

CERiously, Let's begin!

1st Competitions Open Call | 29th August 2025



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Agenda

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Introductions



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The International Board



Who are we (from left to right, more or less):

Rodrigo Prelhaz (S&C)

Kat Bonello (MKT)

Hedin Indregård (PD)

Inês Ribeiro (C)

Gabriel Marti (BEE)

Lucie Nováková (SecGen)

Tommaso Giordano (FM)

Anastasios Vavvas (AA)

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The ELSA House



Boulevard Général Jacques 239,
1050 Ixelles, Brussels, Belgium

House Events:

- Study Visits
- ELSA International Team Weekend
- Winter Cocktail
- Transition Barbeque

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Who am I?

Inês Ribeiro

- 25 years old
- From Lisbon, Portugal
- Pursuing a Masters in International and European Law
- Current Vice President in charge of Competitions of the International Board of ELSA
- Former VP C of ELSA Portugal (24/25)
- Former member of the HPMCC EIT (24/25) and the Human Rights EIT (23/24)
- One of the Regional Round Organisers of the 13th Edition of HPMCC and of the 22nd Edition of JHJMCC



Your turn!



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Tell us about yourselves!

- Who are you?
- What is your fondest ELSA memory?
- Which fictional character would make the *worst* event organiser?
- What's the funniest stereotype about your country you've ever heard?
- If you could swap cities with someone here for a week, where would you go and why?



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**The main reason
we're here: Competitions**

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Regulations

International Council Meeting Decision Book, Part 7

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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Competitions in a nutshell

- The position of Vice President in charge of Competitions is the youngest in the Network
 - Before 2012: Director for ELSA Moot Court Competition (now the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition)
 - 2012: Introduction of the position of the Vice President in charge of Moot Court Competitions
 - 2022: Board reform, the position is changed to Vice President in charge of Competitions and both Flagship Moot Courts and Academic Competitions become the responsibility of the VP C



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International Level: our Flagship MCCs



THE
JOHN H. JACKSON
MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Academic Competitions

In the Decision Book:

- ELSA Negotiation Competition
- ELSA Legal Debates
- Client Interviewing Competition
- Witness Interviewing Competition

Other:

- Mediation Competition
- Contract writing Competition
- M&A Contract Competition



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Your time to shine!



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So, let's hear about your term ahead!

Take the floor and tell us about

- The competitions you are planning;
- The competitions you are interested in exploring;
- Your goals for your term;
- Potential collaborations you would like to foster with other National Groups;
- Challenges and difficulties you might face (don't be afraid to be honest, we are here to support each other!);
- Your expectations from ELSA International & your fellow Officers;
- And anything else you would like to share.



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Support

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How we can support each other – Network & IB

Open Calls

- Feel free to share what you would like to hear about and discuss in upcoming Open Calls;
- Participate actively, share your experiences, best practices and challenges and let's brainstorm for common solutions

Personal Calls

- Book a personal call with me through my calendar to discuss your plans or challenges for more tailored support



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How we can support each other – EIT

ELSA International Team

- Officers working on our projects, directly with the International Board of ELSA
- The Team for the term 2025/2026 will be announced in a few days!
- *Stay tuned for the 2nd EIT call and apply if you are interested!*
- Preparation of materials to facilitate the organisation of your competitions
- Available for individual calls

Your Tasks

- Fill in the Competitions Specification Form
- ASK for any kind of support needed for your competitions!



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Communication



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Our Channels

(AA Officers with C tasks - separate channel for AA projects)

C Mailing List: elsa-c@elsa.org

- Information, updates and reminders from ELSA International
- Don't hesitate to use it if you want to share something with the whole Competitions Network

WhatsApp Community

- Short updates, quick reminders and informal communication
- Again - feel free to promote your projects, share your successes and stories in the WhatsApp Group



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Our Channels (cont.)

C Open Calls

- Update on progress, exchange ideas, keep a direct contact within the Competitions Family and improve your ELSA Knowledge
- Reach out to me at any point if there is a specific topic you would like to discuss during the next Open Call but as well in the sessions left for *topic of choice* in the C Open Calls calendar
- Don't miss the Open Calls!

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- Never hesitate to reach out!



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Knowledge Management



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Officers' Portal & ELSA Wiki

- On the [Officers' Portal](#), you can find:
 - Regulations
 - Handbooks
 - Guidelines
 - Packages
- On [ELSA Wiki](#), you can find:
 - Explanations about our projects
 - Definitions of our MANY abbreviations and terms



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V. International Training Meeting Online (ITM)

- The youngest International Annual Meeting of ELSA
- Online, from the 19th to the 21st of September 2025
- Soft skill training!
- Area workshops!
- Available to all Officers!

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN - apply through your National Groups!



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LXXXVIII ICM Helsinki

- Our Host for the Autumn ICM is finally here!
- Save the dates: **12th to 16th of November 2025**
- Stay tuned for the opening of applications and join the Delegation of your country!



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Questions, Remarks & Expectations?



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**It's a wrap – thank you
for attending and
participating!**



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