

Narvesen Hot Dog (Joint C & PD)

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Participants' List

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Remember to check your attendance!



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Agenda

- Definition of C Area
- Definition of PD Area
- Where does our areas overlap/can help each other?
- Shared Goals
- How do you collaborate in your groups?
- How can you collaborate?
- Professional Development in Competitions
- Competitions in Professional Development
- Group Work

Workshop Description:

Description

Competitions prove a very high skill competitive environment - an environment which requires the participants to have acquired soft skills. In this workshop, we will look at how Competitions and Professional Development can work together, making Competitions broader events, with soft skill workshops in addition to the moot courts and negotiations competitions already being organised.

Outcome

The participants have new ideas and a better understanding of collaboration between the C and PD key areas, to increase the quality and outcome for the participants, both for Competitions and for Professional Development events.

Preparation

Reflect on how Competitions and Professional Development can collaborate. Read the Professional Development Workshops Handbook found [here](#).



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Definition of the Competitions area:

“Competitions is the Key Area of ELSA that aims to contribute to the legal education of law students and young lawyers through academic competitions and moot court competitions. It prepares them for professional life and gives them an understanding of legal practice.”



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Definition of the Professional Development

area:

“Professional Development is a Key Area of ELSA that aims to support law students and young lawyers in developing and improving the necessary skills to access the professional world by means of continuous education for individuals in regards to their future career and the skills needed therefore.

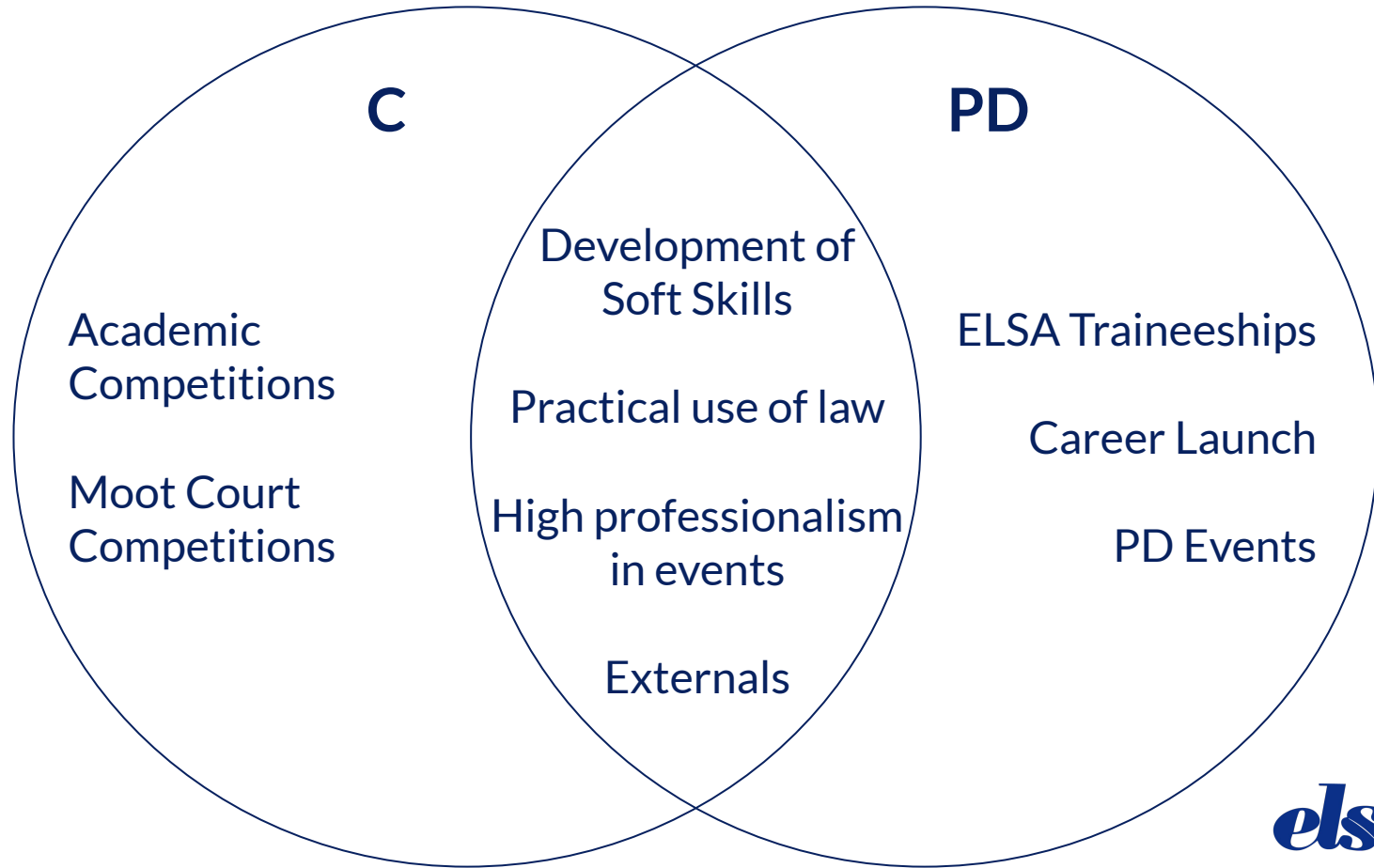
A Professional Development project is one where participants acquire skills needed in order to access the professional world through training events, Lawyers at Work events, ELSA Traineeships, Career Launch sessions or any other activity falling under the scope of Article 1.1 of this Chapter.”



**Where does our areas overlap/
can help each other?**



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Shared goals

What does Competitions needs

- Legal argumentation
- Public Speaking
- Case analysis
- Teamwork

In Moot Courts/Academic Competitions, almost nobody loses because they don't know the law. Why do they actually lose?

- Bad structure
- Weak delivery
- No strategy
- Poor teamwork



Shared goals

How can PD help achieving students better prepared for the future and for Competitions?

- Soft skill development
- Development of team work and working skills
- Practical experience with individual skills
- Opportunities to test out knowledge
- Different perspectives on legal issues or methodology

How do you collaborate in your groups?

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How can you collaborate?

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Professional Development in Competitions

- Sponsors Fairs
- Soft Skill Workshops e.g. Emotional Intelligence in the Courtroom
- Legal writing development e.g. Written Submissions phase
- Mentorship programmes
- Traineeships as prizes
- Networking sessions

Competitions in Professional Development

- Legal Tandem - Competition on comparative understanding
- PD Workshops - Simulation based learning
- Case based challenges to develop soft skills
- Joint external relations outreach for Partnerships
- Competitions alumni as mentors in PD events

Group Work

Group 1: Competitions

Design **concrete PD initiatives** that could be integrated before a Moot Court/Academic competition to improve participant performance



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Group 2: Competitions

Design a **sponsors fair / external event** that actually improves competition skills, not just networking.



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Group 3: Professional Development

Design a **Competition** or simulation that tests skills gained in a PD event



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Group 4: Professional Development

Discuss and present how Case Authors or Alumni from Competitions can be utilised as resources when conducting a Professional Development project



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Presentations of Group Work



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**Which of these ideas could
realistically be implemented in your
Local/National Group?**

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Questions?



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Thank you for your attention

Closing of the Joint C & PD Workshop



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