



Our Democracy Report

Are you ready to step into the shoes of the European Commission?

Each year, the European Commission releases a report evaluating the state of rule of law and democracy across 27 EU member states and countries seeking accession. The document assesses key factors such as judicial independence, checks and balances, and media freedom – all crucial for ensuring democratic stability. However, despite its importance as a tool for policy debate, the lengthy and complex report is often viewed as inaccessible to journalists and ordinary citizens.

Democracy Reporters Fellowship Overview

The *Our Rule of Law* Foundation addresses this challenge by engaging with youth fellows across the EU and candidate countries to transform this complex document into an accessible citizen-centric analysis. Thus, the Foundation is recruiting **50-70 Democracy Rapporteurs** that will be receiving training from world-renowned experts in EU law, media reporting, and political communication. The Rapporteurs will be trained to write concise analysis rooted in quantitative and qualitative approach. This Pan-European effort aims to create the **Our Democracy Report** (composed of national chapters) that will be published on the Foundation's website, publicly available to every citizen.

Programme

The Program is divided into a shared learning section and a group project work. These components include three parts: (i) **online classes** (Introduction to the *Rule of Law Report* & Tracking the Rule of Law), (ii) **bootcamp** (training and collaboration), and (iii) **group project work** (mentorship by an experienced national coach, comprehensive database creation, writing the national chapter, translation, briefing).

Timeline

Applications **will remain open until 13 January 2025, 23:59 CET**.

Application form is available here: https://bit.ly/Application_OurDemocracyReport

The Democracy Rapporteurs will be selected at the end of January, and the programme will run from February until Summer 2025. The bootcamp will take place in April 2025. The **Our Democracy Report** will be finalized in Summer 2025, after which it will be made publicly available. The format of the bootcamp will be communicated soon.

Eligibility

All students enrolled in a University in Europe are eligible to apply. The eligibility requirements are: (i) fluency in written and spoken academic English, and (ii) interest in the topic. The programme is designed for students from all academic backgrounds.

For more information, please visit <https://www.ourruleoflaw.eu/our-democracy-report>.

Should you have any questions, please contact project.management@ourruleoflaw.eu



About Our Rule of Law Foundation

The [Our Rule of Law \(ORoL\) Foundation](#), national winner of the 2024 European Charlemagne Youth Prize, is committed to safeguarding the rule of law and democracy across Europe and beyond. Our mission is to mobilise the youth towards developing Pan-European policy solutions addressing the rule of law and democracy crisis. We aim to foster opportunities for students to engage with leading experts on democratic backsliding and civic education in Europe and to contribute actively to the defence of the rule of law and democracy.