



# ELSA DAY

6TH EDITION  
ELSA Day Competition

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"all different, all together"

## Foreword

ELSA Day has a special place in our network and in the hearts of our members. It is a day in which we can truly show what we can do for human rights and social responsibility and how much we can achieve together as a Network.

The 6th edition witnessed a very large variety of events, impressive in both quality and quantity. Altogether we had 120 national and local events in 31 countries that were specified and evaluated in time. As with every edition there were many more events and countries that took part in the ELSA Day, but we are very thankful for all of the people who filled in the respective forms in due time.

We are honoured to present the best events in the network in the 6<sup>th</sup> edition. As is tradition the results of the ELSA Day Competition are revealed at the Spring ICM following the ELSA Day edition. These events stood out through their academic quality, relevance to the topic of the 6th edition, impact on society, creativity and online and offline visibility. The following document, based on the ELSA Day Specification Form, gives more insight into these events.

We would like to thank everyone involved in the 6<sup>th</sup> edition, our ELSA International team, ELSA Day National Coordinators, organisers and participants of the national and local events. We hope that this ELSA Day was enjoyable and memorable to you as it was to us.

We would also like to thank the Council of Europe for once again lending their support to ensure that the 6<sup>th</sup> edition was a success.

Thank you for your time, effort and dedication.

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## Winner of the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition ELSA Day Competition

We are honoured to announce that the winner of the 6<sup>th</sup> ELSA Day Competition is ELSA Zagreb. Following is an overview of their event.

### ELSA Zagreb

ELSA National Group: ELSA Croatia

ELSA Local Group: ELSA Zagreb

Title of the Event: High-school Human Rights

Venue and City: Zagreb

Focus: Human Rights

This event was: Local

Event description: As every year ELSA Zagreb has decided to celebrate ELSA Day in a unique, innovative and interesting manner. The main topic of ELSA Day still remains human rights, however, this years focus has moved to unrestricted access to justice for everyone („Access to Justice Beyond borders"). Guided by this idea we have chosen to share the knowledge we have on human rights and justice to our younger members of our society. We have prepared an interesting and educational presentation on human rights which is dedicated to high school students in Zagreb. Target group of this presentation are students between 15 and 18 years of age because we reckon that this is the right time for young students to learn more about human rights and in that way prepare them for recognizing their rights and to be full responsible members of society, and of course to teach them how to identify if their rights are being violated. After the presentation we will be open to any questions the students might have, also we have prepared for them a small handbook on human rights in which they will be able to find all relevant information on human rights and their protection.

Partners / External cooperation: With the Faculty of Law Zagreb where our Constitution law professor agreed to held a lecture in the first high-school while we were having a presentation in the second school. Besides, we got the promotional package from CoE. We regularly cooperate with other NGOs from Zagreb in the field of human rights, but during this occasion no other help or support was needed.

## Honorary mentions of the 6<sup>th</sup> ELSA Day Competition

In addition to the winner of the Competition, we are honoured to reveal the events that received an honorary mentions. Following is an overview of their events in no particular order.

### ELSA Ankara

ELSA National Group: ELSA Turkey

ELSA Local Group: ELSA Ankara

Title of the Event: Justice Beyond Borders Forum

Venue and City: Ankara

Focus: Access to Justice Beyond Borders

This event was: Local

Event description:

“Trade of Survival”

Anatolian hospitable hosts have always opened their hearts to excrement, despair and homeland by accepting with the duty of humanity. After the Islamic Revolution in Iran in 1979, a million people from Iran migrated to Turkey. Due to the invasion in Afghanistan in 1982, many Afgans came to Turkey. Nevertheless, much of the migration from Iraq occurred after the massacre of Halabja in Iraq in 1988. Between 1990 and 2001, many people from Bosnia, Kosovo and Macedonia also came to Turkey. It is estimated that about four million people come to Turkey because of the internal confusion in Syria. (Source: Directorate of Immigration) The common point of these people who have escaped from their own countries is that their right to life and settlement have taken from them, which are the most fundamental rights of each country. Asylum seekers found refuge in Turkey because they could not protect these rights in their own countries, and they continued to pursue justice in here.

For the organization stage of “Trade of Survival Forum”, I have arranged the speakers from Research Center on Asylum and Migration and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) officers from Turkey. I reached to some Syrian refugees living in Turkey and and talked with them about my project and they all have accepted to be part of it. One runs the bookstore, the other studying in the university, and the other one is one of the LGBT people who have had to flee because of the pressures of the nation in his country. I and my organization committee will also reach Bulgarian, Afgan and Ezidi people living in Turkey with the help of civil society organizations and immigration centers. We will listen their stories and legal issues they wanted to ask the authorities, and take note of everything. Then we will make a small booklet containing their stories to be distributed to each participant. We will also write every legal questions with questioner’s name and age on small papers and hang each paper on the tree at the entrance of the building where the activity will take place. The person from the organization committee will wait at the door and tell every participant to take a card from the tree. When all of the participants move in and the forum has started, each participant will ask the question written on the card to the speakers in turn. Besides, the entire forum will be recorded and made into a video. Later on, the video will be sent to the asylum seekers and refugees who asked the question, in English subtitles for those who do not know Turkish. Therefore the legal issues that confuse their minds will be answered by the most authoritative persons on this subject.

An effective discussion environment will be created because participants will be able to actively participate by asking the questions they take from the tree. By asking the questions, participants will be kept in mind of the answers given, and they will be able to empathize with those people by reading the stories on the booklet in front of them.



## ELSA Latvia

ELSA National Group: ELSA Latvia

ELSA Local Group:

Title of the Event: ELSA Day "Access to Justice beyond Borders"

Venue and City: Riga, University of Latvia; Riga, Baltic International Academy

Focus: Access to Justice Beyond Borders

This event was: National

Event description: The ELSA Day of 2017 will focus on the access to justice beyond borders, and we are going to organize this event with fewer borders as possible. Acknowledging that not everyone can make to the event in the morning or in the evening, we are going to split the event into two parts: one in the morning and the second one in the evening. During these both parts you will be able to know much more about human rights in Latvia and around the world.

During the lectures series, you will be able to know more about human rights and its history, to be briefly informed about the most notable human rights institutions and protection mechanisms around the world. Our prominent professors will not only be open for a discussion on human rights issues with you but they will familiarise you with various aspects of European Court of Human Rights impartiality; with the protection of human rights during criminal proceedings and we will speak about migration once again.

And don't worry, even if you will not be able to stay with us in the morning, you can join us in the evening talks with various representatives from Latvian institutions and NGOs.

And yes, we are going to speak as many languages as possible, so if you are an international student - do not hesitate to join us! We will speak English as well!!! And of course, we will give a floor to each of you who will have something to tell about human rights!

Partners / External cooperation: University of Latvia, Baltic International Academy, Legal Aid Administration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice

## ELSA Łódź

ELSA National Group: ELSA Poland

ELSA Local Group: ELSA Łódź

Title of the Event: "Extradition in Polish and international law"

Venue and City: Faculty of Law and Administration University of Lodz

Focus: Access to Justice Beyond Borders

This event was: Local

Event description: I want to present a general outline of the event. According to this year's topic, we decided to deepen the legal issues of the extradition. As we know, this is often a controversial topic. Different, legal systems, different states, We plan to bring this issue closer, present how this phenomenon looks like in regulations, also in practice at the national and international level. What is more, we would like to show participants differences in views. It make a great

opportunity for us to organize the Legal Debate - students form teams and join the debate, 3 representatives of academic staff as a jury. Furthermore we consider the audience award. We would also like to organise a discussion panel, where invited speakers would presentate not only their knowlegde in the topic but also an opinion. Third thing we plan to do is a lottery - things which could be drawn would be donated earlier e.g. by our lecturers. We would donate the collected money to some organization related to the subject of human rights ( we look for it now). It is all of course presented in a nutshell because we still work on it.

Partners / External cooperation: University of Lodz, "Stępniewicz i Partnerzy" Law Office of Attorneys and Legal Advisors, ELSA Day has been covered by the Honorary Patronage of the Commissioner for Human Rights.

There was always a television or a computer screen between those people's sorrow and our empathy. Our aim is to make our participants realize that the stories of those people who ran away from their countries we see on television are real. Thus with this organization, we will provide justice to those people desperately looking for it beyond their borders.

Partners / External cooperation: EU Civil Thinking Programme , United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

## **ELSA Trieste**

ELSA National Group: ELSA Italy

ELSA Local Group: ELSA Trieste

Title of the Event: “Access to Justice Beyond Borders: International Child Abduction”

Venue and City: University of Trieste

Focus: Access to Justice Beyond Borders

This event was: Local

Event description:

ELSA Trieste has decided to tackle the issue of “Access to Justice Beyond Borders” by addressing the delicate, unfortunately increasingly frequent, problem of International Child Abduction.

During the debate, speakers will talk about the concept of "child's habitual residence" and the international aspects of the subject.

The incidence of the child's best interests in relation to the Convention and the Bruxelles Regulation II bis will be another topic of the conference.

The focus of the discussion will be on practical cases that took place in Trieste (and not only) that a Judge of the Juvenile Court faced in the course of her career. We think that after giving students the theories information on the subject, it is necessary and interesting to provide them concrete cases, in order to understand the difficulties that such cases create to the lives of people, especially children.

Partners / External cooperation: University of Trieste



Thank you!

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