

# AUTHOR GUIDELINES

## I. Submission

Spontaneous contributions are welcome and should be sent to the Executive Editor Jakob McKernan at [mckernan@lexxion.eu](mailto:mckernan@lexxion.eu).

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Only submissions of excellent quality will be accepted in EHPL. Responsibility for the factual accuracy of a paper rests entirely with the author. All publications must clearly distinguish themselves from the status quo of discussions – in particular through sufficiently broad footnoting and referencing – and provide an added value to those discussions. Contributions should not have been published, nor be pending publication elsewhere.

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## III. Format and Style

All contributions must comply with the minimum formatting requirements laid out hereunder. Contributions not respecting these formatting requirements will be returned to the author.

### 1. FORMAT AND LENGTH

#### a. Articles

Articles should be between 4,000–8,000 words (including footnotes) in length (MS Word Format, in British English). All contributions use footnotes, but not a list of references. Longer articles are accepted on a case-by-case basis if more space is required by the topic. Each article is preceded by a short abstract (without heading) of five to six sentences.

#### b. Case Notes

Case Notes should be between 2,000–3,000 words (including footnotes) in length. Their overall structure shall be divided in the Facts, the Judgment and the Comment. The case note shall be headed by a short headline in bold that summarises the main issue of the case and the reference of the case in *Italics*, including its publication in the official journal of the respective Court. In cases where the judgment is not (yet) final, this fact shall be indicated.

#### c. Reports

Reports should be between 2,000–3,500 words (including footnotes) in length. They highlight a topic of particular interest relating to legal developments in the EU Member States or third countries with a clear link to the European market. The reports provide readers with the facts, as well as some critical and personal comments.

### 2. PRESENTATION

#### a. Title

Every word in the title should be capitalised except for conjunctions (Headline Capitalisation). The title's length should not exceed three lines after typeset (max. 150 characters including spaces). Subtitles are allowed and should also not exceed the 3 lines rule (max. 200 characters including spaces).

#### b. Authors' Details

Author(s) details should be included in a first asterisk footnote (\*) inserted after the author's/authors name(s). The footnote should include the full name(s) of the author(s), their role or position, affiliated institution and region, and their email address.

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Tables and figures should be submitted on extra pages. Every table should have a title. The relevant sources of the data presented or of the tables or figures themselves should be indicated. Within the text, the position at which a table is to be included should be marked by '[TABLE ...]', the tables and figures being clearly numbered. Every table should be referred to. To ease the typesetting process, please keep formatting within tables to a minimum (e.g., avoid merged cells or the use of vertical text for headings).

### 4. ABSTRACT

Each article is preceded by a short abstract (without heading) in italics of five to six sentences, without footnotes (approx. 200 words).

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Every word in a heading should be capitalised except for conjunctions (Headline Capitalisation). The headings should be structured as follows:

H1: I. (starting with the introduction)

H2: 1.

H3: a.

H4: i

## IV. Quotation and Referencing

All references should be included in the footnotes: no final bibliographies are allowed.

The reference style is OSCOLA. All contributions should be submitted in British English.

[Full guide \(OSCOLA 4th edition\)](#)

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*Example of citation in footnotes:*

ChatGPT 3 response to prompt to outline 3 implementation challenges of the Digital Markets Act (22 June 2023).