

Essay Competition – Invitation for Participation!

BHO Legal and the **Institute of Air and Space Law of the University of Cologne**, Germany, cordially invite students to participate in an essay competition in the area of space law and European Space Policy.

Aim: The competition aims at supporting students' academic education in space law and policy issues on the European level and thereby at increasing their competence of working in the complex and policy-driven environment of space industry.

Participation: Eligible for participation are university students, not having completed their master or first state exam (Erstes Staatsexamen), regardless of nationality and faculty. Participation of law students is encouraged due to the competition's focus on legal topics.

Not eligible for participation are students working for the sponsors of the competition (BHO Legal and the Institute).

Essay topic: *"The Development of the European Space Policy and perspectives after the Lisbon Treaty"*

Expectation: Authors are expected to analyze the development of the European Space Policy (*including related legal instruments*) until today and the possibilities for future development, namely with a focus on the inter-organizational relationships between the European Union and the European Space Agency.

Essay formal requirements: The essay shall be submitted in conformity with the following formal requirements:

- Submission in the English language only
- Not exceeding 16 pages (incl. footnotes and coverpage)
- Cover page with following details:
essay topic "The Development of the European Space Policy and perspectives after the Lisbon Treaty",
author's name
author's personal address
author's University of study and faculty and matriculation number (if any)
number of semesters studied
- Essay text shall be written in 12pt. script Times New Roman, 1,5 spacing, 7cm left border, 2,5cm top, bottom, and right border
- Footnotes (no endnotes!) in 9pt. script Times New Roman, single spacing.

IMPORTANT NOTE: For achieving comparability and equal conditions for all essays submitted, authors are asked to strictly follow the above formal requirements.

Essays not following the requirements cannot be taken into consideration! Thank you for your understanding.

Final Date for submission: Final date for submission of essays is **31 July 2012** – any essays received later than the final date of submission cannot be taken into consideration!

Form for submission: Essays can be submitted

- electronically either in Word- (*.doc) or PDF-format (preferred!) to the following address: cologne@bho-legal.com, or
- by mail to the following address: BHO Legal Code: Essay Competition, Hohenstaufenring 29-37 D-50674 Köln, Germany

Evaluation and awards: All eligible essays submitted will be closely evaluated by the evaluation committee made up of Professor Dr Stephan Hobe, LL.M. (Director of the Institute of Air and Space Law of the University of Cologne) and Dr Oliver Heinrich and Dr Ingo Baumann (Lawyers and Partners with BHO Legal, Cologne Office). Particular attention will be paid on quality of legal writing, depth of analysis, identification and concise description of key issues related to the European Space Policy, including related legal instruments.

The authors of the three essays having received the highest grading related to a maximum of 100 points will be awarded as follows:

- Author of the best essay submitted will be awarded with 500,- EUR, with the essay also being published in the ZLW, Germany's leading Journal of Air and Space Law*
- Author of second best essay will be awarded with a copy of the book "Contracting for Space", with dedication to the author by the Co-Editor Dr Ingo Baumann
- Author of third best essay will be awarded a copy of the book "vol. 1 Cologne Commentary on Space Law"
- All best three authors will receive an honourable mention in a report on the essay published in the ZLW

All decisions are final.

Point of contact: Any requests for clarification may be addressed by email to [cologne\[at\]bho-legal\[dot\]com](mailto:cologne[at]bho-legal[dot]com)

Answers to requests for clarifications, which concern general areas of the competition will be published here. Participants are therefore asked to check regularly on the website to avoid missing any important information.

* Essay publication is subject to editor's discretion.

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