

10th PD Open Call

Legal Clinics



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Agenda for this Open Call

- General Update
- Legal Clinics
 - Handbook and Checklist
 - Model Partnership Agreement and Model Student Agreement
- Outlook for this month and next Open Call

Ece and Mira are back!

What has happened since the last Open Call:

- Career Launch!
- We all signed up for the ICM in Brno
- Mira is looking forward to your TSFs even more
- Ece is just fab and helped the EIT PD Team a lot with Career Launch
- Lorena (former Assistant for Visa & Reception) is now Director for Visa & Reception



But first...

Who has experience with Legal Clinics/who has organised a Legal Clinic?

And who doesn't?

- What is holding you back from it?



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Legal Clinics

*“Legal Clinic is a project during which participants provide **pro bono case-solving** under the **guidance and supervision** of a legal professional. It offers law students the opportunity to apply their theoretical knowledge in a real or simulated professional environment, addressing genuine legal problems and supporting individuals or communities in need. “*

DB, Chapter 4, Article 5.1



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Cooperation Partners

Depending on the context and focus, cooperation can be done with:

- Pro Bono Departments of law firms, providing professional supervision and exposure to practical legal work;
- NGOs, supporting social, humanitarian, or environmental causes;
- Public Institutions such as an Ombudsman Office, where students can learn about citizens' rights protection;
- Bar associations or professional chambers, which can offer mentoring and ensure compliance with ethical standards;

Benefits to ELSA Members

- Practical Experience: applying theoretical knowledge
- Skill Development: legal research, drafting, client interaction
- Personal Professional Networking opportunities
- Social Impact: access to justice

Benefits to ELSA as an Organisation

- Increased Visibility: Enhancing ELSA's reputation
- Partnership Opportunities
- Diversified Portfolio

How to set up a Legal Clinic (example)

- Search, choose, and contact possible partners: keep ERR in mind(!)
- Establishing the frame for the Legal Clinic: how many students, time frame, promotion...
- Contracts: between ELSA and Partner Organisation, between the Students and Partner Organisation (see next slide for more information)
- Practical event implementation
- Evaluate the event

Liability issues and contracts

- Important: Civil liability for the legal advice or assistance provided within Legal Clinics of ELSA **cannot** under any circumstances rest with ELSA.
- Stipulate this at the **very early stages** of your preparations
- Annexes II and III in the Handbook provide a model version of the liability contracts

Common obstacles/FAQ

- What if my University/other Associations already have an established Legal Clinic?
- How do I promote the idea amongst members and does ELSA have Marketing Materials for it?
- Where can I find those Model Agreements again? Can I adapt them?

**More
Questions?**



Outlook on next month and the 11th Open Call

- Next Open Call: 24 March; Theme: Verification ELSA Traineeships
- Job Hunting Deadline: 25 March
- Pre-ICM Call: tbd, Hedin will inform you about the date

Thank you for attending!

Good luck with Job Hunting and see you soon again!



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