

# GENERAL OUTLINE

7th EHRMCC

# EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION

## 1. What is the European Human Rights Moot Court Competition?

The first time the European Human Rights Moot Court (EHRMCC) was organised was back in 2013. The aim was to supply students with the opportunity to gain insight in the principles and implementation of the European Convention of Human Rights and gain practical experience in the field. The competition mimics the experience of pleading a case before the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR).

The Teams examine a fictive case written by Human Rights professionals, and draft a Written Submission for each party (applicant and respondent). Experts from the Council of Europe, European Human Rights Association and the European Court of Human Rights score the Written Submissions, and the best 20 Teams get a chance to plead in the Final Oral Round. The Final Oral Round takes place in the Council of Europe and the Court, and the Teams will plead before Judges that actually hold seat in the Court.

Every member of the winning team is invited for the traineeship at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, and the best orallist from the Final Oral Round is invited for a traineeship at the Council of Europe's liaison office in Brussels.

The Competition held entirely in English, and is organised by students, for students. The competition is open to all law students in ELSA Member Countries as well as Council of Europe Member Countries. There is no entrance fee, as Teams only pay once they have been selected as Finallists. Lastly, there is no limit on the amount of Teams an university can send.

## 2. How can you promote this event amongst your members?

- **Share the promotional materials** of ELSA's Facebook page. Don't limit yourself to sharing it only with the Facebook page of your Group – you can also share the post yourself, together with your Board, Directors, Assistans, other team members, etc.
- **Share the materials in groups;** groups of your law faculty, groups of international students in your city – be creative!
- **Discuss with your faculty**, especially the European/International Law department, or even a Human Rights department, if you have one. As the winning team is promoted on the website of the Council of Europe, it is a great opportunity for them as well. As they only have to invest money in the case the Team is selected as Finallists, they are likely to be interested.
- **Ask for the opportunity of awarding EC/credits to the participants.** In many degrees, credits are awarded for participation in International moots. Make sure you prepare well for the meeting with the dean/persons responsible for the academic programme. Reports on previous moots and



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ELSA's reputation in moots should be your main tools. Additionally, recommendations from alumni, sponsoring firms, professors and former participants could assist you, if delivered in an appropriate manner and on time.

- **Promote the event during Human Rights-focused classes.** Don't forget to ask permission of the teacher first! A small lecture talk or handing out some brochures can help a great deal in attracting new students, both to your Group and the EHRMCC. You might even convince the professor to assist a Team (as a coach, or proofreading their Written Submissions)!
- **Feature the event in your faculty's newsletter/magazine.** Most faculties have at least one internal newsletter/magazine, reaching all the students at once. It could also be worth checking if there are any specific ones for employees, to promote the idea amongst all professors. Sometimes there is even a newsletter specifically for international students.
- **Approach Human Rights focused associations** in your city and look into collaborating with them to promote the event. This can be as big as, for example, holding a mini moot court, or as small as asking them to promote the EHRMCC materials as well.
- **Hold promotional events.** This can range from a general Human Rights-based event where the EHRMCC is mentioned, to holding an informational event specifically for ELSA's International moots (EHRMCC and John H Jackson MCC), or even your own moot court to let participants have a taste of the experience. An idea is to hold an event for interested participants that don't have a team yet – that way, they can work together!
- **Ask alumni/former participants for testimonials.** If people see someone close to them participated before, they are more likely to do so themselves! It is also nice to give former participants a little spotlight.
- **Highlight the existence of the EHRMCC during your regular events.** Just had a lecture or some members' drinks? Take 5-10 minutes to promote your upcoming event, and mention the EHRMCC. Spreading the word will increase the participation for both!
- **Educate other Officers/team members.** Especially during your Council meetings or Officers' meetings, make sure to highlight the existence of the EHRMCC as well as this document. This way, the information will trickle down through the Network!

### 3. How can you contribute to the organisation of the event?

- **Participate in the competition!** Create a team of 2-4 people and apply before the deadline passes!



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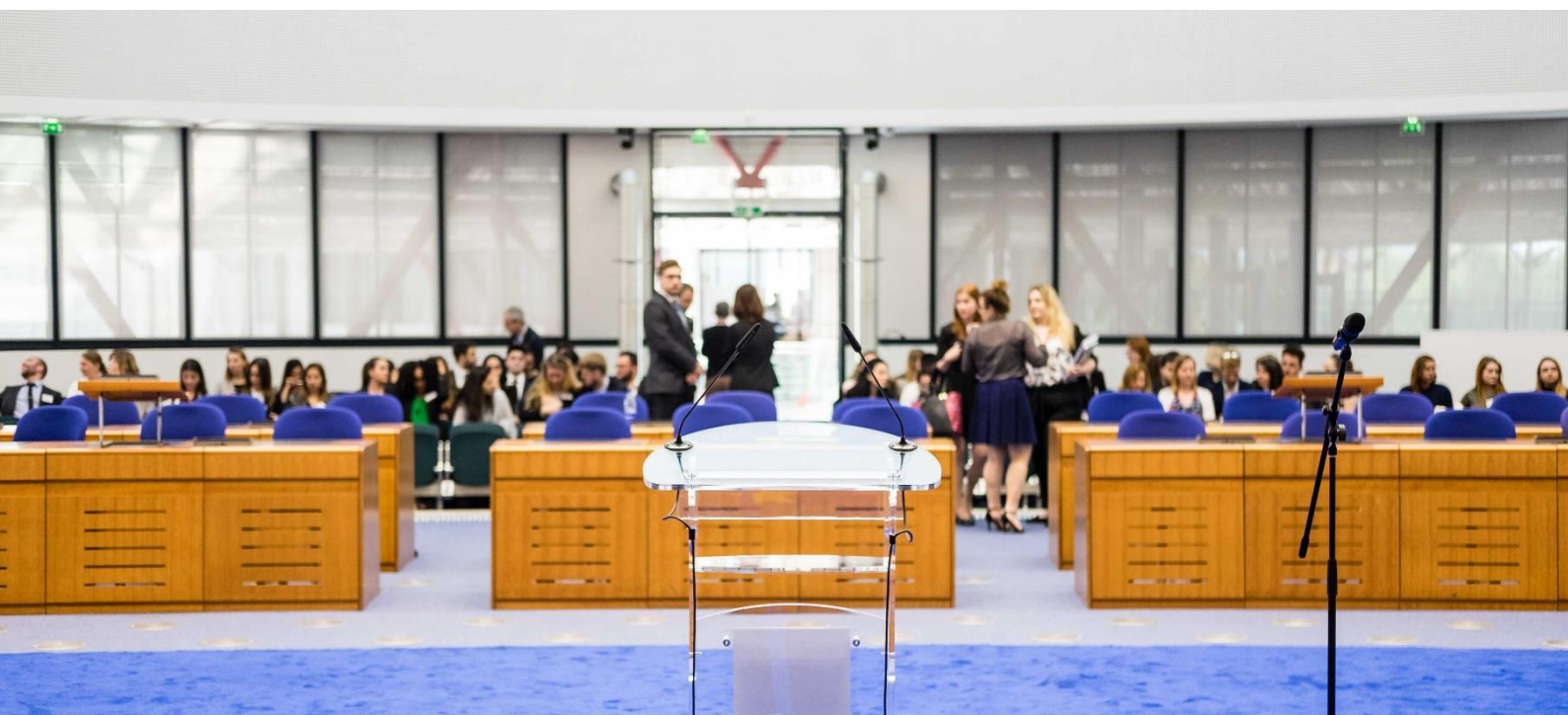
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- **Join the International Organising Committee** in the Spring! The International Board will open the Call in the Spring, so that anyone can apply for assisting the Final Oral Round in Strasbourg. The OC will be responsible for guiding the Teams, Timekeeping and many other things throughout the entire event.
- **Organise a Pre-Round! Pre-rounds are non-eliminary practice rounds for the Teams. They will be chosen and promoted by ELSA International, and will have to meet certain requirements:**
  - using the provided marketing material;
  - having the event last for two days or longer;
  - making sure the event takes place in January or February.

In return, the Organising Groups will get international promotion, direct interaction with all participants of the EHRMCC and a simplified procedure for ELSA Development Foundation applications. Feel free to e-mail the International Team ([ehrmcc@elsa.org](mailto:ehrmcc@elsa.org)) if you would like more information. The official call for Pre-Rounds will be opened soon!

- **Organise an EHRMCC Pre-Moot!** Even if you are not part of the official Pre-Rounds, you can still host a small version of the EHRMCC within your own Local or National Group. This can for example be at the end of the academic year, to promote participation for the next year. Or even somewhere before the Application Period ends, meaning before the end of November. Just send an email to [ehrmcc@elsa.org](mailto:ehrmcc@elsa.org), so we can help you with score sheets, timekeeping tables, and make sure to read the [MCC Handbook](#) and [Package!](#)





## 4. Provisionary timeline of the Competition for 2018/2019

Deadline	Activity
26 <sup>th</sup> of September 2018	<p><b>Competition Launch via Website</b> ELSA International officially launches the Competition, by publishing relevant documents on the EHRMCC website: <a href="http://ehrmcc.elsa.org">http://ehrmcc.elsa.org</a>.</p> <p>Simultaneously, the Call for Pre-Round Hosts for will be opened.</p>
18 <sup>th</sup> of November 2018	<p><b>Team Registration Deadline</b> To be eligible for participating in the competition, teams must register by the online Team Registration Form on the website.</p> <p>The deadline for submission of the electronic Team Registration Forms shall be <b>23.59 Central European Time</b>.</p>
19 <sup>th</sup> of November 2018	<p><b>Team Confirmations</b> To confirm the registration, ELSA will provide the nominated Team Contact Person with a Team Number, by email, which must be used for all further communication.</p>
19 <sup>th</sup> of November 2018	<p><b>Pre-Round Host Application Deadline</b> The final deadline for the Local and/or National Groups interested in becoming an official Pre-Round of the EHRMCC.</p>
21 <sup>st</sup> of November 2018	<p><b>Clarification Question Deadline</b> Final date for each team to send maximum 3 clarification requests on the EHRMCC case, which must be sent by e-mail to: <a href="mailto:teams.ehrmcc@elsa.org">teams.ehrmcc@elsa.org</a>.</p>
23 <sup>rd</sup> of December 2018	<p><b>Written Submission Deadline</b> Deadline for Registered Teams to dispatch electronic copies of the Written Submissions. The deadline for dispatch shall be <b>23:59 Central European Time</b>, and sent to: <a href="mailto:ehrmcc@elsa.org">ehrmcc@elsa.org</a></p>
January – February 2019	<p><b>Pre-Rounds</b> (optional) Non-eliminatory practice rounds for the Teams, hosted by various ELSA Groups throughout the continent.</p>
Beginning of March 2019	<p><b>Announcement of finalists</b> The official announcement of the 20 Teams that have been selected to plead in the Final Oral Round.</p>
15 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> of April 2019	<p><b>Final Oral Round, Strasbourg</b> Lasting 4 days, consisting of Preliminary Rounds, Quarter Finals, Semi Finals in the Palace of Europe, and the Grand Final at the European Court of Human Rights.</p>