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The European Law Students' Association

SOS Send Help





Workshop Description:

Description

- It is time that we say goodbye to our old friend the SOS Portal, and introduce a new system for ELSA Traineeships. During this workshop, we will discuss different options for a new platform and system for ELSA Traineeships and decide on how to move forward as an area.

Outcome

- Decide on which direction to pursue for the ELSA Traineeships Platform.



The SOS Portal

Background on the SOS Portal

Followed the original STEP Online System

Was agreed upon with the 2017/2018 International Board of ELSA and Camscape

On the initiative of Aneta Korcova to create a new digital system

Also hosting agreement for the current ELSA Websites

1. The Platform

2. The JotForm

3. The Unknown

Option 1: The ELSA Traineeships Platform



The ELSA Traineeships Platform

Custom built by Cyberspace Solutions Ltd.

Including:

- Design
- UX
- Migration

Quotas:

- 9 400 € Development Cost
- 3 000 € Maintenance Cost
- 1 250 € Hosting Cost



Costs for the Platform

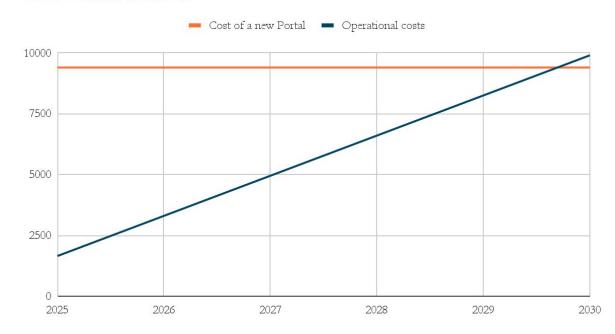
Upfront Cost: 9 400 €

Current Annual: 2 900 €

New Annual: 1 250 €

*Not counting for 3 000 € upfront maintenance cost

Cost Deficit Timeline



Benefits

- Custom Built Solution
- Active Maintenance from Cyberspace
- Same system as we have operated until now
- Collaboration with ELSA Alumni



Disadvantages

- Money
- Money
- Money



Option 2: The JotForm Option



The JotForm Option

- ELSA International are migrating many form systems to *JotForm*
- Currently already used by Seminars & Conferences
- Developed internally in the International Board
- Would require a restructuring of how we do ELSA Traineeships







ELSA Traineeships Application Form C2 2025/2026

GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1. You must be a member of ELSA. Only in case there is no existing ELSA Group in your country, you might apply with the "External Applicant" status).
- 2. You must fill in the entire Traineeships Application Form with truthful, accurate and updated information in English (including the motivation letter(s) and any attachments, e.g. the CV).
- 3. You may apply for a maximum of three Traineeship opportunities. You may not apply for opportunities that are offered in the country of your respective ELSA membership unless the opportunity is offered by ELSA International (cf. the Traineeship code "TN-El/XX").
- 4. You must submit the Traineeships Application Form before the 30th of April 2026, 23:59 CET. Late submissions are not accepted.
- 5. You may be contacted by the Professional Development Officer(s) of the ELSA Group of your membership to verify the information you have provided in the Application Form. You must respond promptly or otherwise, your application will not be approved or forwarded to the Traineeship Provider(s).





ELSA Traineeship Specification Form C2 2025/2026

By filling in this Traineeship Specification Form, your organisation and the respective traineeship vacancy will be promoted on the ELSA Traineeships website (traineeships.elsa.org) between the 2nd of April 2026 and the 30th of April 2026.

ELSA will forward to you a list of the short-listed candidates at the latest by the 18th of May 2026. You need to communicate to ELSA your final selection of the applicants to whom you would like to extend a traineeship offer at the latest by the 1st of June 2026.

ELSA will inform the applicants about the offers and will subsequently put you in contact with them once they have accepted the offer.

General information about the organisation



Benefits

- First and foremost: Cheaper option
- Already a system used by ELSA International
- Cleaner professional look for TNPs and Applicants
- Constantly updated by the JotForm Enterprise



Disadvantages

- Lack of proper database system
- Applications will be received through mail
- JotForm is operated by S&C
- Lack of access for ELSA International Team
- Restructuring of how ELSA Traineeships is conducted



Option 3: The Inhouse



Description

- ELSA International has an IT Team!
- Currently working on new websites for ELSA
- Can also potentially create a new ELSA Traineeships Platform



Benefits

- Custom Platform
- While being cheaper (or free)
- Developed inhouse good knowledge
- Potentially the same system



Disadvantages

- Capacity of the EIT IT Team
- Already working on the webpages
- Unsure on when the development would begin
- Unsure on how feasible the development would be



Overview

Feature	SOS Portal	ELSA Traineeships Platform	JotForm	In-house
Cost	Annual 2 900 €	9 400 € in two installments + 1 250 € annual	JotForm subscription	Hosting Costs
Maintenance	Camscape	Cyberspace	ELSA Int. (light)	EIT IT Team
Data control	External	Shared	Limited	Full
Timeline	Active	Ready in months	Immediate	Unclear

Now, what approach do we want?

- 1. The ELSA Traineeships Platform
- 2. The JotForm
- 3. The Unknown



Follow up on Option 1:

How do we do fundraising?

Follow up on Option 2:

How do we restructure ELSA Traineeships?

Follow up on Option 3:

Realism is key

Questions?



End of Career Launch & Fairs Workshop

Thank you for your attention.

