Learning**
To explore and support opportunities for integrating health law education into lifelong learning and professional development programs across Europe.
- **Communication Platforms and Interest Groups**
Maintaining an active online presence, promoting specialized interest groups, and sharing educational resources through websites and social media.
- **Expert Network of NCPs**
Maintaining a network of National Contact Points (NCPs) to guide educational initiatives, promote funding opportunities, and support regional training efforts.

Expected Results of Objective 2: Education

The expected results include an increasing number of workshops, doctoral courses, and training programs in health law, with strong EAHL engagement and member participation. Collaboration with universities and institutions will enhance high-quality training opportunities, including e-learning opportunities. A well-connected network of educators, researchers, and practitioners will facilitate cross-border education, mentorship and professional growth. Additionally, the specialized interest groups, and an active network of National Contact Points (NCPs) will support educational initiatives and funding opportunities across Europe.

Objective 3: Strengthen Professional Networks

Informing Members on Health Law Developments

- Publishing semi-annual newsletters to update members on legal developments, research, and policy changes in health law.
- Sharing insights on emerging issues, case law, and legislative updates from all over Europe.

Organizing and Supporting Conferences

- Hosting bi-annual conferences to bring together researchers and practitioners, facilitating discussions on key topics in health law.
- Supporting additional conferences, symposiums, and networking events to encourage professional exchange and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Connecting Experts

- Establishing and strengthening a pan-European network of health law professionals, including academics, policymakers, and practitioners.
- Encouraging cross-border collaborations and joint initiatives to address health law research.
- Expanding the Association's reach by collaborating with other academic and professional networks, e.g. the World Association for Medical Law (WAML), promoting the European perspective on health law.

Providing Digital Communication Platforms and Promoting Interest Groups

- Maintaining active online communication channels, including a website, forums, and social media (e.g., LinkedIn) to share information and engage members.
- Supporting specialized interest groups focused on key areas of health law, such as current topics related to human rights and public health.

Fostering Collaboration with European Institutions

- Strengthening relationships with key European institutions such as the Council of Europe, the European Court of Human Rights, the European Commission, and the European Parliament.

- Facilitating joint projects, policy discussions, and legislative input to ensure health law developments align with European legal frameworks and public health policies.

Strengthening Cooperation between EAHL and Ukraine

Supporting health law in Ukraine and Ukrainian scholars, this partnership will focus on advancing academic exchange, joint research, and the growth of health law education and practice in both Ukraine and Europe.

Expected results of Objective 3: Networks

The expected results include increased engagement and knowledge exchange among EAHL members through regular newsletters, providing updates on legal developments, research, and policy changes in health law across Europe. A growing number of conferences, symposiums, and networking events will strengthen interdisciplinary collaboration and professional connections. The expansion of a pan-European network of health law professionals will foster cross-border research initiatives and joint projects while enhancing the Association's influence in the field. Improved digital communication platforms and specialized interest groups will facilitate ongoing discussions on key health law topics, increasing interaction among members. Additionally, stronger collaborations with European institutions will lead to greater involvement in policy discussions, legislative initiatives, and joint projects, ensuring that health law developments align with European legal frameworks and public health policies.

C. Overall Objective

To effectively achieve the objectives of advancing health law research, education, and networking, it is essential to secure stable and sustainable financial support for the association and its administrative functions. This will be accomplished through key initiatives aimed at ensuring long-term success. Strategic promotion of EAHL conferences will enhance visibility, attract attendees, and provide financial stability by increasing participation and sponsorship opportunities. Additionally, active recruitment by the Board, National Contact Points (NCPs), and the Advisory Board will expand the membership base, strengthening both the financial foundation and influence of the association across Europe. The association will also prioritize educational efforts and support for emerging scholars, creating a supportive environment for learning and professional growth. Through these combined efforts, the association aims to achieve its goals effectively while ensuring long-term sustainability.