



René Cassin advocacy competition 2024

The 39th René Cassin Human Rights Advocacy Competition will be held from 20-22 March 2024. 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.

Thirty-two qualifying teams, hailing from a range of countries including Belgium, France, Germany, Romania, Slovenia, the Netherlands and Switzerland, will face off at the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

This year the competition's advisory board, chaired by Sébastien Touzé, Professor of Law at Paris Panthéon-Assas University, has prepared a mock case related to Art.

The two most successful teams will meet in the final, to be held in the Hearing Room of the European Court on Friday 22 March 2023 at 2.00 p.m. (CET), before a panel composed of judges of the Court, lawyers, academics and representatives of the competition's partner institutions. The panel will be chaired by Mr. François Sureau, lawyer, writer, and member of the French Academy.

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

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