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Legal Clinics Workshop | LXXXIX ICM Brno



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Workshop Description:

Description

Legal Clinics have received limited attention in recent years. In this workshop, we will revisit the project and explore its potential, focusing on how to increase the number and quality of Legal Clinics across the Network.

Outcome

The participants get a better understanding of the Legal Clinics project and inspiration for implementing new Legal Clinics across the network

Preparation

Read the new Legal Clinics Handbook found [here](#). Consider how Legal Clinics can be implemented in your own National/Local Group.



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Who is currently doing Legal Clinics?

What are Legal Clinics?

“Legal Clinic is a project during which participants provide **pro bono case-solving** under the **guidance and supervision of a legal professional**.

Legal Clinics are meant to provide practical insights into the legal profession by allowing participants to apply knowledge and skills obtained during law studies, such as legal research, case-solving, and client management. The responsibilities of participants in a Legal Clinic are determined by the applicable laws of the country where it takes place.”

Under whose guidance and supervision?

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

Pro-bono case solving legal work

- Pro-bono character - non-profit
- Real case solving under supervision
- Work must be judicial and non-political in nature
 - Judicial work as in real legal work
 - Respect for ELSAs non-political status
- In accordance with national legislation and culture
 - Limited transferrability between national groups
 - Every group knows their own national laws the best
- With sufficient liabilities for ELSA, the Supervisor and the Participants

Biggest challenge with Legal Clinics: **Implementation**

Go together in groups:

- What are the biggest challenges with Legal Clinics?
- What would make it possible for you to organise one?
- What is attractive about this project?
- What is unattractive about this project?

Presentation of group work

Dream Scenario: Having a Legal Clinic

Go together in groups:

Ignoring all the barriers of implementation, such as legal restrictions or preexisting Legal Clinics;

- How would you organise a Legal Clinic?
- What partner or organisation would you like to work with?
- What would the format of the Legal Clinic be?
- What are the main challenges?

Presentation of group work

Questions?



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Thank you for your attention

Closing of the Legal Clinics Workshop



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