



At its Annual General Meeting held in Sofia on 25 April 2025: “30 YEARS OF ELFA

Legal Education between Traditions and Modernities”

Adopted the following RESOLUTION:

Whereas societies in Europe and around the world are facing ever-increasing challenges of a political, social and economic nature;

Whereas growing insecurity, instability and new threats to peace and global security are emerging;

Whereas the lack of tolerance and respect for the rights of others has increased aggression in all its forms;

Whereas the rapid pace of development of the technology and of the social processes constantly challenges the law to keep up with them;

Whereas in this environment it is particularly important to safeguard the humanist tradition and fundamental rights in such changing political, social and economic context

Whereas the normal functioning of the legal systems plays essential role in ensuring peace, social stability and economic development of societies;

Whereas it is crucially important to ensure the rule of law as a mechanism to reduce the effect and to avoid the above mentioned threats;

Whereas law schools have fundamental role to educate lawyers and to provide continuous improvement of the knowledge and skills of the legal practitioners, and in building a society that respects law as the highest value;

Whereas there is a need for active involvement by the law schools to achieve these goals:

The EUROPEAN LAW FACULTIES ASSOCIATION

*Calls upon its members:*

1. Respecting and adhering in all their activities the established traditions in legal education that are founding for the construction and formation of the modern democratic societies and of their legal systems;
2. Continuing their efforts on the improvement of the curricula of the legal education and including new forms of teaching that correspond to the development of the technologies and the needs of society;
3. Working in close cooperation with each other, by expanding the opportunities for interaction in the training of students and in providing better possibilities to encourage study and research activities, as well as for the formation of common standards and approaches to the development of legal education, practice and the legal profession;
4. Collaborating more actively with state public bodies and with the professional organizations to affirm the important role of law schools in all areas of the development of the law and the legal practice;
5. Emphasizing in their overall activities on the building of culture of tolerance, respect for fundamental rights and condemnation of aggression in all its forms;

*Calls upon the judiciary and all professional organizations of legal practitioners and law societies:*

1. Adhering in their activities and upholding to the highest standards the principles of the rule of law and respect for fundamental rights;
2. Promoting and helping building of stronger legal culture, mutual respect and tolerance to each other in all social groups and in society as a whole;
3. Encouraging the wide spreading of all forms and initiatives of the law schools and other stakeholders for the development of new approaches to the constant improvement of the training of legal practitioners;
4. Establishing and deepening the cooperation with the academic community to achieve highest standards in law enforcement;
5. Developing and applying adequate professional and ethical standards to address the challenges posed to the legal systems in the contemporary political, social and economic environment.