



René Cassin advocacy competition 2022

The 37th René Cassin Human Rights Advocacy Competition will be held on 15, 16 and 17 June 2022. The competition, consisting of mock legal proceedings in French based on the European Convention on Human Rights, is open to law and political science students.

Out of more than 40 university teams that competed in the written stage, the 32 qualifying teams, hailing from a range of countries including Belgium, France, Slovenia and Switzerland, will face off at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

This year the competition's advisory board, chaired by Sébastien Touzé, Professor of Law at Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas University, has prepared a mock case concerning the boundaries of humour and hate speech online.

The two most successful teams will meet in the final, to be held in Hearing Room 2 of the Court on Friday 17 June 2022 at 2.00 p.m., before a panel composed of judges of the European Court, lawyers, academics and representatives of the competition's partner institutions. The panel will be chaired by Gabriele Kucsko-Stadlmayer, Section President at the Court.

Further information about this year's competition and previous competitions can be found on the [René Cassin Competition website](#) and the [dedicated page of the Court's website](#).

Those wishing to attend the final on 17 June 2022 should register by Wednesday 15 June 2022 using the [online form](#).

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