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FOREWORD

Dear Network,

It is our pleasure to welcome you all to the LXXXIII International Council Meeting in Malta. This meeting presents a fantastic opportunity for us to come together, share our experiences and knowledge, and make crucial decisions that will positively impact our Association.

As we gather here in Malta, let us keep in mind that the decisions we make during this meeting can significantly influence ELSA for years to come. We will decide on many proposals, including statutory changes and the new Strategic Goals, as well as the election of the members of the International Board 2023/2024. Our collective responsibility is to ensure that we make informed and strategic decisions that will enable us to continue growing and achieving our goals.

We look forward to engaging in constructive dialogue, exchanging ideas, and working together towards achieving common objectives with over 300 law students from all over Europe. Together, we can create a brighter future for our Association and ensure that it continues to thrive for many years to come.

We wish you all a successful and productive meeting!

ELSAfully yours,

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THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING GUIDE

What is an International Council Meeting?

The International Council Meeting is a statutory meeting and one of the International Internal Meetings of ELSA.

It brings together officers of all Areas from the whole ELSA Network. It consists of both plenary and workshop sessions. The main aims of this meeting are:

- a. to provide an opportunity for Officers to meet, to get informed about the latest updates in their respective areas and to exchange ideas, and
- b. to summon the International Council, which discusses issues concerning the administration and the further development of the Association.

The International Council represents the Members of ELSA. It is the supreme decision-making body of the Association, whose decisions are binding upon the International Board, the Members and the Observers of ELSA. A Council decision can only be overturned by a subsequent International Council decision.

The International Council Meeting is held biannually, once in autumn and once in spring.

What is a Workshop?

Workshops provide an introduction to or a review of topics of interest. They offer space for interaction, discussion, and exchange of information, while the participants explore different subjects and develop their soft skills.

Each International Council Meeting has seven Workshops, one for each area of activity. Each workshop is conducted by the respective members(s) of the International Board of ELSA and chaired by an experienced delegate.

The following workshops will be held during the International Council Meeting:

Board Management, External Relations and Expansion (BEE): conducted by the President of the International Board and attended by National and Local Presidents of the ELSA Network.

Internal Management (IM): conducted by the Secretary General of the International Board and attended by the National and Local Secretaries General of the ELSA Network.

Financial Management (FM): conducted by the Treasurer of the International Board and attended by National and Local Treasurers of the ELSA Network.

Marketing (MKT): conducted by the Vice President in charge of Marketing of the International Board and attended by National and Local Vice Presidents in charge of Marketing of the ELSA Network.

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Academic Activities (AA) and Competitions (C): conducted by the Vice President in charge of Academic Activities and the Vice President in charge of ELSA Moot Court Competitions of the International Board and attended by National and Local Vice Presidents in charge of Academic Activities and National and Local Vice Presidents in charge of (Moot Court) Competitions of the ELSA Network.

Professional Development (PD): conducted by the Vice President in charge of Professional Development of the International Board and attended by National and Local Vice Presidents in charge of Professional Development and National and Local Vice Presidents in charge of STEP of the ELSA Network.

Seminars and Conferences (S&C): conducted by the Vice President in charge of Seminars and Conferences of the International Board and attended by National and Local Vice Presidents for Seminars and Conferences of the ELSA Network.

What is a Joint Workshop?

A Joint Workshop sets on the table a topic worth discussing by the officers of more than one area.

Who is a Workshop Officer?

There are at least four Workshop Officers in the ICM: the *Chair*, the *Vice Chair* and two *Secretaries*. If necessary, more Secretaries can be appointed.

The task of the Chair is to conduct the Workshop in good order and lead it with the respective member of the International Board of ELSA.

The role of the Vice Chair is to assist the Chair and stand in for them in the event of their absence.

The Secretaries are in charge of keeping the minutes of the Workshop and preparing all the documents that must be submitted to the Council.

During the Opening Workshop of each respective area, which will be held on Sunday, the Officers of the Workshop will be elected. They will attend a workshop provided by ELSA International right after the end of the opening workshops to receive detailed guidelines for their tasks. If you are interested in becoming a Workshop Officer, please contact the respective member of the International Board as soon as possible to volunteer.

What is an International Council Meeting Officer?

Five to fifteen International Council Meeting Officers support the International Council proceedings during each ICM: the *Chair*, the *Vice Chair*, two to four *Secretaries*, three members of the *Nominations Committee*, and two to six tellers if no electronic voting is used. The International Council Meeting Officers ensure that some of the most important tasks regarding the plenary sessions of an International Council Meeting are carried out properly.

The role of the Chair of the Plenary is to ensure that the International Council Meeting agenda is respected and adhered to, to supervise and assist the other International Council Meeting Officers,

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to invite people to address the International Council, to decide when to put proposals to a vote, to supervise the voting procedure, to announce the result of the voting procedure, to supervise the election procedure, to bring the meeting to order and to resolve any question concerning the International Council Meeting proceedings.

The role of the Vice Chair is to assist the Chair and stand in for them in the event of their absence.

The role of each Secretary is to keep the minutes of the plenary sessions. The Secretaries are responsible to the Secretary General of the International Board and should always refer to them in case of difficulty.

The role of each Teller is to count the votes, compare the results of the counting procedure, and inform the Chair about the outcome. The Tellers shall not be voting delegates.

The role of the Nominations Committee is to receive nominations for all the elections and to announce them to the International Council.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE NATIONAL GROUPS

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Important information!

Following article 7.3 of the Statutes of ELSA, the membership of a National Group is suspended, and therefore the National Group does not have voting rights during an ICM if the National Group:

- a. has not fulfilled its **financial obligations** towards ELSA, or
- b. has not submitted the **State of the Network Inquiry** (SotN Inquiry) to the International Board;
- c. has not submitted the **Letter of Authorisation** to the Secretary General of the International Board; and
- d. has not submitted the **National Group Report** to the International Board.

For this purpose, please address all financial enquiries concerning debts towards ELSA to the Treasurer of the International Board in due time **by the 1st of April 2023, 23:59 CEST**, at treasurer@elsa.org.

Moreover, the SotN Inquiry must be thoroughly filled out and submitted electronically to the International Board **by the 11th of March 2023, 23:59 CEST**, 14 days before the opening of the International Council Meeting, as stated in the International Council Meeting Decision Book. The 34th State of the Network Inquiry has already been sent, and you may find it [here](#). If you need clarifications regarding the SotN Inquiry, please contact the Secretary General of the International Board at secgen@elsa.org.

Additionally, the National Group Report had to be submitted to the Secretary General of the International Board **by the 28th of February 2023, 23:59 CET**. The National Group Report has already been sent out, and you may find it [here](#).

According to article 5.5 of the Standing Orders of ELSA, for the delegates representing a Member or Observer National Group to be allowed to participate in the International Council, they must be duly authorised to vote in the International Council on behalf of their National Group. They must, therefore, send to the Secretary General of the International Board the **Letter of Authorisation** signed by two elected National Board members of the respective National Group as soon as possible **before the Opening Plenary of the ICM**. A template of the Letter of Authorisation can be found in [Annex 10](#) of these Working Materials.

For the International Council to reach the necessary quorum, as stated in article 7.4 of the Statutes of ELSA and be fully competent, it is highly recommended that the Member National Groups, which are not going to be represented in the International Council by their own delegates, give a **proxy** to another Member National Group following the rules of article 5.6 of the Standing Orders of ELSA. A proxy template can be found in [Annex 11](#) of these Working Materials. Proxies should be submitted to secgen@elsa.org as soon as possible **before the Opening Plenary of the ICM/individual Plenary session is opened**.

REMINDERS

REMINDERS**General Reminder**

If you really want to enjoy this ICM,

DO NOT FORGET THE FOLLOWING:

“Be prepared to speak and to speak, be prepared!”

To be prepared for the Workshops:

- Read carefully from cover to cover and bring with you a copy of these Working Materials;
- Read the minutes of at least the two previous ICMs: [81st ICM Online](#) and [82nd ICM Dubrovnik](#);
- Read the [Statutes and Standing Orders of ELSA](#);
- Read the [59th edition of the International Council Meeting Decision Book](#)
- Read the [One Year Operational Plan](#) of the International Board for the term 2022/2023.

To be prepared to be celebrated as a true legend:

- Consider being a Workshop Secretary;
- Consider being a Plenary Secretary;
- Consider being a member of the Nominations Committee;

To be prepared to have the time of your life...

- Bring your good mood and happy smiles!
- Bring all of your ELSA Spirit!

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Call for the International Board of ELSA 2023/2024

The European Law Students' Association

Have you ever wanted to be a head of an international NGO?

This is your opportunity:

Join the International Board!

RUN FOR

**THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF ELSA
2023/2024!**

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The role of the International Board of ELSA

The International Board is the supreme executive body of ELSA. The tasks of the International Board are to represent ELSA, to carry out and be responsible for the day-to-day running and management of ELSA's fields of activity, to advance the aims and efficiency, as well as to execute and implement Council decisions.

President

The President is in charge of the overall coordination of the ELSA work, execution of expansion, planning and direction of the work, and communication of the International Board. The President is also the primary contact person between ELSA International and externals by representing ELSA International at official events and meetings, being responsible for maintaining contact and the flow of information to other student associations and other organisations (NGOs and international institutions). The President takes care of the business development strategy of the association, including managing ELSA's fundraising efforts through commercial and strategic partnerships. The President shall also have an overview of all contacts with partners and supporters of ELSA International.

Secretary General

The Secretary General is responsible for directing, organising and maintaining the internal structure of the Association and shall consequently be responsible for ensuring that decisions to this effect are implemented and respected by all Members and Observers of ELSA. The Secretary General shall also identify any non-observances in this field and make all the necessary resources available to correct any inconsistencies. The Secretary General is also in charge of directing the work of the Council. One of the primary responsibilities is to keep in contact with the International Trainers' Pool, organise training sessions throughout the Network, and develop the Human Resources and information systems in the ELSA Network. The Secretary General is also responsible for the communication and administration of ELSA International.

Treasurer

The Treasurer is in charge of the financial management of ELSA and is responsible for the accounts, the property, and the payments of ELSA International as well as the arrangement of internal financial control. These tasks include budget control, budget making, accounting, bookkeeping and preparation of both interim and final accounts of ELSA International. The Treasurer is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the ELSA Development Foundation, and they are also working actively in the field of grants.

Vice President in charge of Marketing

The Vice President in charge of Marketing is responsible for the Supporting Area of Marketing. The tasks include, amongst others, the coordination of advertising for various publications and the website. They are also responsible for producing and editing Synergy Magazine, producing internal presentations and marketing materials for the Key Areas, and representing ELSA towards externals. One of the primary responsibilities of the Vice President in charge of Marketing is to define marketing strategies for all matters related to ELSA and its activities.

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Vice President in charge of Academic Activities

The Vice President in charge of Academic Activities is responsible for the overall planning, coordination, and supervision of the Key Area of Academic Activities. This responsibility includes coordination of the legal writing projects (namely, the ELSA Law Review and the Legal Research Groups of the Network), Human Rights and Social Responsibility initiatives. The Vice President in charge of Activities will perform as the Head of the International Organising Committee for the Rule of Law Education Campaign. The Vice President for Academic Activities also has the responsibility, when called upon, to support and assist Local and National Groups in organising AA events in the Network as well as implementing legal education, Human Rights, the International Focus Programme and Social Responsibility in the activities related to their key area.

Vice President in charge of Competitions

The Vice President in charge of Competitions is responsible for the overall planning, coordination and supervision of the Key Area of Competitions. This responsibility includes the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition and the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition, acting as the Head of the International Organising Committee, representing ELSA in front of the World Trade Organisation and the Council of Europe. Additionally, they will be responsible for handling the external relations with every partner or potential partner of the aforementioned Competitions. When called upon, the Vice President for Competitions is also responsible for supporting and assisting Local and National Groups in organising academic competitions and MCC events in the Network.

Vice President in charge of Professional Development

The main responsibility of the Vice President in charge of Professional Development is related to the flagship project ELSA Traineeships. This includes coordination and supervision of all the related information received from the Network and making the information and statistics available to all the Officers, the implementation of the international partnerships for the project, and actively seeking additional opportunities of the traineeship programme and the International Focus Programme and Human Rights within the scope of ELSA Traineeships. The Vice President in charge of Professional Development is also responsible for organising the Career Launch, supporting the National Groups in the organisation of their National Traineeships Programme, monitoring that they do not overlap with the timeline of ELSA Traineeships and training the Network about Professional Development events, providing the Officers with all the necessary guidelines and support.

Vice President in charge of Seminars and Conferences

The Vice President in charge of Seminars and Conferences is responsible for the Key Area of Seminars and Conferences. This responsibility includes coordinating seminars, conferences, Study Visits, Institutional Visits, ELSA Law Schools, ELSA Delegations, International Conferences of ELSA and ELSA Webinars in the Network.

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Electoral Procedure for the International Board of ELSA

A person running for a position in the International Board must be nominated by a Member National Group and seconded by another Member National Group. National Groups with Observer status cannot nominate or second nominations. A candidate can be nominated by their own National Group.

To nominate and second a candidate for a position on the International Board, Member National Groups of ELSA shall fill in the Nomination Sheet or Seconding Sheet respectively and send the sheet to the respective candidate. The respective candidate shall fill in the Confirmation Sheet, forward both emails from the Nominating and Seconding Member National Groups, and send in their Confirmation Sheet to the Nominations Committee at nominations.committee@elsa.org. The relevant sheets may be found in [Annex 12](#). The period for submitting nominations opens after the Opening Plenary and closes on the second day of the International Council Meeting at 23:59 CEST for candidates to the International Board.

The nominee shall prepare a written personal presentation and distribute it to the National Groups **before 23:59 CEST the day before the Final Plenary session**. The presentation shall include a motivation letter, a personal CV, an ELSA CV and an Action Plan for the term in office as a member of the International Board.

During the Candidacy Workshop, all the candidates will present themselves and their candidature and then be granted some time to answer questions from the Workshop participants. If several people are running for the same board position, the nominees must leave the Workshop during the presentation of the other nominees.

During the Final Plenary, each candidate has 5 minutes to present their speech during the plenary session, and the voting delegates have 10 minutes for a Q&A session with each candidate. For contested positions, the contested candidate shall exit the room for the duration of the speech and the Q&A session of the counter-candidate.

Transition

The elected International Board 2023/2024 must be present in the ELSA House in Brussels, Belgium, from the 1st of July 2023 since the transition with the current International Board will start on that day.

During the transition, the International Board 2023/2024 will be taught the ELSA work on the international level, such as ICM preparations, day-to-day running of the association, responsibilities of the members of the International Board, and of course, how it is to live in Brussels for 13 months. However, the transition will also be filled with social events, teambuilding sessions, and trainings.

REMINDERS

Call for Internal Auditors and Internal Vice Auditors of ELSA 2023/2024

The European Law Students' Association

Are you an accurate person?

Do you have a special interest in financial matters
as well as basic knowledge of accounting and auditing?

If you answered “yes” to both questions,
do not hesitate to run for:

**INTERNAL AUDITOR OR
INTERNAL VICE AUDITOR
OF
ELSA 2023/2024!**

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Call for an Internal Auditor of ELSA 2022/2023

The European Law Students' Association

Do you have experience in accounting and financial management?

Run for:

**INTERNAL AUDITOR
OF
ELSA 2022/2023!**

Please note that this call is only for one Internal Auditor since one Auditor and the Vice Auditor have already been elected for the term 2022/2023 at the ICM Cosenza, Spring 2022.

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The role of the Internal Auditors of ELSA

The Internal Auditors, and the Internal Vice Auditor are three neutral and independent people auditing the accounts of ELSA and the ELSA Development Foundation.

The Council elects the Internal Auditors during the spring International Council Meeting. The Internal Auditors' team consists of two Auditors and one Vice Auditor. The two Auditors are mainly responsible for controlling the interim and final accounts of the respective year they have been elected for; the Vice Auditor is only active if one of the Auditors cannot fulfil their tasks.

The Internal Auditors are responsible for checking the documents and accounts in the headquarters of ELSA in Brussels.

What are the general responsibilities of the internal auditors?

- Travelling to Brussels to control the accounts of ELSA and the ELSA Development Foundation;
- Writing the Internal Auditors' report about the auditing of ELSA and the EDF;
- Presenting the Internal Auditors' report at the International Council Meeting.

What are the references/qualifications to become an Internal Auditor?

- Basic knowledge of accounting;
- Basic knowledge of auditing;
- A certain interest in financial matters;
- No active involvement in ELSA International or any National Groups of ELSA for the term 2020/2022. Elected or appointed positions at Local Level or as Auditor at any level are acceptable.

Electoral Procedure for the Internal Auditors of ELSA International

A person running for a position in the Internal Auditors' team must be nominated by a Member National Group and seconded by another Member National Group. National Groups with Observer status cannot nominate or second nominations. A candidate can be nominated by their own National Group.

The nominations must be handed to the Nominations Committee by the deadline set for nominations so the candidates can run for the Internal Auditors' team. This **deadline is set at 23:59 CET on the second day of the International Council Meeting**. The relevant sheets may be found in [Annex 12](#).

The nominee shall prepare a written personal presentation and distribute it to the National Groups before 23:59 (local time) on the day before the Final Plenary session. The presentation shall include a personal CV and an ELSA CV. It is also recommended that the presentation includes a Letter of Motivation.

During the Final Plenary session, the nominees are all given five minutes to present themselves and their candidature and 10 minutes to answer questions from the Council. If more people are running for the same position than there are positions, the nominees have to leave the room during the presentation of the other nominees.

REMINDERS

Memento**Voting Rights in the Plenary**

Each Member National Group has three voting rights and may split them during any voting procedure according to the will of its voting delegates. Your National Group is **NOT** eligible to vote in the Plenary until:

- a. the National Board has filled in and submitted the **State of the Network Inquiry** to the International Board;

Please make sure that the Secretary General of the International Board has received the responses of your National Group to the State of the Network Inquiry.

- b. the National Board has **paid all debts** due to ELSA;

Please confirm your National Group's debt situation with the Treasurer of the International Board before the International Council Meeting.

- c. the National Board has submitted the National Group Report to the International Board;

Please make sure that the Secretary General of the International Board has received the National Group Report of your National Group.

- d. its delegates in the ICM have sent the **Letter of Authorisation** to the Secretary General of the International Board.

You may find the template for the Letter of authorisation in [Annex 10](#).

Letter of Authorisation

The Letter of Authorisation must include:

- the contact details of your National Group;
- the name of the voting delegate of your National Group;
- the names of all other delegates representing your National Group; and
- the signatures of two elected National Board members authenticating the letter.

The Letter of Authorisation should be filled in and sent **before the ICM is opened/individual Plenary session is opened** if you wish to receive your voting rights. Please ensure the Letter of Authorisation is submitted to the Secretary General of the International Board in due time.

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Proxy

If your National Group is a Member of ELSA and will not be represented by its delegates at the International Council Meeting, the National Board can give a proxy to another Member who will speak and vote on behalf of the proxy-giver.

The Proxy must include:

- the names of the National Group which gives a proxy and of the National Group that receives the proxy;
- the dates during which the proxy will be valid;
- the signatures of two elected National Board members authenticating the letter;
- the contact details of a person responsible from the proxy-giver National Group.

The Proxy should be filled in and sent to the Secretary General of the International Board **before the ICM/individual Plenary session is opened** at secgen@elsa.org so that your voting rights be given to the National Group acting as a proxy. You can find a draft Proxy in [Annex 11](#).

Reporting Time

This is the moment when the delegation meets and discusses important matters brought up in the workshops and the plenary sessions.

Voting Rights in the Workshops

In the Workshops, both area and joint ones, each Member National Group has only one vote, no matter how many people from the same National Group are present. Ensure you prepare and coordinate your delegation and appoint one person from your delegation to be your voting delegate in the Workshops.

Plenary Presentations

During the plenary sessions, the National Groups may present their events and activities if they wish to inform the ELSA Network about them and attract participants. To ensure the best possible efficiency of the International Council proceedings, we have set some rules for the National Groups interested in making a presentation during the plenary sessions:

- Any presentations during the plenary sessions will be up to the discretion of the Chair and/or Vice Chair.
- No presentations will be allowed if they do not match the following criteria:
 1. having an appropriate length (between three and five minutes);
 2. being in accordance with the principles of ELSA;
 3. being sent to the Vice President in charge of Marketing of the International Board until the **2nd of April 2023, 23:59 CEST**.
- The acceptance priority will be:
 1. International Internal Meetings;
 2. Training Events;
 3. ELSA Core Activities events;
 4. Social Events;
 5. Other events or activities.

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Finger Rules for the Workshops

The “finger rules” are intended to make the job of the Chair and the Vice Chair of the Workshops easier and to ensure that the discussions are as effective and smooth as possible.

The theory behind the finger rules is simple; you indicate what you want to state by using one of the following gestures:

One finger:	New idea/topic
Two fingers:	Reply/comment
Three fingers:	End the discussion – the current debate is not useful
Pinkie finger:	Technical remark (e.g. “open the window” or “the text projected is too small”)
Scissors gesture:	Remove/cut from the speakers’ list.
Thumb up/down:	Show immediate feedback to a statement instead of asking for the word only to say “I like this idea” or “I don’t like this idea”.

The priority amongst the different gestures goes in the following order and is depicted in the pictures below: pinkie, three fingers, two fingers and one finger. With this system, the Chair can more easily moderate the discussions. Scissor's gesture, and thumbs up/down do not require a direct reaction by the Chair, so there is no priority rule applied to them.



E-VOTING

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Please indicate who will be the voting delegate for your National Group until the **20th of March at 23:59 CET** through this [form](#).

ICM TIMETABLE

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DRAFT PLENARY AGENDA

DRAFT PLENARY AGENDA**Opening Plenary: Sunday, 26th of March 2023**

- 16:00 **Opening of the LXXXIII International Council Meeting**
Yuri van Steenwijk, President of the International Board of ELSA
- 16:10 **Presentation of the Chair and the Vice Chair of the Plenary**
Basil Schaller, Secretary General of the International Board of ELSA
- 16:20 **Presentation of the ELSA International Team 2022/2023**
The International Board 2022/2023
- 16:40 **Announcement of the list of votes**
Basil Schaller, Secretary General of the International Board of ELSA
- 16:50 **Election of the Council Meeting Officers**
Chair / Vice Chair
- 17:10 **Approval of the International Council Meeting Agenda and presentation of
the International Council Meeting structure**
Chair / Vice Chair
- 17:30 **Approval of the Minutes of the LXXXII International Council Meeting
Dubrovnik, Autumn 2022**
Chair / Vice Chair
- 17:40 **Questions and Answers with the International Board of ELSA**
Chair / Vice Chair and International Board of ELSA
- 18:00 **Partner presentations**
Chair / Vice Chair
- 18:55 **Information regarding Officers' Workshop**
Basil Schaller, Secretary General of the International Board of ELSA
- 19:00 **End of the Opening Plenary**
Chair / Vice Chair

DRAFT PLENARY AGENDA

Mid Plenary: Wednesday, 29th of March 2023

- 10:00 **Opening of the Mid Plenary**
Chair / Vice Chair
- 10:05 **Revision of the list of votes**
Basil Schaller, Secretary General of the International Board of ELSA
- 10:10 **Announcement of nominations**
Nominations Committee
- 10:20 **Presentation of the Observership Application - ELSA Russia**
Chair / Vice Chair and RLSA
- 10:30 **Q&A for the Observership Application - ELSA Russia**
Chair / Vice Chair and RLSA
- 10:40 **Voting Break**
- 11:00 **Announcement of the Result**
Chair / Vice Chair
- 11:05 **Presentation and approval of the Strategic Plan proposal**
Chair / Vice Chair and Workshop Chair
- 11:25 **Presentation and approval of the Statutory proposals**
Chair / Vice Chair and Workshop Chair
- 12:00 **Break**
- 12:15 **Revision of the list of votes**
Basil Schaller, Secretary General of the International Board of ELSA
- 12:20 **Presentation and approval of the IM workshop related proposals**
Chair / Vice Chair and Workshop Chair
- 13:00 **Lunch Break**
- 14:00 **Revision of the list of votes**
Basil Schaller, Secretary General of the International Board of ELSA
- 14:05 **Presentation and approval of the BEE proposals**
Chair / Vice Chair and Workshop Chair
- 14:20 **Presentation and approval of the FM proposals**
Chair / Vice Chair and Workshop Chair

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- 14:40 **Presentation and approval of the MKT proposals**
Chair / Vice Chair and Workshop Chair
- 15:00 **Presentation and approval of the AA/C proposals**
Chair / Vice Chair and Workshop Chair
- 15:20 **Presentation and approval of the PD proposals**
Chair / Vice Chair and Workshop Chair
- 15:40 **Break**
- 16:00 **Revision of the list of votes**
Basil Schaller, Secretary General of the International Board of ELSA
- 16:10 **Presentation and approval of the S&C proposals**
Chair / Vice Chair and Workshop Chair
- 16:30 **Presentation and recommendations of the EDF proposals**
Chair / Vice Chair and Workshop Chair
- 17:00 **Presentation of the ICM Host Candidate, Spring 2024 – ELSA Greece**
Chair / Vice Chair and ELSA Greece
- 17:10 **Q&A for the ICM Host Candidate, Spring 2024 - ELSA Greece**
Chair / Vice Chair and ELSA Greece
- 17:20 **Vote on the ICM Host Application and announcement of the result**
Chair / Vice Chair and ELSA Greece
- 17:30 **Announcement of Winner of Annual Human Rights Campaign Prize**
Chair / Vice Chair and ELSA Greece, Jean Mattijsen and Council of Europe
- 17:45 **Partner Presentations**
Chair / Vice Chair and partner
- 18:00 **Presentations of the Network**
Chair / Vice Chair and Network
- 18:30 **End of the Mid Plenary**
Chair / Vice Chair

DRAFT PLENARY AGENDA

Final Plenary: Saturday, 1st of April 2023

- 10:00 **Opening of the Final Plenary**
Chair / Vice Chair
- 10:05 **Revision of the list of votes**
Basil Schaller, Secretary General of the International Board of ELSA
- 10:10 **Presentation of the Interim Accounts of ELSA 2022/2023**
Mikko Laitinen, Treasurer of the International Board of ELSA
- 10:30 **Presentation of the Interim Auditors' Report of ELSA 2022/2023**
Fabian Eigner and Matteo Alessandro, Internal (Vice-) Auditors of ELSA
- 10:40 **Q&A for the Interim Accounts and Auditors' Report of ELSA 2022/2023**
Chair / Vice Chair, Mikko Laitinen, Fabian Eigner and Matteo Alessandro,
Internal (Vice-) Auditors of ELSA
- 10:50 **Presentation of the Interim Accounts of the ELSA Development Foundation
2022/2023**
Mikko Laitinen, Treasurer of the International Board of ELSA
- 11:10 **Presentation of the Interim Auditors' Report of the ELSA Development
Foundation 2022/2023**
Fabian Eigner and Matteo Alessandro, Internal (Vice-) Auditors of ELSA
- 11:10 **Q&A for the Interim Accounts and Auditors' Report of the ELSA
Development Foundation 2022/2023**
Chair / Vice Chair, Mikko Laitinen, Fabian Eigner and Matteo Alessandro,
Internal (Vice-) Auditors of ELSA
- 11:20 **Break**
- 11:50 **Revision of the list of votes**
Basil Schaller, Secretary General of the International Board of ELSA
- 11:55 **Presentation and approval of the proposed revision of the Budget of ELSA
2022/2023**
Chair / Vice Chair and Workshop Chair
- 12:20 **Presentation and approval of the proposed Budget of ELSA 2023/2024**
Chair / Vice Chair and Workshop Chair
- 12:45 **Presentation and approval of the proposed Budget of ELSA Development
Foundation 2023/2024**
Chair / Vice Chair and Workshop Chair

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- 13:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00 **Revision of the list of votes**
Basil Schaller, Secretary General of the International Board of ELSA
- 14:10 **Announcement of nominations**
Nominations Committee
- 14:20 **Presentation and Q&A for the Candidate(s) for Internal Auditor of ELSA 2022/2023**
Chair / Vice Chair and Candidate(s)
- 14:40 **Presentation and Q&A for the Candidate(s) for Internal Auditor of ELSA 2023/2024**
Chair / Vice Chair and Candidate(s)
- 14:50 **Presentation and Q&A for the Candidate(s) for Internal Vice Auditor of ELSA 2023/2024**
Chair / Vice Chair and Candidate(s)
- 15:00 **Presentation and Q&A for the Candidate(s) for positions on the International Board of ELSA 2023/2024**
Chair / Vice Chair and Candidates
- 18:00 **Presentation of the voting procedure**
Chair / Vice Chair
- 18:10 **Voting Break**
- 19:00 **Announcement of the results**
Chair / Vice Chair
- 19:30 **Closing of the LXXXIII International Council Meeting**
Yuri van Steenwijk, President of the International Board of ELSA
- 20:00 **End of the Final Plenary**
Chair / Vice Chair

BOARD MANAGEMENT, EXTERNAL RELATIONS & EXPANSION WORKSHOP

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11:00		LoA	External Relations Regulation	Strategic Goals II	Mid Plenary	Transition	Candidacy Workshop		
11:30									
12:00			Strategic Goals I	BEE Academy	Your Uni and you	Auditing - What does it mean (joint with FM)			
12:30									
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13:30		Lunch							
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Lastly, do not forget to bring your national/local sweets and/or drinks to share with the Workshop.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the BEE Workshop!



Yuri van Steenwijk

President of the International Board of ELSA 2022/2023

Draft Agenda

Sunday, 26th of March 2023

19:00 – 20:00

OPENING WORKSHOP

Description

During the Opening Workshop, we will elect the Workshop Officers. We will also present and approve the agenda as well as set the rules for our workshop.

Outcome

Election of Workshop Officers, approval of the Agenda and drafting of Workshop Rules. Getting to know other officers.

Preparation

None.

20:00 – 20:30

OFFICERS AND FRESHERS' WORKSHOPS

Description

During this Workshop, participants elected to be the Officers will be prepared for their tasks during the week.

Outcome

Enable Workshop Officers to undertake their tasks.

Preparation

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20:30 – 21:00

HEAD OF DELEGATION'S MEETING

Description

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Outcome

Heads of Delegation understand their tasks and responsibilities for the upcoming week.

Preparation

No preparation is required.

Monday, 27th of March 2023

10:00 – 11:00

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE**Description**

We will have an update on the work of the International Board of ELSA. Next, we ask you to present your National and Local Groups and if you have any achievements you accomplished or any challenges you have faced so far.

Outcome

The latest updates on the BEE area and life in the ELSA House in Brussels are shared, as well as the status update on the situation of the Network.

Preparation

Prepare to ask any questions you might have about the work of the International Board and to share your experience, successes, and challenges so far.

11:00 – 13:00

OBSERVERSHIP APPLICATION WORKSHOP (JOINT WITH IM)**Description**

During this workshop, the observership application of ELSA Russia will be presented and discussed.

Outcome

The workshop will make a recommendation to the International Council regarding the observership application of ELSA Russia

Preparation

Read the observership application of ELSA Russia [here](#).

14:00 – 15:30

EXTERNAL RELATIONS REGULATION**Description**

In this workshop, we will have the chance to take a look at proposals regarding the external relations regulation, which were proposed to make them a little clearer for the future users of this regulation and to slightly liberalise the regulations.

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Outcome

Discuss the External Relations Regulation Proposals and amend them if beneficial. The Workshop provides a recommendation to the International Council relating to the ERR proposals.

Preparation

Read Proposals 26 - 31 in the WM and prepare amendments if you have any.

15:30 – 17:00

STRATEGIC GOALS I**Description**

In this workshop, we will have the chance to discuss the proposal for the Strategic Goals.

Outcome

Discuss the Strategic Goals Proposals and amend them if beneficial.

Preparation

Read Proposal Nr. 22 carefully and discuss it with your Board Members. Prepare any amendments you might have in writing so that they can be discussed as efficiently as possible. Consult the [materials](#) of the Strategic Planning Working Group if you want to be extra prepared.

17:00 – 19:00

PR STRATEGISING (JOINT WITH MKT)**Description**

BEE is in charge of External Relations to find steady and mutually beneficial partnerships. On the other hand, the matter of Public Relations is inherently connected to the Marketing Area, which is responsible for is to ensure the good image of the Association and strategising about how to achieve it, namely through PR Strategies.

Outcome

To be able to tread the lines where these two Areas meet concerning PR and see how to develop an effective working synergy.

Preparation

Compile a small portfolio of what your National/Local Group does when it comes to PR.

Tuesday, 28th of March 2023

14:00 – 15:30

STRATEGIC GOALS II

Description

In this workshop, we will have the chance to discuss the proposal for the Strategic Goals.

Outcome

Discuss the Strategic Goals Proposals and amend them if beneficial. The Workshop provides a recommendation to the International Council relating to the Strategic Goals proposal.

Preparation

Read Proposal Nr. 22 carefully and discuss it with your Board Members. Prepare any amendments you might have in writing so that they can be discussed as efficiently as possible. Consult the [material](#) of the Strategic Planning Working Group if you want to be extra prepared.

15:30 – 17:30

BEE ACADEMY

Description

In this workshop, we will discuss the future of the BEE Academy and how it might be used to most effectively benefit the Network.

Outcome

Have an improved understanding of the national President's needs and wants when it comes to the BEE Academy so that my team, my successor and I can work on improving this project

Preparation

None.

17:30 – 19:00

COUNCIL OF EUROPE (JOINT WITH AA)

Description

In this workshop, we will give the floor to the Council of Europe, one of our most important partners.

Outcome

Having a better understanding of the Council of Europe and its activities.

Preparation

None.

Thursday, 30th of March 2023

14:00 – 16:00

TRANSITION**Description**

In this workshop, we will discuss everything relating to transitions.

Outcome

To improve the quality of the transition that you will give this summer (or next, in case you're staying for another year ;).

Preparation

Be ready to present how the transition is usually done in your National/Local Group. Also, think back on your own transition, which aspects you liked and which you did not.

16:00 – 17:00

YOUR UNI AND YOU**Description**

This workshop will serve as an opportunity to prepare the President of the International Board for his upcoming trip to the General Assembly of the European Law Faculty Association, where he will try to lobby on the behalf of ELSA on a local, national and international level.

Outcome

Have a concrete set of issues to discuss with Europe's Law Faculties.

Preparation

Discuss with your board members (and your locals, if possible) how they perceive the relationship with their faculties and which problems could be improved upon.

Friday, 31st of March 2023

10:0 – 13:00

INTERIM ACCOUNTS (JOINT WITH FM)**Description**

In this workshop, the Treasurer of the International Board of ELSA will present the Interim Accounts of ELSA International 2022/2023 and the ELSA Development Foundation 2022/2023. The Auditors will provide their statements on the Interim Accounts.

Outcome

Understand the financial situation of the Association.

Preparation

Read the Interim Accounts reports and be prepared to ask any questions regarding this financial evaluation.

14:00 – 15:30

CANDIDACY WORKSHOP**Description**

During this workshop, the candidate(s) for the position of President of the International Board of ELSA 2023/2024 will have the chance to present themselves and to answer questions raised by the workshop.

Outcome

BEE Officers know the candidate(s) for the position of President of the International Board of ELSA 2023/2024, and their action plans, and thus can provide an informed recommendation to their National Group.

Preparation

Read the candidacy materials of the candidate(s) for the position of President of the International Board of ELSA 2023/2024 and prepare questions.

15:30 - 17:00

AUDITING - WHAT DOES IS MEAN (JOINT WITH FM)**Description**

The aim of this workshop is to give an outlook on what it means to be an auditor in an ELSA group. What are the general responsibilities of the Auditor, and how can the auditor support the National board in their efforts.

Outcome

This session will give you tools to continue on your ELSA path as maybe an auditor in your ELSA Network.

Preparations

None.

17:00 – 17:30

EIT**Description**

During this short Workshop, we will discuss the structure of the ELSA International Team and National Teams in the BEE area. We will also look at interesting EIT positions throughout all areas.

Outcome

Improve the structure of the Teams supporting our successors. Motivate the attending officers to sign up as EIT officers in the future.

Preparation

Be prepared to describe what your National BEE Team looks like if you have one.

17:30 – 19:00

MISCELLANEOUS & CLOSING**Description**

This workshop will serve as an opportunity to discuss anything that we pushed off during the ICM. The Workshop will offer opportunities for feedback and sweet goodbyes. This is also the time to share your favourite memories of the term and for an emotional farewell. I will try not to cry.

Outcome

Feedback for ELSA International to improve and an appropriate end to our time together.

Preparation

None.

INTERNAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

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14:30		Statutory Proposals	Candidacy Workshop						
15:00							Code of Conduct		
15:30			Code of Conduct						
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17:00								Closing	
17:30									Closing
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INTERNAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

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Basil Schaller

Secretary General of the International Board of ELSA 2022/2023

INTERNAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

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Outcome

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Preparation

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Outcome

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Preparation

No preparation is required.

INTERNAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Monday, 27th of March 2023*10:00 – 11:00***(INTER-)NATIONAL UPDATE****Description**

Participants will start the LXXXIII Council Meeting by receiving an update on what has been going on at the international level. Following this, participants will have a chance to summarise their own Activity Reports.

Outcome

An update on what has been happening within the Network and getting to know each other better.

Preparation

Be prepared to briefly present what you have been doing for the past few months.

*11:00 – 13:00***OBSERVERSHIP APPLICATION (JOINT WITH BEE)****Description**

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Outcome

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Preparation

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*14:00 – 14:30***SOTN****Description**

During this workshop, the results of the 34th SotN Inquiry will be presented.

Outcome

To update participants on the 33rd State of the Network results.

Preparation

None.

INTERNAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

14:30 – 16:00

STATUTORY PROPOSALS**Description**

During this workshop, we will discuss the proposals regarding the Statutes of ELSA.

Outcome

The Workshop provides a recommendation to the International Council relating to the Statutes proposals.

Preparation

Read Proposals No. 1 - 9 and prepare questions or amendments.

Please note that amendments to Statutory Proposals need to be sent in writing at least 14 days before the Opening of the International Council Meeting!

16:30 – 19:00

SO AND DB PROPOSALS 1**Description**

During this workshop, we will discuss the proposals regarding the Statutes and Standing Orders of ELSA and the proposals regarding the Internal Management part of the International Council Meeting Decision Book.

Outcome

The Workshop provides a recommendation to the International Council regarding the IM Proposals.

Preparation

Read Proposals No. 10 - 16, 19 - 21, 23, 25, 32 - 36.

INTERNAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Tuesday, 28th of March 2023*14:00 – 16:00***SO AND DB PROPOSALS 2****Description**

During this workshop, we will discuss the proposals regarding the Statutes and Standing Orders of ELSA and the proposals regarding the Internal Management part of the International Council Meeting Decision Book.

Outcome

The Workshop provides a recommendation to the International Council regarding the IM Proposals.

Preparation

Read Proposals No. 10 - 16, 19 - 21, 23, 25, 32 - 36.

*16:30 – 19:00***INTERNATIONAL INTERNAL MEETINGS****Description**

Following the first in-person editions of the shortened autumn ICM and the first in-person ISM, as well as the mixed experiences and feedback gathered after the second ITM, we will gather further feedback and discuss potential improvements to these meetings.

Outcome

Think about the mentioned IIMs and how you would like them to be.

Preparation

None.

INTERNAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Thursday, 30th of March 2023

14:00 – 17:00

DATA PROTECTION (JOINT WITH S&C)

Description

As Data Protection becomes more and more important, and especially S&C projects have many potential issues with Data Protection, we will use this workshop to start improving the current situation. We will have a presentation on Data Protection in general, with a focus on S&C-specific issues, and we will discuss potential solutions to these issues and how IMers can help with this.

Outcome

Strengthen the knowledge of Data Protection, with a specific focus on S&C projects.

Preparation

Think about where what, and how Data is collected and processed within S&C projects.

INTERNAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Friday, 31st of March 2023*11:00 – 13:00***HUMAN RESOURCES****Description**

In this workshop, we will talk about the different projects ELSA International has been working on and is currently implementing in Human Resources, such as the ELSA Skills Academy and the ELSA Awards. Further, we will present and discuss the draft of the new HR Handbook.

Outcome

Gather feedback and input from the workshop on different HR-related topics.

Preparation

None.

*14:00 – 15:30***CANDIDACY' WORKSHOP****Description**

During this workshop, the candidate(s) for the position of Secretary General of the International Board of ELSA 2023/2024 will have the chance to present themselves and answer questions raised by the workshop.

Outcome

IM Officers know the candidate(s) for the position of Secretary General of the International Board of ELSA 2023/2024 and their action plans, and thus can provide an informed recommendation to their National Group.

Preparation

Read the candidacy materials of the candidate(s) for the position of Secretary General of the International Board of ELSA 2023/2024 and prepare questions.

*15:30 – 17:00***CODE OF CONDUCT****Description**

During this Workshop, we will discuss and evaluate the current Code of Conduct as well as work on improvements, mainly for the procedures set out in, and enforcement of, the CoC.

Outcome

The Workshop provides input for the improvement of the CoC.

Preparation

Read the current CoC carefully [here](#) and think about potential solutions to issues you find with it.

17:00 – 18:00

MISCELLANEOUS**Description**

During this workshop, we will discuss any topics that have not yet been addressed.

Outcome

Discuss any topics we did not have time to address or that were not brought up.

Preparation

None.

18:00 – 19:00

CLOSING**Description**

This workshop will officially close IM workshops of the 83rd International Council Meeting Malta. We will share feedback and say our goodbyes.

Outcome

Try not to cry.

Preparation

None.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

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Timetable

	26th March	27th March	28th March	29th March	30th March	31st March	1st April	2nd April	
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
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09:30		Breakfast							
10:00		(Inter)national update	Sightseeing	Mid Plenary	Sponsors' Conference	Interim Accounts (joint BEE)	Final Plenary	Departures	
10:30		I have no idea what's going on, but I am excited (Joint PD)							
11:00									
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12:00									
12:30									
13:00		Lunch							
13:30		Lunch							
14:00		EDF Statutes proposal WS	ELSA proposals	Mid Plenary	EDF - Whats next?	Candidacy	Final Plenary		
14:30					SotN				
15:00		LoA	Break		Break	Give Me the Money! - Joint AA/C			Auditing - What does it mean (joint BEE)
15:30			Break		Break				
16:00		Opening Plenary	EDF SO proposal WS		Budgets	Free time			What about the future?
16:30									
17:00	Break		Break		Reporting Time				
17:30									Transportation
18:00	FMers as a best friend (Joint S&C)	Call in the reserves	Reporting Time	Reporting Time					
18:30									
19:00	Opening	Reporting Time	Reporting Time	Reporting Time	Reporting Time				
19:30									
20:00	Officers	Dinner			Gala Ball	Dinner			
20:30	HoD	Dinner				Dinner			
21:00	Dinner	Dinner				Dinner			
21:30		Socials				ELSA Vision	Socials		

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Preparation and Reminders

In order to actively participate and contribute to the Workshops, please, do not forget to:

- Read these Working Materials cover to cover;
- Read relevant parts of the [Statutes and Standing Orders](#);
- Read relevant parts of the [International Council Meeting Decision Book, 59th Edition](#);
- Read the [One Year Operational Plan](#) of the International Board of ELSA 2022/2023;
- Review the revision of the budget, proposed budget for the term 2023/2024 and EDF budget for the term 2023/2024 which can be found in Annex 5-7 of these Working Materials.
- Bring your ELSA spirit, share your thoughts and suggestions, and leave your personal touch at the LXXXIII International Council Meeting Malta!

Please read the aforementioned documents carefully. This is of great importance for the discussions and the outcome of the Workshop sessions.

Last but not least, please read the following draft agenda carefully and make notes on the issues that you would like to address during each workshop. If you wish to bring up topics that are not included in the agenda, please note them down, and we will discuss them during the last session. Should you need any clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact the Treasurer of the International Board at treasurer@elsa.org.

To access most of the documents above, you require the username and password.

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Lastly, do not forget to bring your national/local sweets and/or drinks to share with the Workshop.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our FM Workshop!



Mikko Laitinen

Treasurer of the International Board of ELSA 2022/2023

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Draft Agenda**Sunday, 26th of March 2023***19:00 – 20:00***OPENING WORKSHOP****Description**

During the Opening Workshop, we will elect the Workshop Officers. We will also present and approve the agenda as well as set the rules for our workshop.

Outcome

Election of Workshop Officers, approval of the Agenda and drafting of Workshop Rules. Getting to know other officers.

Preparation

None.

*20:00 – 20:30***OFFICERS AND FRESHERS' WORKSHOPS****Description**

During this Workshop, participants elected to be the Officers will be prepared for their tasks during the week.

Outcome

Enable Workshop Officers to undertake their tasks.

Preparation

None.

*20:30 – 21:00***HEAD OF DELEGATION'S MEETING****Description**

The Heads of Delegation are the main communication channel between the International Board and the National Group. The meeting of the Heads of Delegation will provide you with all the important and useful information.

Outcome

Heads of Delegation understand their tasks and responsibilities for the upcoming week.

Preparation

No preparation is required.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Monday, 27th of March 2023*10:00 – 11:00***(INTER)NATIONAL UPDATE****Description**

In this workshop, we will present the Activity Report of ELSA International, as well as activities of the National Groups.

Outcome

Understand the different realities of the FM area throughout the Network.

Preparation

Be prepared to present your activity report. If you want to, you can also prepare a presentation to support it.

*11:00 – 13:00***I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT I AM EXCITED (JOINT WITH PD)****Description**

Since multiple years, we have been talking about the sustainability of the Professional Development area, and in particular, ELSA Traineeships. A lot of talks, and a lot of workshops, but never any conclusions. This is the moment to finalise these discussions and talk about concrete solutions for ELSA Traineeships!

Outcome

The participants will have discussions about the financial sustainability of ELSA Traineeships, as well as the minimum remuneration for Traineeships. They will brainstorm and give their opinion on solutions proposed by ELSA International.

Preparation

Read proposal No. 6.

Think about solutions to fix the financial problems of ELSA Traineeships.

*14:00-15:00***EDF STATUTES - PROPOSAL WORKSHOP****Description**

During this workshop, we will discuss and give recommendations to the International Council concerning the advice requested by the Board of Directors in changing the Statutes of the ELSA Development Foundation.

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Outcome

Recommendation to the Council regarding the advice requested by the Board of Directors

Preparation

Read proposal No 57. Prepare concrete amendments if you have any, and where possible, discuss them with the Workshop Chairs/International Board beforehand. This will allow the Workshop to go much faster and more efficiently.

15:30-17:30

EDF STANDING ORDERS - PROPOSAL WORKSHOP**Description**

During this workshop, we will discuss and give recommendations to the International Council concerning the advice requested by the Board of Directors in changing the Standing Orders of the ELSA Development Foundation.

Outcome

Recommendation to the Council regarding the advice requested by the Board of Directors

Preparation

Read proposals No 58 - 60. Prepare concrete amendments if you have any, and where possible, discuss them with the Workshop Chairs/International Board beforehand. This will allow the Workshop to go much faster and more efficiently.

18:00 – 19:00

FMERS AS YOUR BEST FRIENDS (JOINT WITH S&C)**Description**

The importance of collaboration between the Treasurer and Vice President in charge of Seminars and Conferences is very important. Knowing that almost every S&C project organisation consists of planning finances and budget of the project, we need to emphasise collaboration between those two areas of ELSA.

Outcome

Participants of this workshop will deepen their knowledge of how to collaborate effectively and how to ease the workload of both areas as much as possible.

Preparation

None.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Tuesday, 28th of March 2023*14:00-15:30***ELSA PROPOSAL****Description**

During this workshop, we will discuss and give recommendations to the International Council concerning all FM-related proposals to amend current regulations.

Outcome

Recommendation to the Council in regard to the FM proposals.

Preparation

Read proposals No. 17 - 18, 37 - 38 carefully. Prepare concrete amendments if you have any, and where possible, discuss them with the Workshop Chairs/International Board beforehand. This will allow the Workshop to go much faster and more efficiently.

*16:00 – 17:30***BUDGETS****Description**

During this workshop, we will discuss and give recommendations to the International Council concerning the revision of the Budget of ELSA International for the term 2022/2023 and the proposed budgets for ELSA International and ELSA Development Foundation for the term 2023/2024.

Outcome

Recommendation to the Council in regard to the Budget proposals.

Preparation

Read Annexes 5-7 carefully. Prepare concrete amendments if you have any, and where possible, discuss them with the Workshop Chairs/International Board beforehand. This will allow the Workshop to go much faster and more efficiently.

*18:00 - 19:00***CALL IN THE RESERVES****Description**

In this workshop, we will update the networks on the works of the Working Group on Reserve Management Strategy, and we will brainstorm on some of the topics we want to include in the new Reserve Management Strategy of ELSA International

Outcome

Recommendation to the Council in regards to the Reserve Management Strategy.

Preparation

Read pages [147-148](#) of the minutes of ICM Dubrovnik carefully.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Thursday, 30th of March 2023*14:00-15:00***EDF - WHATS NEXT****Description**

In this workshop, we will discuss the next steps for the ELSA Development foundation, pending the decisions of the International Council on Wednesday.

Outcome

Clear roadmap on how the Foundation will move forward during the rest of the term and how the possible changes will be implemented.

Preparation

None.

*15:00-15:30***STATE OF THE NETWORK****Description**

In this workshop, we will discuss the results of the FM Section of the State of the Network enquiry.

Outcome

Understand the different realities of the FM area throughout the Network

Preparation

None.

*16:00-17:00***GIVE ME THE MONEY! (JOINT WITH AA/C)****Description**

In this workshop, we will discuss the financial management of Competitions, analysing, in particular, the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition and the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition.

Outcome

Understand the financial potential of competitions.

Preparation

Be prepared to share your national experience in the organisation of legal competitions.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Friday, 31st of March 2023*10:00 – 13:00***INTERIM ACCOUNTS (JOINT WITH BEE)****Description**

In this workshop, the Treasurer of the International Board of ELSA will present the Interim Accounts of ELSA International 2022/2023 and the ELSA Development Foundation 2022/2023. The Auditors will provide their statements on the Interim Accounts.

Outcome

Understand the financial situation of the Association.

Preparation

Read the Interim Accounts reports and be prepared to ask any questions regarding this financial evaluation.

*14:00 – 15:30***CANDIDACY WORKSHOP****Description**

During this workshop, the candidate(s) for the position of Treasurer of the International Board of ELSA 2023/2024 will have the chance to present themselves and answer questions raised by the workshop.

Outcome

FM Officers know the candidate(s) for the position of Treasurer of the International Board of ELSA 2023/2024, and their action plans, and thus can provide an informed recommendation to their National Group.

Preparation

Read the candidacy materials of the candidate(s) for the position of Treasurer of the International Board of ELSA 2023/2024 and prepare questions.

*15:30-17:00***AUDITING - WHAT DOES IT MEAN (JOINT WITH BEE)****Description**

The aim of this workshop is to give an outlook on what it means to be an auditor in an ELSA group. What are the general responsibilities of the Auditor, and how can the auditor support the National board in their efforts.

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Outcome

This session will give you tools to continue on your ELSA path as maybe an auditor in your ELSA Network.

Preparations

None.

17:00-18:30

WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE?**Description**

In this workshop, we will have the opportunity to analyse different transition strategies in order to ensure a proper knowledge transfer. We will go through all the information that needs to be communicated to our successors to prepare the next Treasurers of the Network and ensure the quality standards of our work.

Outcome

To give information about transition structure and the best practices and ideas to share this knowledge.

Preparations

None.

18:30 – 19:00

THIS IS THE END**Description**

Last workshop of the term. It is finally here.

Outcome

Reflect on the term and say our goodbyes.

Preparation

None.

MARKETING WORKSHOP

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11:00		Balance 101				The Spirit is in Full Force with Us			
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13:30		Lunch							
14:00		LoA	Borderline Freedom with the Brand Book	Template Academy	Mid Plenary	Plead It, Market It - Joint with AA/C	Candidacy Workshop		Final Plenary
14:30			Teasers? Ace It! 2.0			IFP: New Topic, New Life - Joint with S&C and AA/C	Synergy but make it a Blog		
15:00		PR Strategising - Joint with BEE		Proposal Workshop	Free time				Miscellaneous & Closing
15:30			Opening Plenary			Reporting Time	Reporting Time		
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MARKETING WORKSHOP

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It is my pleasure to welcome you to the MKT Workshop!

Inês Gonçalves

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Vice President in charge of Marketing of the International Board of ELSA 2022/2023

MARKETING WORKSHOP

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Outcome

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Preparation

None.

*20:00 – 20:30***OFFICERS AND FRESHERS' WORKSHOPS****Description**

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Outcome

Enable Workshop Officers to undertake their task.

Preparation

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Outcome

Heads of Delegation understand their tasks and responsibilities for the upcoming week.

Preparation

No preparation is required.

MARKETING WORKSHOP

Monday, 27th of March 2023*10:00 – 11:30***UP TO DATE: IB & NATIONAL/LOCAL****Description**

We will have an update on the work of the International Board of ELSA up to this date. Next, we ask you to present your National and Local groups and if you have any achievements you accomplished or any challenges you have faced so far.

Outcome

The latest updates on the Marketing area and life in the ELSA House in Brussels are shared, as well as the status update on the situation of the Network, followed by guidelines on how to solve problems related to Marketing on the Local and National levels.

Preparation

Prepare to ask any questions you might have about the work of the IB from August till the ICM and to share your marketing experiences and promotional materials, which you have been using if you have any!

*11:30 – 13:00***BALANCE 101****Description**

Maintaining a balanced schedule while being an ELSA Officer can be hard at times. In this WS, we'll talk a bit about how we can prioritise balance. We'll share some of the highlights of our term thus far and some of the biggest challenges that we had to face.

Outcome

We'll talk about some useful techniques and tools that helped us achieve the best results, ensuring the well-being of the Officer, and evaluate the things that could be done in a different way.

Preparation

Reflect on the difficulties you faced so far and the mechanisms you have found to overcome them.

MARKETING WORKSHOP

14:00 – 15:00

BORDERLINE FREEDOM WITH THE BRAND BOOK**Description**

The Brand Book contains the Brand of ELSA and its defining characteristics. It is the binding user manual for ELSA members that identifies the identity elements of ELSA. It is a document familiar to most of the Marketeers, but there are some important borderlines concerning freedom of design that will be explored in this Workshop.

Outcome

To deepen the knowledge of the ELSA Brand, to know in detail how to use the Brand as well as to be able to draw the line of compliance when it comes to designing content.

Preparation

Re-read the [Brand Book](#) carefully to familiarise yourself with the details of it.

15:00 – 17:00

TEASERS? ACE IT! 2.0**Description**

In this WS, we'll have the chance to work a bit more on our video editing and audiovisual design skills, using simple and accessible platforms, such as Canva, to create quick, modern and eye-catching videos to add to our promotional strategies.

Outcome

Make sure you have Canva accessible to you and that you're familiar with its interface.

Preparation

To be able to create a quick, modern and eye-catching video for the promotion of a big project.

17:00 – 19:00

PR STRATEGISING (JOINT WITH BEE)**Description**

BEE is in charge of External Relations, to find steady and mutually beneficial partnerships. On the other hand, the matter of Public Relations is inherently connected to the Marketing Area, that is responsible for is to ensure the good image of the Association and strategising about how to achieve it, namely through PR Strategies.

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Outcome

To be able to tread the lines where these two Areas meet concerning PR and see how to develop an effective working synergy.

Preparation

Compile a small portfolio of what your National/Local Group does when it comes to PR.

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Tuesday, 28th of March 2023

14:00 – 16:00

TEMPLATE ACADEMY

Description

Is this WS, we'll have the opportunity to discuss the matter of graphic design, share our thoughts on the different marketing and design styles that can be used to brand a project and exchange some of our favourite and most used graphic design recourses. In the second part of the WS, we'll go more practical, and with the help from Canva, we'll create the basic branding of a project from scratch.

Outcome

To be able to create the basic branding of a project from scratch.

Preparation

Make sure you have Canva accessible to you and that you're familiar with its interface.

16:00 – 17:30

IFP: NEW TOPIC, NEW LIFE (JOINT WITH S&C AND AA/C)

Description

With a new topic comes not only a new Outline but also a new brand, which this Workshop intends to showcase. Furthermore, this Workshop is dedicated to discussing and voting on the recommendation of Proposals No. 55 and 61 for the Marketing Area.

Outcome

To publicise the new Outline and new Brand of the new topic of the IFP and to brainstorm about the development of the project.

Preparation

Read Proposals No. 55 and 61 carefully prior to the Workshop.

17:30 – 19:00

PROPOSAL WORKSHOP

Description

This Workshop is dedicated to discussing and voting on Proposal No. 56 for the Marketing Area.

Outcome

Marketing Proposals will be discussed and commented on by the participants.

MARKETING WORKSHOP

Preparation

Read through proposal No. 56 carefully prior to the Workshop.

MARKETING WORKSHOP

Thursday, 30th of March 2023*14:00 – 15:30***PLEAD IT, MARKET IT (JOINT WITH AA/C)****Description**

Competitions are some of the biggest and most well-known projects of our network. Both on the national and international level, organising a successful and memorable competition comes with many challenges - that's why it's important to be well-prepared with the materials and set out a structured calendar.

Outcome

In this WS, we'll share our past experiences from promoting a legal competition, some good practices that we've found effective and become more aware of how to coordinate the Marketing Strategy of a competition-related event.

Preparation

Compile a small portfolio of your National/Local competition and present its foundation/branding to the rest of the group.

*15:30 – 17:00***SYNERGY BUT MAKE IT A BLOG****Description**

Synergy is ELSA members' online platform that covers activities of ELSA across National and Local Groups as well as external co-operations of ELSA International. Previously existent in the form of a magazine, Synergy is now a blog. This allows for multiple types of posts and different usage interface possibilities.

Outcome

To explore the new platform, publicise the possibility of submission of articles, and brainstorm about future content and features of the blog.

Preparation

None.

MARKETING WORKSHOP

Friday, 31st of March 2023

11:30 – 13:00

THE SPIRIT IS IN FULL FORCE WITH US

Description

Even in some of the hardest of times, our Association has always been distinguished by its strong spirit and the remarkable sense of belonging that it provides. During this WS, we'll discuss ways to further build, cultivate and invest in our spirit within the network while passing the torch to the next generation.

Outcome

Learn about how to pass knowledge to our successors through a well-sketched transition.

Preparation

Reflect on your own transition and on what you would like to keep and improve for the future.

14:00 – 15:30

CANDIDACY WORKSHOP

Description

During this workshop, the candidate(s) for the position of Vice President in charge of Marketing of the International Board of ELSA 2023/2024 will have the chance to present themselves and to answer questions raised by the workshop.

Outcome

MKT Officers know the candidate(s) for the position of Vice President in charge of Marketing of the International Board of ELSA 2023/2024, their action plans, and thus can provide an informed recommendation to their National Group.

Preparation

Read the candidacy materials of the candidate(s) for the position of Vice President in charge of Marketing of the International Board of ELSA 2023/2024 and prepare questions.

15:30 – 17:00

MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN: ELR X SYNERGY (JOINT WITH AA/C)

Description

Synergy, an ELSA members' platform covering activities of ELSA across National and Local Groups as well as external co-operations of ELSA International, is now a blog. ELSA Law Review also has a blog containing publications on multiple topics. In this Workshop, we will discuss the possible benefits of symbiosis between these two platforms.

MARKETING WORKSHOP

Outcome

To serve as a forum for debate on the fuse of Synergy and ELR Blog.

Preparation

Check out the [Synergy Blog](#) and [ELR Blog](#).

17:00 – 19:00

MISCELLANEOUS & CLOSING**Description**

This will be our last Workshop together. The Workshop will offer opportunities for feedback and sweet goodbyes. This is also the time to share your favourite memories of the term and for an emotional farewell.

Outcome

Feedback for ELSA International to improve and an appropriate end to our time together.

Preparation

None.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES & COMPETITIONS WORKSHOP

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10:30		Please Rise: Regional Rounds							
11:00		Love Will Tear Us Apart: AA/C Relationship							Relight my Fire: Legal Writing
11:30									
12:00		Lunch							
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13:30		Lunch							
14:00		LoA	Temptation: Human Rights and Advocacy	IFP - Joint with S&C	Mid Plenary	Plead It, Market It - Joint with MKT	High Hopes: Candidacy WS		
14:30			Break						Break
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15:30									Break
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It is our pleasure to welcome you to the AA & C Workshop!



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ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES & COMPETITIONS WORKSHOP

Draft Agenda**Sunday, 26th of March 2023***19:00 – 20:00***OPENING WORKSHOP****Description**

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Outcome

Election of Workshop Officers, approval of the Agenda and drafting of Workshop Rules. Getting to know other officers.

Preparation

None.

*20:00 – 20:30***OFFICERS AND FRESHERS' WORKSHOPS****Description**

During this Workshop, participants elected to be the Officers will be prepared for their tasks during the week.

Outcome

Enable Workshop Officers to undertake their task.

Preparation

None.

*20:30 – 21:00***HEAD OF DELEGATION'S MEETING****Description**

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Outcome

Heads of Delegation understand their tasks and responsibilities for the upcoming week.

Preparation

No preparation is required.

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Monday, 27th of March 2023*10:00 – 10:30***OHNE MEIN TEAM: TEAM BUILDING****Description**

During this workshop, we will work on getting to know one another better.

Outcome

Understand the different challenges that Officers might run into when organising a project.

Preparation

None.

*10:30 – 12:00***LOVE WILL TEAR US APART: AA/C RELATIONSHIP****Description**

Having a Key Area in crime to depend on is both a blessing and a curse! In this workshop, we will pay attention to the relationship between Academic Activities and Competitions, and how to take a durable approach to make the areas less interdependent from our term onwards.

Outcome

Be aware of what both areas entail. Have an approach in mind to make them more autonomous. Provide the recommendation of the workshop to the International Council for Proposals 40 and 43.

Preparation

Read Proposal No. 40 and 43. Please investigate the possibility of appointing both an Officer for Academic Activities and for Competition within your National Board and how to include Local Groups in this step.

*12:00 – 13:00***PLEASE RISE: REGIONAL ROUNDS****Description**

Two of our Flagship projects fall under the Competitions area - The Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition and The John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition. The organisation of the Regional

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Rounds of these competitions include National Groups and Local Groups directly. To ensure that National and Local Groups get a better idea of the collaboration on these projects, we shall discuss what it takes to organise a Regional Round in this workshop.

Outcome

To encourage interest in hosting Regional Rounds of both moot courts and that those that are interested are aware of the scope of the event.

Preparation

Read the Regional Round handbook for the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition and the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition that will be made available on the Officers Portal from the 6th of March.

14:00 – 15:30

START ME UP: RULE OF LAW EDUCATION CAMPAIGN**Description**

During this workshop, we will start with a round of updates addressing the implementation of ROLE and ELSA4Schools. We will discuss how ROLE is reflected in the regulations and the related proposal.

Outcome

Update on national ROLE implementations and vote on the recommendation of the related proposals.

Preparation

Read Proposal No. 40-41. Prepare a short update on how you are organising ROLE or ELSA4Schools in your Group, addressing any issues you may face. Read the relevant Chapter in the ICM Decision Book.

16:00 – 17:30

TEMPTATION: HUMAN RIGHTS AND ADVOCACY**Description**

In this workshop, we will discuss the human rights dedication. More specifically to the Academic Activities Area, we will investigate the structure and impact of the Annual Human Rights Campaign. We will discuss what National and Local initiatives have been set up and

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Outcome

Updates on National and Local initiatives. Feedback on the Annual Human Rights Campaign. Vote on the recommendations of the relevant proposal.

Preparation

Read Proposal No 24 and 42. Prepare a short update on National and Local events. Read the relevant parts of the ICM Decision Book on Human Rights, both in the General Part and the Academic Activities Part.

17:30 – 19:00

IT AIN'T OVER YET!: EVALUATION**Description**

An important part of every person's work - be it projects or positions in general - is evaluation. Therefore, this workshop will focus on how to ensure that you get the most out of your post-event evaluations and how you can use this to improve upon future projects. We will also have time to discuss the year so far and how we plan to wrap up the year in our current positions.

Outcome

Knowing how to cater your evaluation to your project and goals. Reflecting upon your work as an Officer and the work you have done, to use for the rest of the term and to help your successor.

Preparation

Reflect upon your year so far: what has been good, and what can be improved upon? Do you usually conduct evaluations after the events you organise? Why or why not?

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Tuesday, 28th of March 2023*14:00 – 15:30***THE CHAIN: IFP AND ADVOCACY (JOINT WITH S&C)****Description**

During this workshop, we will go through the structure of the International Focus Programme. We will take a moment to go through the new Outline and investigate what role advocacy plays within the IFP.

Outcome

Participants of this workshop will have a clear understanding of the IFP structure and Outline and understand the relationship between IFP and advocacy.

Preparation

Read the parts of the International Council Meeting Decision Book related to the International Focus Programme. Reflect upon how the IFP can be used to advocate.

*16:00 – 17:30***IFP: NEW TOPIC, NEW LIFE (JOINT WITH S&C AND MKT)****Description**

With a new topic comes not only a new Outline but also a new brand, which this Workshop intends to showcase. Furthermore, this Workshop is dedicated to discussing and voting on the recommendation of Proposals No. 55 and 61 for the Marketing Area.

Outcome

To publicise the new Outline and new Brand of the new topic of the IFP and to brainstorm about the development of the project.

Preparation

Read Proposals No. 55 and 61 carefully prior to the Workshop.

*17:30 – 19:00***COUNCIL OF EUROPE (JOINT WITH BEE)****Description**

In this workshop, we will give the floor to the Council of Europe, one of our most important partners.

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Outcome

Having a better understanding of the Council of Europe and its activities.

Preparation

None.

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Thursday, 30th of March 2023*14:00 – 15:30***PLEAD IT, MARKET IT (JOINT MKT)****Description**

Competitions are some of the biggest and most well-known projects of our network. Both on the national and international level, organising a successful and memorable competition comes with a great deal of challenges - that's why it's important to be well-prepared with the materials and set out a structured calendar.

Outcome

In this WS, we'll share our past experiences from promoting a legal competition, some good practices that we've found effective and become more aware of how to coordinate the Marketing Strategy of a competition-related event.

Preparation

Compile a small portfolio of your National/Local competition and present its foundation/branding to the rest of the group.

*16:00 – 17:00***GIVE ME THE MONEY! (JOINT WITH FM)****Description**

The way in which a project is realised is strongly linked to the preparation of how it is supposed to be funded. In this workshop, we will investigate how projects and project management is always closely linked to funding.

Outcome

Having a better understanding of the role of funding before, during and after projects.
Understanding how to support the needs of Key Areas in project management.

Preparation

Prepare a short presentation on the current status of the Academic Activities and Moot Court/Competitions area in your National Group.

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Friday, 31st of March 2023*11:30 – 13:00***RELIGHT MY FIRE: LEGAL WRITING****Description**

In this workshop, we will investigate the progress of Legal Writing projects within the Network. We will reflect on the changing role of legal writing from a law student's perspective and on the supporting materials.

Outcome

Updates on Legal Writing projects and their output. Reflection on Legal Writing projects and their supporting materials.

Preparation

Prepare a short update on your Legal Writing projects. Reflect on what support the supporting materials offer you in the organisation of your Legal writing projects.

*14:00 – 15:30***HIGH HOPES: CANDIDACY WORKSHOP****Description**

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Outcome

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Preparation

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MISCELLANEOUS**Description**

A chance to catch up on anything we missed. We will use this workshop to give more attention to specific points we could not discuss before. Also, here, you can raise awareness of certain topics you think were not sufficiently discussed.

Outcome

Discuss topics that were postponed or raise awareness to specific underdeveloped points of the ICM.

Preparation

None.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

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Let's catch up! What did you do during this first part of the year? How did you feel about your events? How did you overcome your challenges? What is next for you to do? This is the moment to share with us your achievements and your failures to celebrate you and help you! This is a safe place, we are a family, we are already proud of each other!

Outcome

Discussion about the achievements of the Officers until now in their respective ELSA Groups.

Preparation

Think about what you accomplished and be ready to present it to the participants.

*11:00 – 13:00***I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT I AM EXCITED (JOINT WITH FM)****Description**

For multiple years, we have been talking about the sustainability of the Professional Development area, and in particular, ELSA Traineeships. A lot of talks, and a lot of workshops, but never any conclusions. This is the moment to finalise these discussions and talk about concrete solutions for ELSA Traineeships!

Outcome

The participants will have discussions about the financial sustainability of ELSA Traineeships, as well as the minimum remuneration for Traineeships. They will brainstorm and give their opinion on solutions proposed by ELSA International.

Preparation

Read proposal No. 46,

Think about solutions to fix the financial problems of ELSA Traineeships.

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14:00 – 15:30

THE ONE WITH THE CREEPY HOLIDAY CARD**Description**

We have been discussing Reception a lot this year. With the ELSA International Team, we brainstormed a lot on the new responsibilities of ELSA Groups and on helping Officers and Trainees in the best way during Reception.

Outcome

Participants will discover the new Reception guidelines and discuss how to organise Reception from now on.

Preparation

None.

15:30 – 16:30

THE ONE WITH THE TRUTH ABOUT LONDON**Description**

During the LXXXII ICM Dubrovnik, I asked you per group to work on guideline ideas for National Traineeship Programmes. This is a moment to take a look at the guidelines which ELSA International has worked on and give us your feedback.

Outcome

Discussion about the guidelines for National Traineeship Programmes.

Preparation

None.

16:30 – 17:30

THE ONE WITH THE WORST BEST MAN EVER**Description**

To know how we can improve ELSA Traineeships and our work as Officers, we need to know how the Trainees perceive the Traineeships Programme and us. We will take a look at some Evaluation Forms from Officers and Traineeship Providers and make a list of things we can work on.

Outcome

Discussion about the experience of Trainees and Traineeship Providers.

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Preparation

None.

17:30 – 18:30

THE ONE WITH THE EMBRYOS**Description**

In this Workshop, we will talk about our Professional Development area, ELSA, and everything related to our Association. It is time to see if you really know everything about it. Indeed, knowledge management in ELSA, especially in Professional Development, is essential to do a good job.

Outcome

Discussion about knowledge.

Preparation

None.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Tuesday, 28th March 2023*14:00 – 15:00***THE ONE WITH THE CHICK AND THE DUCK****Description**

We have been talking a lot about websites and platforms these past few years. This time, it will not be about finding a new perfect IT provider but about asking you, “what do you want to see?”. As Officers using both, it is important that the platforms look the way you want and that they have the functionalities you think necessary for the projects of our area.

Outcome

Discussion about aesthetics and functionalities of the websites and platforms used in Professional Development.

Preparation

None.

*15:00 – 16:30***THE ONE WHERE EVERYBODY FINDS OUT****Description**

New guidelines, you said? Changes, you said? We are not ready. But our area is! It is time to explain to you the updated Verification and Matching guidelines on which ELSA International worked. Tell us what you think and how we can update them even more!

Outcome

Participants will discover the new guidelines for Verification and Matching.

Preparation

None.

*16:30 – 18:00***THE ONE WHERE NO ONE IS READY****Description**

We need to talk. Scary? It shouldn't be! We will talk about the first cycle of ELSA Traineeships and the responsibilities of Officers in their tasks. ELSA International will also give feedback on the way officers worked and give them advice for the next cycle. Finally, we will see how we can improve the contact between Officers, Traineeship Providers, and Trainees.

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Outcome

Discussion about responsibilities of ELSA Officers during ELSA Traineeships.

Preparation

None.

18:00 – 19:00

THE ONE WHERE NO ONE PROPOSES**Description**

It is time for proposals time! Let's talk about the proposals for the Professional Development area and vote on them!

Outcome

Discussion about the proposals for the Professional Development area.

Preparation

Read proposals No. 44 - 45.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Thursday, 30th March 2023*14:00 – 15:00***THE ONE WITH TWO PARTS****Description**

ELSA Traineeships is a big part of our area. It is also one of the oldest projects of ELSA. It has been alone in the area for many years, which makes it difficult to put something else next to it. Since the Professional Development reform, we have been creating new projects, new structures and new ways of working. But, is everything balanced? And if not, how can we make it better?

Outcome

Discussion about balancing ELSA Traineeships and Professional Development events.

Preparation

None.

*15:00 – 16:00***THE ONE THAT COULD HAVE BEEN****Description**

During the LXXXII ICM Dubrovnik, ELSA International presented a new project: Legal Tandem. We presented the idea, we gathered some opinions, and we sent a survey. But now, it is the time to go deeper into it and talk about its implementation in the Network.

Outcome

Discussion about Legal Tandem, its implementation and the next steps in the project.

Preparation

None.

*16:00 – 17:00***THE ONE WITH THE MORNING AFTER****Description**

The third edition of Career Launch is over and has been successful! During multiple months, the Professional Development Team of ELSA International has worked very hard to create a structure that would last and to improve the way this project is organised. It is time to have your feedback and to see where this project is going!

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Outcome

Discussion about the last edition of Career Launch and the future of this project.

Preparation

None.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Friday, 31st March 2023

10:00 – 11:00

THE ONE WITH RACHEL'S GOING AWAY PARTY**Description**

It's almost the end of the year... But, it's not there yet! What is left to be achieved? What do the following months look like? What will be completed before the end of the year?

Outcome

Discussion about the months to come and the deadlines to respect.

Preparation

None.

11:00 – 13:00

THE ONE AFTER "I DO"**Description**

Transition is the most important moment of the year. You explain everything to your successor, you give them all the access they need on the platform, and you brainstorm with them about their year. But it is crucial to transfer all the knowledge that you have and to help them prepare their term in the best way.

Outcome

Discussion about the Transition process.

Preparation

None.

14:00 – 15:30

CANDIDACY WORKSHOP**Description**

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Preparation

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15:30 – 17:30

THE ONE WHERE THEY ALL TURN THIRTY**Description**

Our area has evolved in multiple ways throughout the years. All the Officers of this area brought their little piece, their changes, their love to the ELSA Family. It is time to talk about these legends, and their achievements, and listen to their stories in order to set up the next goals for Professional Development.

Outcome

Participants will learn about the development of the area, and its history and talk with previous Officers. Goals for the next years will be set up and discussed.

Preparation

Think about the future of our area.

17:30 – 18:00

THE ONE WHERE ROSS AND RACHEL TAKE A BREAK**Description**

After a long year and a lot of hours of work, this is the moment to give feedback about the year that has passed and to talk about what has worked well and what needs to be improved for the rest of the term, as well as the next terms to come.

Outcome

Participants give their feedback about this term's achievements.

Preparation

None.

18:00 – 19:00

THE LAST ONE**Description**

This is it, this is the end. But the show must go on. This will be the moment of goodbyes and tears for everybody. This has been an exceptional year and therefore, it will be a heartbreaking farewell.

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Outcome

Participants say goodbye to each other and reflect on the year that has passed.

Preparation

Bring tissues.

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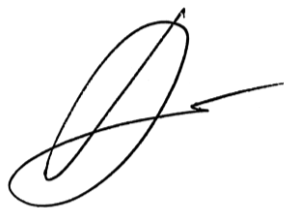
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Vice President in charge of Seminars & Conferences of the International Board of ELSA 2022/2023

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES WORKSHOP

Draft Agenda**Sunday, 26th of March 2023***19:00 – 20:00***OPENING WORKSHOP****Description**

During the Opening Workshop, we will elect the Workshop Officers. We will also present and approve the agenda as well as set the rules for our workshop.

Outcome

Election of Workshop Officers, approval of the Agenda and drafting of Workshop Rules. Getting to know other officers.

Preparation

None.

*20:00 – 20:30***OFFICERS AND FRESHERS' WORKSHOPS****Description**

During this Workshop, participants elected to be the Officers will be prepared for their tasks during the week.

Outcome

Enable Workshop Officers to undertake their tasks.

Preparation

None.

*20:30 – 21:00***HEAD OF DELEGATION'S MEETING****Description**

The Heads of Delegation are the main communication channel between the International Board and the National Group. The meeting of the Heads of Delegation will provide you with all the important and useful information.

Outcome

Heads of Delegation understand their tasks and responsibilities for the upcoming week.

Preparation

No preparation is required.

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Monday, 27th of March 2023*10:00 – 11:30***DEFINE ME****Description**

In the past couple of years, during both the International Council Meetings and S&C Open Calls, S&C Officers discussed changing the definition of the Seminars and Conferences Area. Regardless of the idea of renaming the Area, we need to also work on a suitable and more relevant definition of S&C as one of the ELSA's main fields of activity.

Outcome

S&C Officers will go over the history of defining the Area and gather knowledge on how the process of defining Key Areas happened. Also, together we will discuss the new idea for the definition of Seminars and Conferences. The workshop will provide a recommendation on Proposal No. 30 to the International Council.

Preparation

Read Proposal No. 39 and the relevant parts of the [Statutes and Standing Orders](#); and the [59th edition of the International Council Meeting Decision Book](#), especially the article concerning the definition of the Seminars and Conferences Area in the International Council Meeting Decision Book and art. 2 and 3 of the Standing Orders.

*11:30 – 13:00***ELSA DELEGATIONS****Description**

ELSA Delegations is one of the most prestigious projects of ELSA due to its specificities and the access through the special status ELSA has in different international institutions. However, the project seems quite abstract due to its coordination mostly handled by ELSA International. During this workshop, we will continue the discussion we started at the 82nd ICM Dubrovnik on how to make ELSA Delegations closer to our members. We will also talk about further developments related to the academic preparation of ELSA Delegates.

Outcome

Participants of the workshop learn about the structure and coordination of the ELSA Delegations project and can give feedback on how to bring it closer to the members.

Preparation

Be ready to share how you promote ELSA Delegations within your National Group and how you would increase the visibility of this project. Also, think of how the academic preparation of ELSA Delegates could be further improved.

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF ELSA**Description**

The number of International Conferences of ELSA organised by the Network is increasing; hence there is a need to evaluate the future of this S&C project and its potential. Following the discussion we had at the 81st ICM Cosenza and the 82nd ICM Dubrovnik, we will talk about how to further establish and unify this project.

Outcome

The workshop participants will deepen their knowledge of ICE by evaluating its purpose and by going over the requirements of the project.

Preparation

Read the relevant minutes from [the 81st ICM Cosenza](#) and think of the reasons why the International Conferences of ELSA were excluded from the list of the flagship projects of ELSA and how we could work on their further development.

16:00 – 18:00

ELSA LAW SCHOOLS**Description**

ELSA Law Schools, as the leading educational events, are one of the network's most established and significant projects. Therefore, it is essential to train officers' skills in this respective field. During this workshop, we will go through all the necessary requirements and tools, and discuss concrete improvements for the development of ELSA Law Schools. We will also check together all the necessary documents that include regulations regarding the ELSA Law Schools.

Outcome:

The workshop participants will fully grasp the requirements needed to organise an ELSA Law School and learn where to find relevant information.

Preparation

Go through the [ELSA Law Schools Handbook](#).

18:00 – 19:00

FMERS AS YOUR BEST FRIENDS (JOINT WITH FM)**Description**

The importance of collaboration between the Treasurer and Vice President in charge of Seminars and Conferences is very important. Knowing that almost every S&C project organisation consists

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of planning finances and budget of the project, we need to emphasise collaboration between those two areas of ELSA.

Outcome

Participants of this workshop will deepen their knowledge of how to collaborate effectively and how to ease the workload of both areas as much as possible.

Preparation

None.

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Tuesday, 28th March 2023*14:00 – 15:30***THE CHAIN: IFP AND ADVOCACY (JOINT WITH AA/C)****Description**

During this workshop, we will go through the structure of the International Focus Programme. We will take a moment to go through the new Outline and investigate what role advocacy plays within the IFP.

Outcome

Participants of this workshop will have a clear understanding of the IFP structure and Outline and understand the relationship between IFP and advocacy.

Preparation

Read the parts of the International Council Meeting Decision Book related to the International Focus Programme. Reflect upon how the IFP can be used to advocate.

*16:00 – 17:30***IFP: NEW TOPIC, NEW LIFE (JOINT WITH AA/C AND MKT)****Description**

With a new topic comes not only a new Outline but also a new brand, which this Workshop intends to showcase. Furthermore, this Workshop is dedicated to discussing and voting on the recommendation of Proposals No. 55 and 61 for the Marketing Area.

Outcome

To publicise the new Outline and new Brand of the new topic of the IFP and to brainstorm about the development of the project.

Preparation

Read Proposals No. 55 and 61 carefully prior to the Workshop.

*17:30 – 19:00***PROPOSALS WORKSHOP****Description**

This Workshop is dedicated to discussing and voting on the recommendation of all the Proposals for the Seminars and Conferences Area.

Outcome

The S&C Proposals will be discussed and commented on by the participants.

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Preparation

Read proposals No. 47-54 related to S&C carefully prior to the Workshop.

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Thursday, 30th March 2023*14:00 – 17:00***DATA PROTECTION (JOINT WITH IM)****Description**

As Data Protection becomes more and more important, and especially S&C projects have many potential issues with Data Protection, we will use this workshop to start improving the current situation. We will have a presentation on Data Protection in general, with a focus on S&C-specific issues, and we will discuss potential solutions to these issues and how IMers can help with this.

Outcome

Further the knowledge on Data Protection, with a specific focus on S&C projects.

Preparation

Think about where, what and how Data is collected and processed within S&C projects.

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Friday, 31st March 2023*11:30 – 13:00***THE FUTURE OF S&C****Description**

To develop any Area of ELSA, we need to evaluate it and distinguish focus points we want to improve and develop further. Therefore during this workshop, we will discuss where we see S&C Area in future by evaluating its past and present.

Outcome

The participants of this workshop will distinguish priorities within the Area and have a clear view of how S&C should continue improving further.

Preparation

None.

*14:00 – 15:30***CANDIDACY WORKSHOP****Description**

During this workshop, the candidate(s) for the position of Vice President in charge of Seminars and Conferences of the International Board of ELSA 2023/2024 will have the chance to present themselves and to answer questions raised by the workshop.

Outcome

S&C Officers know the candidate(s) for the position of Vice President in charge of Seminars and Conferences of the International Board of ELSA 2023/2024, their action plans, and thus can provide an informed recommendation to their National Group.

Preparation

Read the candidacy materials of the candidate(s) for the position of Vice President in charge of Seminars and Conferences of the International Board of ELSA 2023/2024 and prepare questions.

*16:00 – 17:00***CALL ME CRISIS****Description**

Project managers often face crises during the organisation process or during the event is ongoing. It is important to reflect and gather knowledge from previous projects we organised and share solutions we implemented while facing the crisis. During this workshop, we will emphasise the importance of crisis management and discuss what it means in practice.

Outcome

The participants of this workshop will be given examples of crisis management and will have knowledge of how to deal with crisis situations during the events and also during the initial planning stages of their projects.

Preparation

None.

17:00 – 18:00

DORA'S GIFT

Description

This workshop is dedicated to all of us, hardworking ELSA Officers that often forget to stop, take a breath and reflect on achievements that made us proud. Physical and mental health, and general well-being are of the utmost importance for us, as individuals, but also for the social environment we are part of. Emphasising the value of balancing work and personal life

Outcome

The participants of the workshop will discuss and understand the value of well-being, physical and mental health, and the balance of work and personal life.

Preparation

None.

18:00 – 19:00

MISCELLANEOUS & CLOSING

Description

This will be our last workshop together as an S&C Team 22/23. The workshop will offer opportunities for feedback and goodbyes. This is also the time to share your favourite memories of the term and for an emotional farewell.

Outcome

Feedback for ELSA International to improve and an appropriate end to our time together.

Preparation

None.

PROPOSALS

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No. 1: Statutory amendment concerning the Members and Observers section

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

Members and Observers

Article 5 – Definitions

English Translation:

[...]

5.2 Observership

~~An national~~ organisation from any European State, with members being either ~~L~~local ~~G~~groups present at law faculties or law students and young lawyers, which supports the aims and activities of ELSA, ~~may~~ becomes an Observer National Group of ELSA (hereinafter Observer) if its application for observership is approved by the International Council with a two-thirds majority of the votes cast. The International Council is the only body of ELSA able to decide upon Observership Applications.

5.3 Membership

~~A national organisation from any European State, with members being either local groups present at law faculties or law students and young lawyers, which supports the aims and activities of ELSA and is already a~~ An Observer of ELSA, ~~may~~ becomes a Member National Group of ELSA (hereinafter Member) if its application for membership is approved by the International Council with a two-thirds majority of the votes cast. The International Council is the only body of ELSA able to decide upon Membership Applications.

[...]

Dutch Proposal:

[...]

5.2 Waarnemerschap

~~Een organisatie uit een Europese Staat~~ Nationale Groep, ~~met hetzij lokale groepen die vertegenwoordigd worden op rechtenfaculteiten, hetzij rechtenstudenten of jonge juristen als leden, waarvan de Lokale Groepen binnen een land zijn,~~ en die de doelstellingen en activiteiten van ELSA ondersteunt, ~~wordt kan~~ een waarnemende Nationale Groep van ELSA ~~worden~~ (hierna te noemen: “Waarnemer”) indien als haar aanvraag voor waarnemerschap door de Internationale

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Raad met een tweederde meerderheid van de uitgebrachte stemmen wordt goedgekeurd. Enkel de Internationale Raad neemt beslissingen over aanvragen voor Waarnemerschap.

5.3 Lidmaatschap

Een Waarnemer kan een lid van ELSA worden (hierna te noemen: het “Lid”) ~~indien als zijn haar~~ aanvraag voor lidmaatschap door de Internationale Raad met een tweederde meerderheid van ~~tweederde~~ van de uitgebrachte stemmen wordt goedgekeurd. Enkel de Internationale Raad neemt beslissingen over aanvragen voor Lidmaatschap.

[...]

Comment:

This Proposal aims to clarify the language of the articles, as well as to add the specification that ONLY the International Council can decide upon Observership and membership applications. This is needed because according to Dutch law, the International Board would otherwise also have this power.

No. 2: Statutory amendment concerning the Members and Observers section

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

Members and Observers

Article 5 – Definitions

English Translation:

[...]

5.5 Demotion

~~If a related proposal is submitted to the International Council by the International Board or a Member, the membership of another Member can be demoted to Observership with a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the International Council if that Member has not duly fulfilled its financial obligations towards ELSA and has not signed a payment agreement with ELSA on that matter for two consecutive regular International Council Meetings.~~

5.5 Demotion

A Member can only be demoted to Observer if a proposal for demotion is submitted to the International Council by the International Board or a Member and is passed by the International Council with a two-thirds majority of the votes cast. Such a proposal can only be submitted, if that Member has either:

- a. not duly fulfilled its financial obligations towards ELSA and has not signed a payment agreement with ELSA on that matter for two consecutive regular International Council Meetings; or
- b. not elected or appointed, in accordance with its national regulations, a National Board for four consecutive regular International Council Meetings; or
- c. not been represented, personally or by proxy, in four consecutive regular International Council Meetings, without good reason; or
- d. been suspended for four consecutive regular International Council Meetings; or
- e. not attained legal personality for four consecutive regular International Council Meetings after losing it and has not taken the necessary steps to regain it.

[...]

Dutch Proposal:

[...]

5.5 Degradering

~~Indien een voorstel tot degradatie is ingestuurd naar de Internationale Raad door het Internationale Bestuur of een Lid, kan het lidmaatschap van een ander Lid worden gedegradeerd naar waarnemerschap met een twee/derde meerderheid van de stemmen indien dat Lid zijn financiële~~

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~~verplichtingen jegens ELSA niet volledig na heeft gekomen en daarvoor geen betaalovereenkomst heeft getekend met ELSA vor twee achtereenvolgende Vergaderingen van de Raad.~~

5.5 Demotie

Een Lid kan enkel tot Waarnemer worden gedegradeerd indien een voorstel tot demotie dat door het Internationale Bestuur of een Lid aan de Internationale Raad is voorgelegd met één tweederde meerderheid van de uitgebrachte stemmen wordt goedgekeurd. Een voorstel tot demotie kan enkel worden ingediend als het Lid:

- a. Niet heeft voldaan aan de financiële verplichtingen jegens ELSA en voor twee achtereenvolgende Algemene Ledenvergaderingen van de Internationale Raad geen betalingsovereenkomst met ELSA heeft gesloten voor de onderhavige verplichtingen; of
- b. Voor vier achtereenvolgende Algemene Vergaderingen van de Internationale Raad geen Nationaal Bestuur heeft verkozen of aangesteld volgens de in zijn jurisdictie geldende wijze; of
- c. Voor vier achtereenvolgende Algemene Ledenvergaderingen van de Internationale Raad, zonder geldige reden niet is vertegenwoordigd, hetzij persoonlijk, hetzij door volmacht; of
- d. Voor vier achtereenvolgende Algemene Ledenvergaderingen van de Internationale Raad is geschorst; of
- e. Voor vier achtereenvolgende Algemene Ledenvergaderingen van de Internationale Raad geen rechtspersoonlijkheid bezit en niet de vereiste handelingen heeft genomen om de rechtspersoonlijkheid te behouden.

[...]

Comment:

This proposal aims to redefine and specify the procedures and reasons for the demotion of Members to Observers. It is in line with the proposal that was already brought forward and accepted during the 79th ICM, but we need to revote on this because the proposal during the 79th ICM was amended, which makes the proposal invalid according to Dutch law.

No. 3: Statutory amendment concerning the Members and Observers section

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

Members and Observers

Article 5 – Definitions

English Translation:

[...]

5.76 Termination

- a. Observership or membership immediately ends:
 - i. ~~a-~~if an Observer does not attain membership for four consecutive regular International Council Meetings following the one where the Observer can apply for membership and this period is not extended by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the International Council; or
 - ii. ~~b-~~if an Observer or a Member sends a written notification, signed by all elected members of its board, to the International Board stating its intention to terminate its observership or membership with a decision taken in accordance with its statutes and the domestic law of the State where the Observer or Member is based; or
 - iii. ~~c-~~if an Observer or a Member sends written notification to the International Board stating its dissolution as decided by its council in accordance with its statutes and the domestic law of the State where the Observer or Member is based; or
 - iv. ~~d-~~if an Observer or a Member sends written notification to the International Board stating its dissolution as decided by a supreme domestic decision-making instance whereby the dissolution takes effect according to the domestic law of the State where the Observer or Member is based; or
 - v. ~~e-~~if an Observer or a Member is expelled from ELSA by the International Council.
- b. When an Observer or a Member ceases to exist, then the observership or membership shall not be transferred to any legal person(s) or natural person(s).

[...]

Dutch Proposal:

[...]

5.76 Beëindiging

- a. Het waarnemerschap of lidmaatschap eindigt onmiddellijk:
 - i. ~~a-~~ indien een Waarnemer geen lidmaatschap verkrijgt voor vier achtereenvolgende Vergaderingen van de Raad volgend op de Vergadering van de Raad waar de Waarnemer lidmaatschap kan aanvragen; of

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- ii. ~~b~~-indien een Waarnemer of Lid een schriftelijke mededeling. Getekend door alle verkozen leden can diens bestuur, aan het Internationale Bestuur stuurt, waarin de inentie wordt medefedeeld om het waarnemerschap of lidmaatschap te beëindigen met een beslissing genomen in overeenkomst met diens statuten en het nationale recht van de staat waar de Waarnemer of het Lid is gevestigd; of
 - iii. ~~e~~-indien een Waarnemer of Lid een schriftelijke mededeling aan het Internationale Bestuur stuurt, waarin diens ontbinding wordt medegedeeld zoals besloten bij diens algemene vergadering in overeenstemming met diens statuten en het nationale recht van de staat waar de Waarnemer of het Lid is gevestigd; of
 - iv. ~~e~~-indien een Waarnemer of Lid een schriftelijke mededeling aan het Internationale Bestuur stuurt, waarin diens ontbinding wordt medegedeeld zoals besloten bij een hogere nationale besluitvormende instantie waarbij de ontbinding in werking treedt in overeenstemming met het nationale recht van de staat waar de Waarnemer of het Lid is gevestigd; of
 - v. ~~e~~-als een Waarnemer of Lid wordt geroyeerd.
- b. Wanneer een Waarnemer of Lid ophoudt te bestaan, dan kan zijn waarnemerschap of lidmaatschap niet worden overgedragen aan een of meerdere rechtspersonen of een of meerdere natuurlijk personen.

[...]

Comment:

This proposal is aimed to prevent the unintentional transfer of observer- or membership in case a National Group ceases to exist, as according to Dutch law, the membership in an association can be automatically transferred to an acquiring legal or natural person.

No. 4: Statutory amendment concerning the Members and Observers section

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

Members and Observers

Article 5 – Definitions

English Translation:

[...]

5.87 Expulsion

An Observer or a Member can only be expelled from ELSA, if a related proposal for expulsion is submitted to the International Council by the International Board or a Member, an Observer or another Member can be expelled from ELSA and is passed by the International Council with a two-thirds majority of the votes cast. Such a proposal can only be submitted, if that Observer or Member has either:

- a. violated the Statutes or the Standing Orders of ELSA, the decisions made by the International Council, or the interests of ELSA; or
- b. not duly fulfilled its financial obligations towards ELSA and has not signed a payment agreement with ELSA on that matter for four consecutive regular International Council Meetings; or
- c. caused considerable harm to ELSA, to any of the ELSA Groups or to anyone within their responsibility; or
- d. ceased to support the aims and activities of ELSA or to satisfy in any other way the requirements set for being an Observer or a Member; or
- e. not taken or ceased to take appropriate measures in case anyone within the Observer or Member's responsibility violates ~~clauses art. 5.7 a, b and/or d above~~ of these Statutes.

5.98 Right to Explain

In order for a demotion or expulsion to be valid, the Observer or Member in question must be given an adequate opportunity to explain its acts and to reply to any allegations made against it. The International Board must prove to the International Council that the respective letter of invitation to the International Council Meeting was sent to the Observer or Member, thereby giving it an adequate opportunity.

Dutch Proposal:

[...]

5.87 Royement

~~Indien een voorstel tot royement is ingestuurd naar de Internationale Raad door het Internationale Bestuur of een Lid, kan het lidmaatschap van een ander Lid worden geroyeerd van ELSA met een twee/derde meerderheid van stemmen indien die Waarnemer of dat Lid:~~

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Een Waarnemer of Lid kan enkel worden geroyeerd indien een voorstel tot royement aan de Internationale Raad wordt voorgelegd door het Internationale Bestuur of een Lid en indien dit voorstel met een tweederde meerderheid van de uitgebrachte stemmen wordt goedgekeurd. Een voorstel tot royement kan enkel worden voorgelegd als de Waarnemer of het Lid:

- a. de Statuten of het Reglement van Orde van ELSA, of besluiten genomen door de Internationale Raad, of de belangen van ELSA schendt; of
- b. zijn financiële verplichtingen jegens ELSA niet volledig na heeft gekomen en daarvoor geen betaalovereenkomst is overeengekomen ~~heeft getekend~~ met ELSA voor vier achtereenvolgende Vergaderingen van de Raad; of
- c. aanzienlijke schade heeft toegebracht aan ELSA, aan één van de ELSA groepen of aan iemand die onder diens verantwoordelijkheid valt; of
- d. de doelstellingen en activiteiten van ELSA niet langer steunt of niet langer voldoet aan de eisen om Waarnemer of Lid te zijn; of
- e. verzuimt om maatregelen te treffen of staakt in het treffen van maatregelen indien de handelingen van een Groep of persoon die onder zijn verantwoordelijkheid valt in strijd zijn met onderdelen a, b en/of d van art. 5.7 van deze Statuten.

~~Verzuimt om maatregelen te treffen i het geval dat iemand die onder zijn verantwoordelijkheid valt, heeft gehandeld in strijd met sub a, c en d als hierboven vermeld.~~

5.98 Recht van Uitleg

Voordat ~~demotie~~~~degradatie~~ of royement geldig is, dient de Waarnemer of het Lid in kwestie een redelijke mogelijkheid gegeven te worden om zijn daden uit te leggen en te antwoorden op alle aanklachten. Het Internationale Bestuur moet aan de Internationale Raad bewijzen dat de uitnodiging voor de Vergadering van de Raad naar die Waarnemer of dat Lid is gestuurd, waardoor deze redelijke mogelijkheid gegeven is.

Comment:

This proposal aims to clarify the language of the article and bring the Dutch Statutes and the English translation in accordance with each other, as the articles mentioned in 5.7.e were different in the Dutch statutes and the English translation.

Art. 5.9 is just a numbering and language correction to the new version.

No. 5: Statutory amendment concerning the International Council section

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

The International Council

Article 7 – Main Provisions

English Translation:

[...]

7.2 Summoning

The following rules shall apply in regards to the summoning of the International Council Meeting:

- a. The International Council shall meet physically twice a year at a time fixed by the International Board within the timeframe defined in the Standing Orders of ELSA. Exceptionally, the International Council Meeting shall be held online if it cannot be held in physical form.
- b. The International Council shall be summoned with printed or electronic invitations sent by the International Board to all Members and Observers of ELSA and the Auditors. The invitations shall be sent at least 42 days before the opening of the International Council Meeting in question.
- c. The International Board summons an extraordinary International Council Meeting if it deems this necessary. The International Board shall summon an extraordinary International Council Meeting when it receives a written request to summon from a number of Members that represent at least one-tenth of the maximum amount of votes possible to be cast during an International Council Meeting. In the latter case, the International Board shall send the invitations to the extraordinary International Council Meeting within 14 days after the day of receipt of the written request. Additionally in the latter case, the International Board summons the extraordinary International Council Meeting within four weeks after the day of receipt of the written request.

[...]

Dutch Statutory Proposal:

[...]

7.2 Bijeenroeping

De volgende regels zijn van toepassing op het bijeenroepen van de Vergadering van de Internationale Raad:

- a. De Internationale Raad komt twee maal per jaar samen, fysiek of online bijeen, in de lente en in de herfst, op een tijd vastgesteld door het Internationale Bestuur binnen de periode gedefinieerd in het Reglement van Orde van ELSA.
- b. De Internationale Raad wordt door middel van geprinte of elektronische uitnodigingen door het Internationale Bestuur aan alle Leden en Waarnemers van ELSA, en de auditors en personen aangesteld door het Internationale Bestuur of de Internationale Raad voor

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het assisteren bij hun werkzaamheden en het uitvoeren van een specifieke taak met betrekking tot de activiteiten van de vereniging, bijeengeroepen. De uitnodigingen worden ten minste tweeënveertig (42) dagen voor het openen van de Vergadering van de Internationale Raad in kwestie verzonden.

- c. Het Internationale Bestuur roept een Buitengewone Algemene Ledenvergadering bijeen indien het dit wenselijk acht. Het Internationale Bestuur is verplicht een Buitengewone Algemene Ledenvergadering bijeen te roepen indien een aantal leden dat bevoegd is tot het uitbrengen van ten minste een tiende van het hoogstmogelijke aantal de stemmen in een Algemene Ledenvergadering een schriftelijk verzoek tot het bijeenroepen indient. In het laatste geval verstuurt het Internationale Bestuur de uitnodiging voor de Buitengewone Algemene Ledenvergadering binnen veertien dagen na de dag van ontvangst van het schriftelijke verzoek. Voorts roept het Internationale Bestuur in het laatste geval de Buitengewone Algemene Ledenvergadering bijeen binnen vier weken na de dag van ontvangst van het schriftelijke verzoek.

[...]

Comment:

Following the withdrawal of the proposal on calling for an extraordinary ICM and discussions had during the ICM Dubrovnik, this proposal aims to bring back the article to call for an extraordinary ICM into the statutes and to keep the statutes in line with Dutch law.

No. 6: Statutory amendment concerning the International Council section

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

The International Council

Article 7 – Main Provisions

English Translation:

[...]

7.3 Voting Rights

- a. Each Member of ELSA has three votes in the International Council, regardless of the number of delegates attending the meeting. Members of ELSA may exercise their voting rights by electronic means of communication. The International Board may determine conditions to the use of electronic means of voting. These conditions will be announced in the summoning for the meeting. A Member shall be suspended by the International Board for the duration of the International Council Meeting, thus not having voting rights but keeping the rights to attend and address the International Council, until it has:
 - i. ~~a~~-fulfilled its financial obligations towards ELSA;
 - ii. ~~b~~-filled in the State of the Network Inquiry, sent prior to the respective International Council Meeting, and handed it in to the International Board;
 - iii. ~~c~~-submitted the letter of authorisation to the Secretary General of the International Board; and
 - iv. ~~d~~-submitted the National Group Report to the International Board
- b. A Member suspended according to art. 7.3 (a) of these Statutes can appeal this decision following the procedure as set out in the Standing Orders of ELSA.

[...]

Dutch Proposal:

[...]

7.3 Stemrechten

- a. Ieder Lid van ELSA heeft drie stemmen in de Internationale Raad ongeacht het aantal vertegenwoordigers dat de vergadering bijwoont. Leden van ELSA kunnen hun stemrecht uitoefenen door middel van elektronisch communicatiemiddel. Het Bestuur kan voorwaarden steelen aan het gebruik van het elektronisch communicatiemiddel. Deze voorwaarden worden bij de oproeping bekend gemaakt. Een Lid zal door het Internationale Bestuur voor de duur van de Vergadering van de Internatioanle Raad worden geschorst en dus geen stemrechten hebben maar het recht om de Internationale Raad bij te wonen en daar het woord te nemen totdat hij:

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- i. ~~a-~~aan zijn financiële verplichtingen ten opzichte van ELSA heeft voldaan;
 - ii. ~~b-~~de “Staat van het Netwerk Enquête”. vooraf aan de respectievelijke Vergadering van de Internationale Raad verzonden, heeft ingevuld en aan het Internationale Bestuur heeft overhandigd; en
 - iii. ~~c-~~de autorisatiebrief bij de Algemeen Secretaris van het Internationale Bestuur heeft ingediend; en
 - iv. ~~d-~~de “Nationale Groepen Rapport” bij het Internationale Bestuur heeft ingediend.
- b. Een Lid dat door de toepassing van onderdeel a van art. 7.3 van deze Statuten is geschorst kan bezwaar maken tegen dit besluit, door de procedure zoals neergelegd in het Reglement van Orde van ELSA.

[...]

Comment:

This proposal aims to ensure that the right to appeal the decision of suspension of membership when not fulfilling the obligations for voting rights during an ICM is mentioned in the Statutes and thereby on the same level of regulations as the suspension itself is regulated.

No. 7: Statutory amendment concerning the International Council section

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

The International Council

Article 7 – Main Provisions

English Translation:

[...]

7.6 International Council Meeting Officers

- a. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the International Council Meeting shall be appointed by the International Board as set out in the Standing Orders of ELSA.
- b. Any other International Council Meeting Officer, including the Secretaries, shall be elected by the International Council as set out in the Standing Orders of ELSA.

7.7 Procedures

[...]

Dutch Proposal:

[...]

7.6 Ondersteunde functies van de Algemene Ledenvergadering

- a. De Voorziter en Vice-Voorzitter van de Algemene Ledenvergadering worden aangewezen door het Internationale Bestuur, in overeenstemming met het Reglement van Orde van ELSA.
- b. Andere ondersteundende personen, met inbegrip van Notulisten, worden verkozen door de Internationale Raad in overeenstemming met de procedure zoals neergelegd in het Reglement van Orde van ELSA.

7.7 Procedures

[...]

Comment:

This proposal aims to regulate the appointment of the ICM Chair and Vice-Chair as well as the election of the ICM Officers in the Statutes, as otherwise, according to Dutch law the ICM shall be chaired by the President of the International Board and the Minutes need to be taken by the Secretary General of the International Board.

No. 8: Statutory amendment concerning the International Board section

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

The International Board

Article 8 – Main Provisions

English Translation:

[...]

8.2 Elections

- ~~a. The International Council shall elect the members of the International Board during the second International Council Meeting of the term. The International Board shall be elected for a period of one year, starting on the 1st of August in the year of their election and terminating on the 31st of July of the following year.~~
- ~~b. In order for the International Board to be legally constituted, at least half of the positions — rounded up to the nearest natural number — have to be occupied either by elected or deputy members of the International Board.~~

8.2 Elections

- a. The International Council shall elect the members of the International Board of ELSA during the second International Council Meeting of the term. The International Board shall be elected for a period of one year, starting on the 1st of August in the year of its election and terminating on the 31st of July of the following year. If the election of the International Board cannot take place due to exceptional circumstances, the election can take place during an extraordinary International Council Meeting.
- b. In order for the International Board to be legally constituted, at least half of the positions, as specified in the Standing Orders of ELSA and rounded up to the nearest natural number, have to be occupied.
- c. The International Board shall consist of members of any Local Group or National Group that are natural persons. Any person standing for election to the International Board shall follow the procedure as set out in the Standing Orders of ELSA to be eligible to be elected.
- d. The members of the International Board are elected into their specific position, as listed in the Standing Orders of ELSA.
- e. If there are any open positions in the International Board after an International Council Meeting, the International Board may appoint further members of the International Board as set out in the Standing Orders of ELSA.
- f. A member of the International Board appointed according to art. 8.2 (e) of these Statutes must be confirmed in their position by the International Council at the subsequent International Council Meeting to their appointment, following the procedure as set out in the Standing Orders of ELSA. If the member of the International Board is not confirmed by the International Council, they shall lose their position in the International Board the day after the official closing of the International Council Meeting.

[...]

THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

Dutch proposal:

[...]

8.2 Benoeming

- a. ~~De Internationale Raad benoemt de leden van het Internationale Bestuur tijdens de tweede Vergadering van de Internationale Raad van de bestuurstermijn. Het Internationale Bestuur zal worden benoemd voor een periode van één jaar aanvangend op een augustus in het jaar van hun benoeming en eindigend op eenendertig juli van het daaropvolgende jaar.~~
- b. ~~Om het Internationale Bestuur rechtsgeldig te kunnen constitueren, moet ten minste de helft van de bestuursfuncties – afgerond op het dichtstbijzijnde hele getal – worden bekleed door verkozen of plaatsvervangende leden van het Internationale Bestuur.~~

8.2 Verkiezing

- a. De Internationale Raad benoemt de leden van het Internationale Bestuur van ELSA tijdens de tweede Algemene Ledenvergadering van het bestuursjaar. Het Internationale Bestuur wordt benoemd voor een termijn van één jaar aanvangend op een augustus in het jaar van zijn benoeming en eindigend op eenendertig juli van het volgende jaar. Indien het de verkiezing van het Internationale Bestuur door uitzonderlijke omstandigheden niet kan plaatsvinden, dan kan de verkiezing tijdens een Buitengewone Algemene Ledenvergaderingen.
- b. Voor een geldige constitutie van het Internationale Bestuur, wordt tenminste de helft van zijn functies, zoals neergelegd in het Reglement van Orde van ELSA en afgerond naar het dichtstbijzijnde natuurlijke getal, bekleed.
- c. Het Internationale Bestuur wordt samengesteld uit leden van enigerlei Lokale of Nationale Groep van ELSA die natuurlijke personen zijn. Voor een geldige verkiezing, volgt enig persoon die zich kandidaat stelt voor het Internationale Bestuur de procedure neergelegd in het Reglement van Orde van ELSA.
- d. De leden van het Internationale Bestuur worden verkozen voor hun specifieke functie, zoals neergelegd in het Reglement van Orde van ELSA.
- e. Het Internationale Bestuur kan verdere leden van het Internationale Bestuur benoemen volgens het Reglement van Orde van ELSA als een functie in het Internationale Bestuur na de tweede Algemene Ledenvergadering van de Internationale Raad van het bestuursjaar niet bekleed is.
- f. Een lid van het Internationale Bestuur dat volgens art. 8.2 onderdeel e van deze Statuten benoemd is, moet voor dezelfde functie worden verkozen door de Internationale Raad tijdens de eerstvolgende Algemene Ledenvergadering na zijn benoeming, volgens de procedure zoals neergelegd in het Reglement van Orde van ELSA. Als dit Internationale Bestuurslid niet verkozen wordt door de Internationale Raad, dan houdt het op zijn functie te bekleden op de dag na de officiële sluiting van de Ledenvergadering van de Internationale Raad.

[...]

THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

Comment:

This proposal has several aims:

- Lit. a ensures that the election of members of the International Board is also possible during extraordinary meetings if required.
- Lit. c is to ensure that the people running for the International Board are eligible to run, as Dutch law otherwise would require that only members of the Association can be elected, which is impossible for ELSA, as we only have legal persons as members.
- Lit. d ensures that the people elected are actually elected into their respective positions, as Dutch law stipulates that otherwise, the International Board itself would decide who becomes President, Secretary General and Treasurer.
- Lit. b, e, and f ensure that our proceedings with regards to Deputies of the International Board are in accordance with Dutch law while still sticking to the procedure as it has been as far as possible. With these changes, there would be no more deputies as they do not exist under Dutch law, but the International Board gets the power to appoint further International Board members. Those would become full members of the IB, including voting rights in the Board meetings, but would still need to be confirmed by the International Council at the first ICM after their appointment, to ensure that they still get the legitimacy of an election while enabling them to work fully and legally for ELSA and also holding them fully accountable and liable for their actions.

No. 9: Statutory amendment concerning the International Board section

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

Finances**Article 9 – Financial principles, Financial Reporting and Auditors**

English Translation:

[...]

9.5 Internal ~~and External~~ Auditors examine the reliability of the Interim accounts and the Final accounts per financial year. The International Council shall elect Internal Auditors for a period commencing with the start of the financial year, and ending upon ~~either the approval of the Final accounts by the International Council, or upon dismissal under the same criteria as a member of the International Board, or upon resignation.~~ The term of an Internal Auditor also ends if the Internal Auditor is either dismissed by the International Council following the same criteria for the dismissal of a member of the International Board or resigns.

Dutch Proposal:

[...]

9.5 Interne ~~en externe~~ auditors controleren de betrouwbaarheid van de tussenbalans en de definitieve balans per boekjaar. De Internationale Raad benoemt interne auditors voor een ~~periode~~termijn aanvangend bij de start van een boekjaar en eindigend bij goedkeuring van de definitieve balans door de Internationale Raad, ~~of bij ontslag op basis van dezelfde criteria als een lid van het Internationale Bestuur of bij vrijwillig ontslag.~~ De termijn van een interne auditor eindigt voorts indien de onderhavige interne auditor wordt ontslagen door de Internationale Raad overeenkomstig de criteria voor het ontslag van een lid van het Internationale Bestuur of indien de interne auditor ontslag neemt.

Comment:

This proposal aims to first remove the requirement for external auditors, as this has not been followed in many years and is also not financially feasible. It does not remove the option to task external auditors, if required and feasible, by decision of the International Council or the International Board.
Secondly, this proposal aims to clarify the terms of the Internal Auditors better.

No. 10: Standing Orders amendment concerning the International Council section

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

The International Council

Article 2 – Main Fields of Activity

ELSA's main fields of activity shall be:

- a. Academic Activities (AA), involving the development of legal knowledge through guided practical activities;
- b. Competitions (C), simulating the practice of law to develop necessary skills and to complement theoretical knowledge.
- ~~d.~~ c. Professional Development (PD), supporting law students and young lawyers in developing and improving the necessary skills to access the professional world and providing them with opportunities to advance in their career path.Seminars and
- ~~e.~~ d. Conferences (S&C), involving the acquisition of knowledge through exposure to professionals and foreign cultures;

Comment:

This proposal is a pure restructuring to bring the list in uniformity with how we list the areas.

No. 11: Standing Orders amendment concerning the International Council section

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

The International Council

Article 6 – General Procedure

[...]

6.6 Dismissal of the International Council Meeting Officers

An International Council Meeting Officer may be dismissed by the International Council upon a seconded proposal by a majority of two thirds of the votes cast if the officer does not satisfactorily perform their tasks. ~~Abstentions shall be included in the number of votes cast.~~

6.7 Approval of the agenda

The agenda of the International Council Meeting shall be approved by the International Council after the election of the International Council Meeting Officers. It ~~shall~~ may be amended if the International Council approves a seconded proposal submitted by the International Board or a Member the International Council upon a seconded proposal at any point. Such a proposal can be introduced at any point during the Plenaries of the International Council, without the restrictions of art. 6.8 of these Standing Orders.

[...]

Comment:

The proposal in art. 6.6 is to strike out an unnecessary mention of how the two thirds majority is calculated, that might need to confusion.

Art. 6.7 aims to clarify the procedure to amend the ICM Plenaries agenda.

No. 12: Standing Orders amendment concerning the International Council section

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council, **to come into effect immediately**:

The International Council

Article 6 – General Procedure

[...]

6.9 Strategic Plan Proposals

Proposals related to the Strategic Plan of ELSA, as further defined in the International Council Meeting Decision Book, shall require a two thirds majority to be passed.

Comment:

As art. 7.5 of the Statutes says that all votes, not otherwise specified in the Statutes or Standing Orders, require a simple majority to be passed, and the two thirds majority for the Strategic Plan is only regulated in the Decision Book, without this proposal the new Strategic Plan would need to be voted on with a simple majority instead of a two thirds majority.

No. 13: Standing Orders amendment concerning the International Council section

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

The International Council

Article 7 – Voting Procedure

7.1 General Voting Rules

The voting procedure shall be held as follows:

[...]

- e. All voting shall be carried out by a show of hands, apart from the ones for which a secret voting takes place, or when means of electronic voting are being used.

[...]

Comment:

This proposal is a grammatical correction to clarify the article.

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No. 14: Standing Orders amendment concerning the International Board section

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

The International Board

Article 9 – Composition

9.1 General Rules

The following rules shall apply in regards to the composition of the International Board:

[...]

b. The members of the International Board ~~and their deputy officers~~ shall not hold any other elected or appointed position either in National or Local Groups while in office, unless holding such a position is explicitly required by the Statutes, these Standing Orders or the Decision Book of ELSA in connection to the role as member of the International Board or position held.

c. There ~~shall~~may not be more than two people with a substantial connection to the same Member in the International Board ~~regardless of their status as elected board members or deputy officers~~.

[...]

Comment:

The proposal is an adaptation of the articles to the new IB structure as proposed for the Statutes.

 THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

No. 15: Standing Orders amendment concerning the International Board section

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

The International Board

Article 9 – Composition

[...]

9.3 Rules for Vacancies

The following rules shall apply in case there is one or more vacant positions in the International Board:

- a. The other members of the International Board in question are jointly responsible for the activities of the vacant position.
- b. Whenever there is a vacant position on the International Board prior to an International Council Meeting, elections for the vacant position shall ~~must~~ take place during that International Council Meeting.
- c. The International Board may appoint further members to the International Board to hold any vacant position after an International Council Meeting. The amount of such appointed members of the International Board shall not exceed the amount of elected International Board members. ~~a deputy officer to hold a vacant board position until the elections for that position take place or the term of the International Board in question expires. The deputy officer shall be referred to by the name of the vacant board position prefixed by the word “Deputy”.~~
- d. The appointment procedure of further members of the International Board ~~of a deputy officer~~ is at the discretion of the International Board. ~~The deputy officer will not become a member of the International Board until elected at the following International Council Meeting.~~
- e. A person that stood for election and has not been elected ~~candidate refused~~ by the International Council for a position in the International Board shall not be appointed as ~~an member of the~~ International Board ~~member a deputy officer~~ for that respective position for in the same term of office.

[...]

Comment:

The proposal is an adaptation of the articles to the new IB structure as proposed for the Statutes.

No. 16: Standing Orders amendment concerning the International Board section

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

The International Board

Article 11 – Nominations, Confirmations and Elections

11.1 Nominations

The following rules shall apply in regards to the nominations for the election and confirmation of ~~the members of the~~ International Board:

- a. To be eligible for ~~a post in an~~ election to the International Board, a person must be nominated by a Member and seconded by another Member. A member of the International Board that needs to be confirmed, also needs to be nominated and seconded by another Member, to be eligible for the confirmation vote.
- b. The nomination must specify who is nominated and for which post, and contain the names and signatures of the nominator, the seconder and the nominee.
- c. To be taken into account for the elections or the confirmation, nominations must be received by the Nominations Committee before midnight on the second day of the International Council Meeting; ~~the time when the nomination was received shall be recorded on the nomination sheet.~~
- d. If there is no candidate for one or more positions for the International Board, the International Council can with a two-thirds majority of the present Members reopen the nominations for these positions.

[...]

11.3 Election Procedure

- a. The following rules shall apply in regard to the election and confirmation procedure of the International Board:

[...]

[...]

Comment:

The proposal is an adaption of the articles to the new IB structure as proposed for the Statutes, to ensure that confirmations of appointed IB members is the same as for the elections.

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No. 17: Standing Orders amendment concerning the Finances section

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

Finances

Article 13 – Debts of the Members and Observers, their waving and reducing

~~13.1 Debt continuation clause~~

~~In case the Membership or Observership of a National Group is terminated, any debts to ELSA International continue to exist whether or not this National Group reappplies for Observership to the ELSA Network, except in cases when the International Council decides to waive the debt, or in cases when the amount due has prescribed in accordance with the applicable law.~~

~~13.21 Payment Agreements and non-cash payments~~

~~[...]~~

~~13.32 Debt reducing and Debt waiving procedures and restrictions~~

~~[...]~~

Comment:

This proposal aims to remove the article about the continuation of debt which cannot be regulated by our regulations, but follows national law of the country in which the member or Observer existed.

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No. 18: Standing Orders amendment concerning the Finances section

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

Finances

Article 15 – Internal and External Auditors

[...]

15.6 External Auditor

~~The External Auditors of ELSA shall be appointed by the International Board of ELSA from external professionals specializing in auditing, in order to carry out an audit of the Final Accounts in accordance with the applicable auditing standards. The appointment of new External Auditors shall be announced to the Network.~~

Comment:

This proposal aims to remove the External Auditors from the SO, in line with what is proposed for the Statutes.

No. 19: Standing Orders amendment concerning the Amendments section

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

Amendments

Article 16 – Validity and Effect

16.1 Amendments

Any amendment to these Standing Orders can only be made by the International Council if supported by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast and the proposal has been made available in accordance with ~~article 5.2 and 5.3 or following~~ the procedure as set out in these Statutes and Standing Orders of ELSA in article 6.8.b. If approved, they come into force as soon as the updated Standing Orders are made available to the ELSA Network, unless the International Council decides otherwise. The updated version of the Standing Orders shall be made available to the ELSA Network no later than 60 days after the official last day of the International Council Meeting.

16.2 Grammatical and structural corrections

Purely grammatical and structural corrections to existing articles of these Standing Orders, that do not change the meaning of the article, can be made unilaterally by the International Board of ELSA. Such corrections must be announced to the Members within 7 days of the decision made and only come into effect if there are no objections from any Members received within 14 days after the announcement. If there are any objections against specific corrections, these corrections shall be brought to a vote as a proposal at the next International Council Meeting.

Comment:

Art. 16.1 aims to clarify the procedure for amendments to the Standing Orders.

Art. 16.2 aims to establish a rule and procedure for purely grammatical and structural corrections to the Standing Orders, to prevent unnecessary proposals and votes for such changes.

No. 20: Standing Orders amendment concerning the Decision Book and Minutes section

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

Decision Book and Minutes

Article 17 – International Council Meeting Decision Book

[...]

17.3 Grammatical and structural corrections

Purely grammatical and structural corrections to existing articles of the International Council Meeting Decision Book, that do not change the meaning of the article, can be made unilaterally by the International Board of ELSA. Such corrections must be announced to the Members within 7 days of the decision made and only come into effect if there are no objections from any Members received within 14 days after the announcement. If there are any objections against specific corrections, these corrections shall be brought to a vote as a proposal at the next International Council Meeting.

17.34 Order decision prevailing

[...]

Comment:

Ar.t 17.3 aims to establish the same rule and procedure for purely grammatical and structural corrections to the DB as for the SO, to prevent unnecessary proposals and votes for such changes.

No. 21: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 1. General, Chapter 1. Strategic Planning

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 1. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Article 1. General

1.1 Strategic Planning shall be an ever-present part of planning in ELSA. The Strategic Plan shall envisage means to fulfil the Philosophy Statement of ELSA. A Strategic Plan shall be adopted for five years ~~by a two thirds majority of the International Council~~ during an International Council Meeting in the last year of the Strategic Plan in force.

[...]

Comment:

In line with the Standing Order Proposal on this topic, the two thirds majority regulation in the DB is invalid and as it is being moved to the SO, only potentially confusing if kept in the DB as well.

No. 22: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 1. General, Chapter 2. Strategic Plan 2019-2023

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 2. STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2023**Article 1. Strategic Goal 1: Good Governance**

~~1.1 An Advisory Body that consults ELSA on long-term projects and planning by giving advice, improving knowledge management, and transition shall be created.~~

~~a. ELSA shall:~~

- ~~i. Make the required regulatory changes to implement an Advisory Body;~~
- ~~ii. Create a clear protocol by specifying the duties, responsibilities, activities, conduct, and limits of the Advisory Body;~~
- ~~iii. Define clearly the boundaries between the role of the International Board and the role of the Advisory Body;~~
- ~~iv. Involve one board member of the alumni association of ELSA in the Advisory Body;~~
- ~~v. Involve at least one of the immediate past members of the International Board of ELSA in the Advisory Body.~~

~~b. The International Board of ELSA shall:~~

- ~~i. Investigate the possibility of recruiting external consultants to join the Advisory Body.~~

~~1.2 The sustainability of the association shall be ensured through a board reform allowing the International Board of ELSA to effectively fulfil its mandate.~~

~~a. ELSA shall:~~

- ~~i. Restructure the International Board of ELSA to fulfil the needs of its members with a special focus on External Relations, Human Resources, Information Technology, and Marketing Strategy;~~
- ~~ii. Revise the current tasks division and workload of each member of the International Board of ELSA;~~
- ~~iii. Reconsider the number of members of the International Board of ELSA;~~
- ~~iv. Outsource some tasks performed by members of the International Board of ELSA to professionals;~~
- ~~v. Invest in the professional training of the members of International Board of ELSA with respect to their roles;~~
- ~~vi. Create a clear protocol by specifying the duties, roles, responsibilities, activities, expectations, conduct, and limits of the International Board of ELSA and the ELSA International Team;~~
- ~~vii. Reduce time on implementation and administration by handing these tasks over to an ELSA Secretariat.~~

~~1.3 The sustainability of the association shall be ensured by establishing a professional Secretariat, responsible for the day-to-day management and administration of ELSA.~~

~~a. ELSA shall:~~

- ~~i. Create clear protocol by specifying the duties, responsibilities, and activities of the ELSA Secretariat;~~
- ~~ii. Investigate the possibility of applying for grants in order to cover this expense.~~

~~b. The International Board of ELSA shall:~~

- ~~i. Research the exact legal and financial implication of having a Secretariat;~~
- ~~ii. Launch a request for an offer to association management companies.~~

~~1.4 A performant annual cycle of meetings in ELSA allowing ELSA to plan, review and evaluate the goals to be accomplished during the calendar year shall be developed.~~

~~a. ELSA shall:~~

- ~~i. Revise the current time frame of international events to ensure enough time for the preparation of such;~~
- ~~ii. Revise and clarify the Board Management, External Relations, and Expansion area under the current division between Key and Supporting Area Officers;~~
- ~~iii. Adopt quality standards for every international event by taking into consideration all variables *inter alia* duration of such events;~~
- ~~iv. Reduce the number of internal or external events during international meetings *inter alia* conference, training;~~
- ~~v. Revise and clarify the status quo of the second International Presidents' Meeting to ensure the purpose of creating an International Governance/Strategic Meeting to review the overall state of the network, open to all members and not only limited to Board Management, External Relations, and Expansion officers;~~
- ~~vi. Establish a tool to review and keep checks and balances between the International Board of ELSA and the International Council after the second International Council Meeting of the term.~~

~~b. The International Board of ELSA:~~

- ~~i. Investigate the implementation of an e-voting system.~~

Article 2. Strategic Goal 2: A Living Vision

~~2.1 The ELSA identity shall be strengthened by creating a clear understanding of what the purposes of the Philosophy Statement mean for today's members in different countries and settings and how they define the association's actions.~~

~~a. ELSA shall:~~

- ~~i. Define what 'non-political' means within international association law and practice;~~
- ~~ii. Develop a clear understanding of what the Philosophy Statement of the association means within association law and practice and for its members;~~
- ~~iii. Constantly develop awareness and knowledge of human rights by aligning certain activities with these goals;~~
- ~~iv. Establish human rights partnerships at least on international and national level;~~
- ~~v. Create a strategic plan to increase the awareness and knowledge of the International Focus Programme;~~

- vi. — ~~Research the exact legal and, reputational implication of actions such as advocacy (including statements) or any other actions it makes or takes in the pursuit of being the voice of law students;~~
- vii. — ~~Aim to foster mutual understanding between legal professionals and law students by redefining and understanding what each of these terms implies;~~
- viii. — ~~Acknowledge legal matters, as well as engage in activities which encourage social responsibility through a holistic approach.~~

2.2 ELSA shall be the ‘voice’ of European law students by speaking out:

- a. ~~ELSA shall:~~
 - i. — ~~Actively find and use strategic and relevant partnerships for effective impact in order to increase the awareness, knowledge and reputability of its events across the network;~~
 - ii. — ~~Create an ELSA Advocacy Programme and develop a clear understanding of what ELSA Advocacy means within its members;~~
 - iii. — ~~Define and advocate the matters that concern law students;~~
 - iv. — ~~Research the exact legal, financial, reputational implication of having an ELSA Advocacy Programme;~~
 - v. — ~~Constantly develop awareness and knowledge of Rule of Law;~~
 - vi. — ~~Constantly develop awareness and knowledge of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by aligning certain activities with these goals;~~
 - vii. — ~~Apply for Sustainable Development grants;~~

2.3 ~~More cohesive, mutually beneficial and long-term relationships with the partners of ELSA, as well as its Officers and Members, shall be ensured.~~

- a. ~~ELSA shall:~~
 - i. — ~~Aim to obtain and secure support from renowned partners, institutions and persons on a long-standing basis;~~
 - ii. — ~~Look into new ways of involving its partners and the Trainers with the work of the association in order to ensure a more cohesive and mutually beneficial relationship;~~
 - iii. — ~~Obtain and reproduce testimonials from its past members, in order to engage and encourage its present members and officers to maintain involvement after their active years;~~
 - iv. — ~~Highlight the success of its past members through a variety of means in order to showcase the potential benefits of being active in the association;~~
 - v. — ~~Aim to provide training related to soft skills for its members through creating a training strategy in collaboration with the International Trainers’ Pool, as well as through encouraging and aiding the formation of a national trainers’ pool;~~
 - vi. — ~~Establish formal cooperation with its alumni association, which clarifies the expectations, duties, benefits, and obligations of each party in order to ensure a mutually beneficial relationship.~~

Article 3. Strategic Goal 3: An Engaging Association

3.1 ~~Activities that offer the most value to ELSA members shall be identified and focused on.~~

- a. ~~ELSA shall:~~

- ~~i. — Ensure that it provides the opportunity to its active members to acquire skills for life;~~
- ~~ii. — Ensure that all its Officers are recognised internally and externally for their position or skills through cooperation with certified trainers or firms;~~
- ~~iii. — Conduct a member satisfaction survey in order to ascertain the areas which need improvement, which shall be conducted annually;~~
- ~~iv. — Improve the quality of the reporting in order to most closely meet the needs of its members; *inter alia* reconsidering the form and the purpose of the State of the Network Inquiry;~~
- ~~v. — Ensure that participation in all its projects yields recognisable and official participation certificates to the members;~~
- ~~vi. — Create benefit schemes for its members through programmes which may include but are not limited to an ELSA membership card or an official ELSA membership application;~~
- ~~vii. — Create an application which displays the credentials of the member using it, as well as any participation certificates;~~

~~3.2 A strong ELSA social brand shall be created by uniting members and Officers under one brand and one vision.~~

~~a. — ELSA shall:~~

- ~~i. — Promote a consistent identity towards international legal partners; by creating suitable and consistent marketing materials;~~
- ~~ii. — Focus on increasing the understanding of ELSA and ELSA related activities for all its members and in particular externals through informative consultation sessions;~~
- ~~iii. — Focus on regional events as a means of making internationality accessible to more ELSA members;~~
- ~~iv. — Conduct an annual review of the structure and content of the websites of ELSA in order for them to give a clear and easy-to-understand overview of ELSA's activities;~~
- ~~v. — Develop its brand and establish a unified image as an international and professional association while ensuring the sustainability and consistency of such brand by regulating ELSA brands as well as the brand of its projects more rigidly;~~
- ~~vi. — Conduct an annual review of the corporate identity of ELSA in order for it to give a clear and easy to understand the image of ELSA's activities and vision;~~
- ~~vii. — Strive to adhere to the templates and materials provided in the marketing materials database in order to ensure the unified image of ELSA;~~
- ~~viii. — Create and carry out a public relations strategy.~~

~~3.3 The voluntary involvement and skills of Officers after their active years shall be retained through collaboration with the alumni associations of ELSA.~~

~~a. — ELSA shall:~~

- ~~i. — Create an ELSA Mentorship Programme in which alumni offer help, advice, and mentorship to the present day Officers of the association;~~
- ~~ii. — Actively encourage and aid Officers to partake in the alumni associations after their active years, in accordance with the Human Resources Strategy;~~
- ~~iii. — Create an alumni database in collaboration with the alumni associations of ELSA;~~
- ~~iv. — Create a donation system in collaboration with the alumni associations of ELSA.~~

CHAPTER 2. STRATEGIC PLAN 2023 - 2028

Article 1 Goal 1: Accessibility

1.1. ELSA shall strive towards being a financially inclusive Association by:

- a. keeping the costs of participation as low as possible while maintaining the quality of its events.
- b. providing scholarships for the attendance of ELSA events.
- c. increasing the financial compensation of the Members of the International Board of ELSA.
- d. increasing reimbursements for Members of the ELSA International Team.

1.2 ELSA shall strive towards being a diverse and welcoming Association by:

- a. continuously improving the Code of Conduct of ELSA and encouraging the implementation of Codes of Conduct across the Network.
- b. strengthening the welfare mechanisms to ensure the well-being of ELSA Officers.
- c. increasing the understanding and accessibility of ELSA and ELSA-related activities for its members and third parties.

1.3 ELSA shall strive towards having better knowledge management by:

- a. providing easy access to National and Local Officers of all relevant information and materials.
- b. creating and maintaining an archiving system that allows for keyword searches.
- c. establishing a Transition framework, including transitions for Members of the ELSA International Team.

Article 2 Goal 2: Structure

2.1. ELSA shall strive to embrace technological innovations by:

- a. regularly updating its websites and other technical infrastructure to be functional and presentable.
- b. developing ways in which knowledge of technical infrastructure can be spread effectively within the Network.

2.2 ELSA shall strive towards data protection compliance by:

- a. supporting National and Local Groups to improve their data protection.
- b. continuously raising awareness about data protection.
- c. providing training, templates, and materials on data protection.

2.3. ELSA shall strive towards having internally and externally coherent regulations by:

- a. regularly reviewing its regulations to be in accordance with all applicable laws.
- b. consolidating its Statutes.
- c. ensuring their uniformity in vocabulary and structure.

2.4. ELSA shall strive towards utilising its full human resources potential by:

- a. creating a comprehensive Human Resources Strategy and Structure.
- b. utilising ELSA Training for the development of ELSA Officers.
- c. recognising the work of ELSA Officers, in particular of Members of the ELSA International Team.
- d. revising the structure and utilisation of the Advisory Body of ELSA.

2.5 ELSA shall strive towards improving the quality of its International Internal Meetings by:

- a. increasing the feasibility and effectiveness of its International Internal Meetings.
- b. implementing a Host Attraction Strategy and re-evaluating the hosting application process.
- c. creating and implementing a strategy to organise environmentally sustainable International Internal Meetings.

2.6 ELSA shall strive towards continuous improvement of its Public Relations by:

- a. encouraging the implementation of Public Relations Strategies.
- b. involving media for the promotion of its projects and ELSA in general.
- c. providing support with Public Relations to ELSA Officers.
- d. supporting Hosts of International Projects with Public Relations.

Article 3 Goal 3: Direction

3.1. ELSA shall strive towards increasing its advocacy engagement by:

- a. creating an Advocacy Strategy for ELSA that includes guiding principles and supports National and Local Groups.
- b. setting up a systematic approach to defining focus points for Advocacy.
- c. using the advocacy potential of existing ELSA projects.

3.2. ELSA shall focus on its human rights commitment by:

- a. revising the current Annual Human Rights Campaign, including ELSA Day.
- b. creating and promoting guidelines on human rights that apply to all Key Areas.
- c. raising awareness on human rights among National and Local Groups and informing about possibilities to incorporate them in projects.
- d. establishing collaborations with human rights organisations.

Comment:

The new Strategic Goals will underline the direction of our Association. This draft is the result of the work of a day-long workshop with Members of the ELSA International Team, numerous Working Group Meetings, a workshop with some previous Members of the International Board, and our discussions at ISM Prague.

**No. 23: International Council Meeting Decision Book concerning Part 1. General,
Chapter 5. Human Rights**

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 5. HUMAN RIGHTS

Article 1. Aims

1.1 ELSA shall be continuously committed to raising awareness and providing education on human rights and awareness, human rights education, and respect of the rule of law. ELSA shall strive to be recognised for a strictly legal, academic and impartial approach to human rights.

1.2 ELSA shall set out focus topics that require special attention from the perspective of human rights and rule of law. ELSA shall strive to be recognised for a strictly legal, academic, and fact-based approach to these topics.

Comment: This proposal is meant to clarify ELSA's human rights commitment. It also clarifies that ELSA shall work human rights and the rule of law through focussing on specific topics.

No. 24: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 1. General, Chapter 4. Annual Report

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 4. ANNUAL REPORT

Article 1. Definition

1.1 The Annual Report is a report of ELSA International for their term in office, including information covering all areas, adequate to summarise the work done during the respective term from the 1st of August to the 31st of July.

1.2 The Annual Report has to be signed by all members of the International Board of ELSA of the respective term.

~~1.23~~ The Annual Report shall not replace any other reports submitted to the International Council by the International Board of ELSA.

Comment:

According to Dutch Law it is required to have the Annual Report signed by all members of the International Board. Therefore we believe it to be good to have it mentioned here as well, as otherwise there is a high likelihood of this being forgotten.

No. 25: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 1. General

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 9. WELFARE**Article 1. Definition and Aim**

1.1 Welfare encompasses the physical and mental health, happiness and safety of all ELSA Officers, individual members, as well as the participants of any project organised by ELSA.

1.2 ELSA International and the National Groups aim to:

- a. ensure that ELSA offers a safe space for everyone involved in the Association;
- b. emphasise the importance of respectful behaviour;
- c. establish a common understanding of offensive behaviour;
- d. have an established procedure for dealing with offensive behaviour.

Article 2. Code of Conduct

2.1 ELSA International shall:

- a. have a Code of Conduct, applied and enforced at all events organised or coordinated by ELSA International;
- b. ensure that the Code of Conduct is applicable to all people organising and participating in ELSA events;
- c. ensure that the Code of Conduct is followed by the members of the International Board of ELSA and the ELSA International Team whenever they act in their respective function;
- d. ensure that all Organising Committees of events organised or coordinated by ELSA International are aware of the Code of Conduct;
- e. ensure that all Organising Committees of events organised or coordinated by ELSA International have a Welfare Officer, responsible for implementing the Code of Conduct;
- f. raise awareness in the ELSA Network on the Code of Conduct;
- g. encourage and help with the creation of National Codes of Conduct;
- h. ensure appropriate training on the Code of Conduct for all involved Officers;
- i. take the appropriate measures when a breach of the Code of Conduct occurs.

2.2 The National Groups shall:

- a. ensure that the Code of Conduct of ELSA is applied at all events organised or coordinated by ELSA International;
- b. ensure that all Organising Committees of events organised or coordinated by ELSA International within their National Group enforce the Code of Conduct;
- c. support ELSA International in the enforcement of the Code of Conduct.

Comment:

As Welfare becomes more and more important within our Association it is time for it to have its own chapter in the DB. Further do we need to finally specify and implement the use and practice of the Code of Conduct in our Regulations.

No. 26: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 2. Board Management, External Relations and Expansion, Chapter 3. External Relations

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 3. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Article 1. Definitions

1.1 External Relations encompass any contact, even if started from the third party itself, with third parties, who may be corporate ~~and or~~ institutional contacts.

[...]

Comment:

We suggest these changes to make the writing of the ERR more clear. This amending of the regulations is not meant to change the actual procedure at all. This amendment fixes a phrasing mistake. “And” implies that a contact can be corporate and institutional at the same time, which is not true.

No. 27: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 2. Board Management, External Relations and Expansion, Chapter 3. External Relations

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 3. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Article 1. Definitions

[...]

1.4 The concrete reasons for denying ~~the approval~~ a request to contact are:

- a. The contact creates or is likely to create damage to the image or reputation of ELSA or its National Groups;
- b. The contact negatively impacts or is likely to negatively impact the financial stability of ELSA or its National Groups;
- c. There are ongoing negotiations between the third party and ELSA International, the requested National Group or its Local Groups;
- d. The third party has a partnership in effect with ELSA International, the requested National Group or its Local Groups;
- e. The contact does not comply with ELSA's Philosophy Statement.

Comment:

We suggest these changes to make the writing of the ERR more clear. This amending of the regulations is not meant to change the actual procedure at all. This amendment fixes a phrasing mistake. The approval is not getting denied in this context, request is.

No. 28: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 2. Board Management, External Relations and Expansion, Chapter 3. External Relations

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 3. EXTERNAL RELATIONS**Article 2. Procedure to Contact**

2.1 The International Board of ELSA shall coordinate all contacts with international corporate and institutional contacts.

2.2 The procedure for contacting third parties located in a country with no National Group of ELSA present shall be the following:

- a. Before contacting any third party, the requesting National Group shall request permission of the International Board of ELSA by submitting ~~a~~ the Contact Approval Form. The Contact Approval Form shall include the name of the Officer applying, the respective National Group and, if applicable, Local Group, the location, the website URL, and information regarding the nature and content of the contact;
[...]

2.3 The procedure for contacting third parties located in a country with a National Group of ELSA present shall be the following:

- a. Before contacting an international corporate or institutional contact, the requesting National Group shall request permission of the International Board of ELSA by submitting ~~a~~ the Contact Approval Form;
[...]

Article 3. Procedure to report

[...]

3.2 The International Board of ELSA or the requesting National Groups shall report, within two months from receiving the permission to contact, on the results of:

- a. The contacts falling within the scope of Articles 2.2, 2.3, a), 2.4, in what refers to the International Board of ELSA, and 2.5. These reports shall be submitted to the International Board of ELSA, through ~~a~~ the Contact Evaluation Form, stating the outcome of the contact;
- b. The contacts falling within the scope of Articles 2.3, b) and 2.4, in what refers to National Groups of ELSA. These reports shall be submitted to the requested National Group, through an e-mail, stating the outcome of the contact.

[...]

Comment:

This phrasing reflects the spirit of the regulations. “The” implies that request/evaluation can only happen with a specific form, which is not true.

No. 29: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 2. Board Management, External Relations and Expansion, Chapter 3. External Relations

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 3. EXTERNAL RELATIONS**Article 2. Procedure to Contact**

~~2.1 The International Board of ELSA shall coordinate all contacts with international corporate and institutional contacts.~~

2.1 Requesting party refers to a Local Group, National Group, or ELSA International that requests approval to contact a third party. Requested party refers to a National Group or ELSA International that is requested to approve the contacting of a third party.

~~2.2 The procedure for contacting third parties located in a country with no National Group of ELSA present shall be the following:~~

- ~~a. Before contacting any third party that needs to be approved, the requesting ~~National Group~~ party shall request permission of the ~~requested party~~ International Board of ELSA by submitting the Contact Approval Form. The Contact Approval Form shall include the name of the Officer applying, the respective ~~party~~ National Group and, if applicable, Local Group, the location, the website URL, and information regarding the nature and content of the contact;~~
- ~~b. The ~~requested party~~ Board of ELSA shall respond within seven days from receiving the Contact Approval Form, and state a concrete reason for the refusal, if applicable;~~
- ~~c. The requesting ~~National Group~~ party may contact the third party once the permission is granted, the deadline for approval has expired, or no concrete reason for refusal has been given.~~

2.3 The contact needs to be approved by the respective National Group if:

- a. it is a National corporate or institutional contact, or;
- b. it is a partner of the respective National Group.

2.4 The contact needs to be approved by ELSA International if:

- a. it is an International corporate or institutional contact; or
- b. it is a partner of ELSA International; or
- c. the third party will be contacted regarding a project or event that is organised or co-organised by ELSA International (e.g. the International Council Meetings, the HPMCC, or the JHJMCC).

2.5. In cases where a contact falls under the criteria of both art. 2.3 and 2.4 of this Chapter, such contact needs to be approved both by the respective National Group and ELSA International.

2.6 The above procedures do not apply for ~~to~~ contacting corporate or institutional contacts in order to obtain materials or products intended for promotion free of charge, or to obtain professional services as a customer.

2.3 ~~The procedure for contacting third parties located in a country with a National Group of ELSA present shall be the following:~~

- ~~a. Before contacting an international corporate or institutional contact, the requesting National Group shall request permission of the International Board of ELSA by submitting the Contact Approval Form;~~
- ~~b. Before contacting a national corporate or institutional contact, the International Board of ELSA or the requesting National Group shall request permission via email from the respective National Group. This request shall include the location, the website URL, and information regarding the nature and content of the contact;~~
- ~~c. The International Board of ELSA, and if applicable the respective National Group, shall respond within seven days from receiving the request for contact, and state a concrete reason for the refusal, if applicable;~~
- ~~d. The International Board of ELSA, and if applicable the requesting National Group, may contact the third party once the permission is granted, the deadline for approval has expired, or no concrete reason for refusal has been given.~~

2.4 ~~If ELSA International or a National Group of ELSA wishes to contact a partner of a National Group of ELSA or of ELSA International, the process shall be the following:~~

- ~~a. ELSA International or, if applicable, the requesting National Group, shall request permission of the National Group of ELSA and/or ELSA International;~~
- ~~b. ELSA International, and if applicable the respective National Group, shall respond within seven days from receiving the request for contact, and state a concrete reason for the refusal, if applicable;~~
- ~~c. ELSA International, and if applicable the requesting National Group, may contact the third party once the permission is granted, the deadline for approval has expired, or no concrete reason for refusal has been given.~~

2.5 ~~The procedure for contacting for project or event sponsorships, or donations, shall be the following:~~

- ~~a. Before contacting a third party, the Organising Committee of a project or event that is organised or co-organised by ELSA International (e.g. the International Council Meetings, the IHPMCC, and the JIHMCC) shall request permission from the International Board of ELSA and any respective National Group;~~
- ~~b. The procedure does not apply to contacts with service providers who are only active locally.~~

Comment:

We suggest these changes to make the writing of the ERR more clear. This amending of the regulations is not meant to change the actual procedure at all. Instead of writing down 3 very similar procedures it seems more clear to write down the procedure once and explain who needs to approve when in a separate article. We also expand Article 2.6 to include services, which has always been practised and is in spirit of the regulations, yet it was not reflected in its wording.

No. 30: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 2. Board Management, External Relations and Expansion, Chapter 3. External Relations

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 3. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Article 2. Procedure to Contact

[...]

2.6 The above procedures do not apply to contacting corporate or institutional contacts in order to obtain materials or products intended for promotion free of charge. They also do not apply for contacting international institutional contacts to request a visit to institutions that offer the possibility of public visits.

Comment: We propose this change of the regulation to slightly liberalise it. This way “standard” study visits for international insitutional contacts do not need to be requested anymore. This will save both requesting groups and ELSA International some time. It also allows for more flexibility for requesting groups.

No. 31: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 2. Board Management, External Relations and Expansion, Chapter 3. External Relations

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 3. EXTERNAL RELATIONS**Article 4. ~~Responsibilities~~ External Relations Database**

4.1 ELSA International shall

- ~~a. Create, evaluate and revise the Contact Approval and Contact Evaluation Forms;~~
- ~~b. Create and maintain an External Relations Database, where the partners of ELSA International and of the National Groups are registered, including their names, location, websites, as well as the type of the partnership and duration of the cooperation. The third parties included in the External Relations Database are to be seen as the official partners of ELSA International and the National Groups;~~
- ~~e. Request National Groups to fill the External Relations Database on each State of the Network Inquiry.~~

4.2 National Groups shall

- ~~a. Be liable for any violations of Article 2 conducted within their National Network;~~
- ~~b. Ensure that their National Network complies with the rules set out in this Chapter;~~
- ~~e. Provide ELSA International with the necessary and accurate information to update the External Relations Database.~~

4.1. ELSA International shall create and maintain an External Relations Database, which contains the partners of ELSA International and of the National Groups. The third parties included in the External Relations Database are to be seen as the official partners of ELSA International and the National Groups.

4.2. The External Relations Database shall include the names of the partners, their location, their website URLs, as well as the type of the partnership and duration of the cooperation.

4.3. ELSA International shall request National Groups to fill in the External Relations Database on each State of the Network Inquiry.

4.4. The National Groups shall provide ELSA International with the necessary and accurate information to update the External Relations Database.

Article 5. Sanctions

5.1. Each National Group shall ensure that its National Network complies with the rules set out in this Chapter.

5.2. Each National Group is liable for any violations of Part 2, Chapter 3 of this International Council Meeting Decision Book conducted within its National Network.

5.43 Upon violating this external relations procedure, the involved National Groups and, if applicable, the International Board of ELSA shall:

- a. Reach an agreement on a suitable sanction within six months from the becoming aware of such violation;
- b. Inform the International Council about the agreed sanction;
- c. Submit a copy of the agreement to the International Board of ELSA.

5.24 The International Council shall decide on a suitable sanction in case no agreement is reached. The amount may not exceed the highest amount proposed.

5.35 The sanctions for infringing the procedure to contact corporate contacts shall:

- a. Not exceed the amount received from the contact during the past two years since the moment of infringement by the affected National or Local Group, or ELSA International;
- b. Not exceed €500 if no amount was received;
- c. Be paid directly to the affected ~~National or Local Group~~, National Group, or ~~the International Board of ELSA~~.

5.46 The sanctions for infringing the procedure to contact institutional contacts shall:

- a. Not exceed the amount of €3,000;
- b. Be paid directly to the affected ~~National or Local Group~~, National Group, or ~~the International Board of ELSA~~.

5.57 The sanctions for infringing the procedure to report shall be:

- a. The refusal of requests to contact made by the infringing National or Local Group, or ELSA International, if it is an infringement of Article 3. This sanction shall last for as long as the report is not submitted, for a maximum period of three months;
- b. The impossibility of stating as a concrete reason the existence of a partnership in effect with a third party that is not registered in the External Relations Database.

Comment:

We suggest these changes to make the writing of the ERR more clear. This amending of the regulations is not meant to change the actual procedure at all. The responsibilities paragraph can be divided amongst an article on the ERD and the already existing article on Sanctions.

In the article on Sanctions, the International Board of ELSA gets changed to ELSA in some instances since payments can/should not be made to the International Board of ELSA.

No. 32: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 3. Internal Management, Chapter 2. Responsibilities

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 2. RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 1. Responsibilities

1.1 The International Board of ELSA shall:

- a. ~~Prepare and distribute the State of the Network Inquiry at least 35 days before the opening of each regular International Council Meeting. Should the quorum of the plenary at the International Council Meeting be at risk, it is at the discretion of the Secretary General of the International Board of ELSA to accept the State of the Network Inquiry of a National Group properly filled in until the opening of the International Council Meeting;~~
- b. ~~Solve disputes arising between National Groups by means of dialogue when the respective parties cannot reach mutual agreement amongst themselves and decide to refer the case to the International Board of ELSA;~~
- c. ~~Prepare and send a Monthly Report of the International Board of ELSA and their Deputy Officers by the last day of every month to the relevant mailing lists;~~
- d. ~~Assign a coach from its members to each National Group at the beginning of the term and inform the National Groups respectively;~~
- e. ~~Open the first call for submission of National Group Reports no later than on the 1st of August and close the call before the 1st of September, and open the second call no later than the 1st of February and close the call before the 1st of March. Should the quorum of the plenary at the International Council Meeting be at risk, it is at the discretion of the Secretary General of the International Board of ELSA to accept the National Group Report of a National Group properly filled out until the opening of the International Council Meeting. The call shall inquire regarding National Group Report shall include at least:~~
 - i. ~~The list of current and incoming National Board officers;~~
 - ii. ~~The name of each Local Group;~~
 - iii. ~~The faculty/faculties in which each Local Group is based and covers;~~
 - iv. ~~The membership status of each Local Group.~~

Comment:

The changes in art. 1.1 (a) and (e) remove a part that is in contradiction to art. 7.3 of the Statutes, as this article clearly implies that the requirements for voting rights can be fulfilled at any point, even during an ICM. Further it is a small change in the procedure of the National Group Report, as it makes more sense and collects less data if it is send out after most NB are already in office to avoid a lot of confusion. The change in art. 1.1 (c) is to adapt to the new IB structure.

No. 33: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 3. Internal Management, Chapter 3. Internal Affairs

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 3. INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Article 2. ELSA International

2.1 ELSA International consists of the International Board of ELSA, the ELSA International Team, and any person appointed by the International Board of ELSA to assist in their work and carry out a specific task related to the activities of the Association.

Article 3. One Year Operational Plan

4.1 The International Board of ELSA and each National Board shall have a One Year Operational Plan (OYOP) for their ~~time~~ term in office.

[...]

4.5 The International Board of ELSA shall submit a copy of ~~its~~ their One Year Operational Plan to the Network via the mailing lists by the 1st of September of its term in office.

Article 4. Transition

~~54.1~~ Transition is the process of passing on knowledge from the preceding to the succeeding officers.

~~54.2~~ The International Board of ELSA as well as each National Group shall ensure good quality of knowledge management by conducting a transition at the end of the term.

4.3 The transition from the current to the succeeding International Board of ELSA shall last the entire month of July each year. Every elected and appointed member of the International Board of ELSA of the succeeding term shall attend the transition as organised by the International Board of ELSA.

Comment:

This proposal aims to first define ELSA International better by clearly stating that the EIT is a part of it.

Secondly it aims to finally regulate the International Boards transition.

No. 34: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 3. Internal Management, Chapter 4. International Council Meetings

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 4. INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Article 1. Participation Applications

1.1 Each National Board shall submit one application to the Organising Committee of the International Council Meeting.

1.2 ~~The International Board of ELSA shall ensure that~~ the Organising Committee of the International Council Meeting is:

- a. ~~allowed to~~ ~~A~~accept individual applications;
- b. ~~S~~setting the deadline for all applications not earlier than two months before the opening of the International Council Meeting;
- c. ~~allowed to~~ ~~A~~accept late applications;
- d. ~~accepting individual applications from partners and guests of ELSA.~~

Article 2. Participation Fees

2.1 National Groups shall pay the participation fees for the applications they submitted ~~until the date specified in the invoice~~ ~~no later than the first day of participation at the International Council Meeting.~~

2.2 The International Board of ELSA may request the Organising Committee of the International Council Meeting to cover the participation fee for the International Council Meeting. This fee includes the meals and accommodation for a maximum of ~~64 nights for the autumn International Council Meeting and 84~~ ~~92~~ nights ~~for the spring International Council Meeting.~~ The International Board of ELSA shall divide the ~~covered~~ ~~92~~ nights amongst themselves, Auditors, the Chair and Vice Chair of the plenary, ~~and former International Board members responsible for presenting the Annual Report and the Financial Report.~~

2.3 The Organising Committee of a future International Council Meeting, which are Local Groups, may send up to three persons to an International Council Meeting with delegate fees.

[...]

Article 5. Rights of Workshop Participants

5.1 Members and Observers of ELSA have the right to speak in workshops at the International Council Meeting. The ~~individual members of the~~ International Board of ELSA may grant other workshop participants the right to speak in the workshop.

5.2 ~~Only~~ Members of ELSA have the right to vote in the workshops.

5.3 Observers of ELSA have the right to vote in the workshops only on procedural matters, e.g. the election of workshop officers and changes to the workshop agenda. Observers of ELSA may not vote on statements, recommendations, or proposals.

5.4 Every Member and Observer of ELSA has one vote in the workshops. A National Board can pass the vote to a local representative in case there is no representative of the National Board present and voting.

Comment:

This proposals aims at many clarifications in phrasings of articles. It also aims to distinguish the obligations of ICM hosts with regards to how many nights need to be provided for the autumn and spring ICM.

No. 35: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 3. Internal Management, Chapter 6. Human Resources

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 6. Human Resources

Article 1. Definition

1.1 Human Resources in ELSA concerns the relationship between the Association and its members, ~~including Welfare. Specifically, it can be divided into the management of individual ELSA members and individual ELSA officers.~~

[...]

Article 2. Implementation

2.21 ELSA International shall:

- a. create and update materials including webinars and podcasts covering Area and Association knowledge;
- b. support ELSA Groups in creating individualised HR strategies;
- c. update the Human Resources Handbook regularly;
- d. organise soft skills training for National Board officers and the ELSA International Team members;
- e. develop an 'ELSA personality test';
- f. develop a recognition procedure that celebrates achievements;
- g. support National Groups in preparing transition periods;
- h. create an International Internal Meeting hosts attraction strategy;
- ~~i. look into creating a Members' platform to encourage networking and exchange between ELSA Officers;~~

2.24 National Groups should:

- a. elect or appoint an officer dedicated to focus on Human Resources only;
- b. create their own Human Resources strategy based on their needs;
- c. evaluate Human Resources practices regularly.

[...]

Article 3. ELSA International Team

5.1 The ELSA International Team is the supporting team of the International Board of ELSA. It consists of individuals appointed by the International Board of ELSA to fulfil specific tasks as delegated by the responsible member of the International Board of ELSA.

5.21 In accordance with ~~Article 10.4.c of~~ the Standing Orders of ELSA, the International Board of ELSA shall, at the beginning of each term, open a call for the following positions within the ELSA International Team:

[...]

Comment:

This proposal aims to include Welfare as a specially mentioned subarea of Human Resources.

It also removes an obligation of ELSA International, in line with our determinations and discussions on Dojoko.

It further aims to define the EIT and its existence in the DB.

No. 36: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 4. Financial Management, Chapter 2. Responsibilities

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 2. RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 1. Responsibilities

1.1 ELSA International shall:

- a. Produce and make available to National Groups tools necessary for Financial Management, annually revise them, and, if necessary, update them;
- b. Prepare and present the budget of ELSA to the International Council at each International Council Meeting;
- c. Report the Interim and Final Accounts, signed by all members of the International Board of ELSA, to the International Council respectively at each International Council Meeting;
- d. Follow the approved Financial Strategy of ELSA.

Comment:

Similar as with the Annual Report, there is an obligation according to dutch law to have the Accounts signed by the entire International Board, which hereby is included in the DB.

No. 37: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 4. Financial Management, Chapter 7. Remuneration and Chapter 8. Financial Management of ELSA

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council, **to come into effect on the 1st of August 2023:**

CHAPTER 7. REMUNERATION REIMBURSEMENTS

Article 1. General

1.1. Members of the International Board of ELSA, ~~as well as their Deputy Officers,~~ shall be entitled to ~~a remuneration of €350.00 per month.~~ a general reimbursement of personal expenses incurred during the term up to the total amount of € 4200.

- a. Expenses covered by the general reimbursement may include but are not limited to food, public transport, communications, business attire, and network events not covered by art. 1.3 of this chapter.
- b. If a member of the International Board of ELSA is appointed during the term or resigns, the limit shall be decreased by € 350 per month for which they are not holding a position in the International Board of ELSA.
- c. The expenses reimbursed at any point in time shall not exceed in total € 350 for every month in which they have held a position in the International Board of ELSA.

1.2. Members of the incoming International Board of ELSA, ~~as well as their Deputy Officers,~~ shall be entitled to ~~a remuneration of €350.00 for the month of July preceding their term.~~ general reimbursement of personal expenses for the month of Transition of the International Board of ELSA up to the amount of € 350.

- a. Expenses covered by the general reimbursement may include but are not limited to food, public transport, communications, business attire, and network events not covered by art. 1.3 of this chapter.

1.3 Members of the International Board of ELSA may also be specifically reimbursed for necessary expenses made for ELSA or its projects. Such reimbursements shall not fall under the scope of the general reimbursement of personal expenses as set out in art. 1.1 of this chapter.

- a. Expenses covered by specific reimbursements are expenses related to projects that fall under the responsibility of the member of the International Board of ELSA, or items covered by the General Budget of the Association.

1.4 Specific reimbursements may also be paid to any other person or organisation that the International Board of ELSA has authorised to make the expense.

1.5, The International Board of ELSA shall maintain guidelines to ensure the equality and transparency of all reimbursements.

1.6 The general reimbursements of each member of the International Board of ELSA shall be covered by General Budget of the Association

- a. ELSA projects shall cover general reimbursements of members of the International Board of ELSA involved in the organisation of the project.
- b. The general reimbursement for members of the International Board of ELSA whose area budget does not provide enough to cover the general reimbursement or that do not have their own area budget, shall be covered by the General Budget.

CHAPTER 8. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF ELSA

[...]

Article 2. Academic Activities

~~2.1. The allowances of the Vice President in charge of Academic Activities of the International Board of ELSA should be covered by the projects organised within this Area.~~

Article 3. Competitions

~~3.1. The allowances of the Vice President in charge of Competitions of the International Board of ELSA should be covered by the projects organised within this Area.~~

[...]

Article 4. Professional Development

~~4.1. The allowances of the Vice President in charge of Professional Development of the International Board of ELSA should be covered by the projects organised within this Area.~~

Article 5. Seminars and Conferences

~~5.1. The allowances of the Vice President in charge of Seminars and Conferences of the International Board of ELSA should be covered by the projects organised within this Area.~~

Article 6. Exceptions

~~6.1. ELSA projects can cover allowances of other International Board Members strategically involved in the organisation of the project.~~

~~6.2. If the projects of an Area are not enough to cover the allowances of the International Board Member in charge of the Area, they can be covered by the General Budget of the Association.~~

Comment:

The current procedure of paying a lump sum allowance to the Board members is in conflict with Belgian legislation regarding remunerating volunteers. According to the law, Belgian tax residents (that encompasses the members of the International Board living in Belgium) are allowed to receive EUR 40.67 per day and EUR 1,626.77 per year in lump sum reimbursements (reimbursements not tied to any specific expense).

The solution is allowing members of the International Board to apply for general reimbursements for cost that have incurred because they are living in Brussels and in office at ELSA, for example flights to their home country, food, business attire used to represent ELSA, phone and internet costs and costs incurred when participating in Network events that are not covered by ELSA budget. The acceptance of the general reimbursement application would be made by the Treasurer at the end of each month based on the information provided by the board members. Before the regulation comes to power, the International Board will prepare Guidelines on the process. The amount 4200 corresponds to the current 350 a month allowance. It is used as a guideline to allow flexibility in applying for the reimbursement.

The inclusion of the specific reimbursements is to differentiate reimbursements received by board members for costs that are covered by ELSA and could have been purchased by ELSA, such as office supplies or travels while organising a project that falls into the responsibility of said board member. These reimbursements can also be given to any other persons, such as MCC Panellists, EIT or IOC members or ICM Chairs, as is now done as a standard practice. All specific reimbursements are always authorised by the Treasurer, the VP for Competitions or the President, as they are the only ones authorised to make financial decisions.

Removing the area specific articles is made to simplify the regulation and to include Supporting areas into the regulation.

No. 38: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 4. Financial Management, Chapter 8. Financial Management of ELSA

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council.

CHAPTER 8. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF ELSA

Article 1. General Reserve Reserves

1.1. Regarding the General Reserve of the Association, ELSA shall capitalise a minimum of 5% of the General Administration income every year.

1.2. The reserve can be used only after a recommendation from the Internal Auditors of ELSA and the approval by the International Council.

1.3. The reserve can be used as follows:

- a. 50 % of the reserve can be used for:
 - i. Investments in the quality of the events;
 - ii. Investments in the professionalisation of ELSA;
 - iii. Improvement of the marketing resources of ELSA;
 - iv. Maintenance of the ELSA House and utilities.
- b. 40 % of the reserve shall be kept in reserve for crises that cannot be dealt with otherwise.
- c. 10% can be used as short-term loans that do not need approval by the International Council.

~~1.4. ELSA International shall update National Groups on the state of the reserve at every International Council Meeting.~~

~~1.54~~ The reserve is to be capped at € 90 000. If the reserve exceeds this limit, the reserve contribution can be used for the general budget of ELSA subsequent to a decision of the International Board of ELSA.

1.5 Regarding the reserve of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition, ELSA shall capitalise a minimum of 5% of the income of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition every year.

1.6. The reserve of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition shall be used in the following way:

- a. 70% of the reserve may be used per edition to cover indispensable expenses if the income is insufficient;
- b. 20% of the reserve may be used per edition for investments made in order to improve the competition in the long term.

1.7. Regarding the reserve of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition, ELSA shall capitalise a minimum of 5% of the income of the competition every year.

1.8. The reserve of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition shall be used in the following way:

- a. 70% of the reserve may be used per edition to cover indispensable expenses if the income is insufficient;
- b. 20% of the reserve may be used per edition for investments made in order to improve the competition in the long term.

1.9. Both competition reserves are to be capped. If either reserve exceeds its limit at the end of the edition, the capitalisation shall be done either to the ELSA General reserve or the reserve of the other Competition, subsequent to a decision of the International Board of ELSA.

- a. The John H Jackson MCC reserve is to be capped at € 90 000.
- b. The Helga Pedersen MCC reserve is to be capped at € 20 000.

1.10. ELSA International shall update National Groups on the state of the reserves at every International Council Meeting.

[...]

Article 3. Competitions

3.1. The allowances of the Vice President in charge of Competitions of the International Board of ELSA should be covered by the projects organised within this Area.

~~3.2. Regarding the reserve of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition, ELSA shall capitalise a minimum of 5% of the income of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition every year.~~

~~3.3. The reserve of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition shall be used in the following way:~~

- ~~e. 70% of the reserve may be used per edition to cover indispensable expenses if the income is insufficient;~~
- ~~d. 20% of the reserve may be used per edition for investments made in order to improve the competition in the long term.~~

~~3.4. Regarding the reserve of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition, ELSA shall capitalise a minimum of 5% of the income of the competition every year.~~

~~3.5. The reserve of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition shall be used in the following way:~~

- ~~e. 70% of the reserve may be used per edition to cover indispensable expenses if the income is insufficient;~~
- ~~d. 20% of the reserve may be used per edition for investments made in order to improve the competition in the long term.~~

~~3.6. Both reserves are to be capped. If either reserve exceeds its limit at the end of the edition, the capitalisation shall be done either to the ELSA General reserve or the reserve of the other Competition, subsequent to a decision of the International Board of ELSA.~~

- ~~e. The John H Jackson MCC reserve is to be capped at € 90 000~~

d. ~~The Helga Pedersen MCC reserve is to be capped at € 20 000~~

Comment:

Consolidating all the regulations regarding the reserves into one article to simplify the regulations.

No. 39: International Council Meeting Decision Book concerning Part 6. Academic Activities, Chapter 1. Definitions and Part. 9. Seminars and Conferences, Chapter 1. Definitions

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

PART 6. ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES (AA)

CHAPTER 1. DEFINITIONS

Article 1. General

~~1.1 Academic Activities is the Key Area of ELSA that aims to contribute to the legal education of law students and young lawyers and enhance the social responsibility contribution of ELSA through interactive practical activities and human rights initiatives.~~

1.1 Academic Activities is the Key Area of ELSA that primarily aims to contribute to social responsibility and legal education of law students and young lawyers by organising projects that focus on acting for the good of society, advocacy, and legal skills.

~~1.2 An Academic Activities project is a project where participants acquire legal skills by means of practical and (inter)active learning through legal research groups, law reviews, social responsibility initiatives, or any other activity falling under the scope of Article 1.1.~~

1.2 Academic Activities projects are projects where participants acquire knowledge and skills through campaigns, non-formal education programmes, legal writing activities such as legal research groups, law reviews, essay competitions, or any other activities falling under the scope of art. 1.1 of this Chapter.

PART 9. SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES (S&C)

CHAPTER 1. DEFINITIONS

Article 1. General

~~1.1 Seminars & Conferences is the Key Area of ELSA that aims to provide law students and young lawyers with learning experience, interaction with professionals and new social and cultural environments by means of passive learning, preparing them for future responsibilities as members of society.~~

1.1. Seminars and Conferences is the Key Area of ELSA that primarily aims to contribute to mutual understanding and legal education of law students and young lawyers by organising

projects that focus on cultural exchange, developing cooperation and personal contacts, and legal knowledge.

~~1.2 A Seminars & Conferences event is an event where participants acquire knowledge by means of passive learning through a lecture, a panel discussion, a seminar, a conference, a law school, a Study Visit, an Institutional Visit, a delegation, a webinar or any other activity falling under the scope of the definition from Article 1.1 of this Chapter.~~

1.2 Seminars & Conferences projects are projects where participants acquire knowledge and skills through lectures, panel discussions, seminars, conferences, Study Visits, Institutional Visits, webinars, delegations, law schools or any other activities falling under the scope of the definition from art. 1.1 of this Chapter.

Comment: This proposal is meant to clarify the definition of the AA and S&C areas. As the definitions correspond with each other, we have put both in the same proposal.

In the past couple of years, during the International Council Meetings and Area Open Calls, AA and S&C Officers discussed changing the definition of both the Academic Activities and Seminars and Conferences Area. Regardless of the idea of renaming one of the Areas, we need to also work on a suitable and more relevant definition of AA and S&C as some of ELSA's main fields of activity. The proposed change encompasses the primary aims of the areas and their focus points. The proposed definitions underline the differences between AA and S&C while highlighting their commonalities.

No. 40: International Council Meeting Decision Book concerning Part 6. Academic Activities, Chapter 2. Responsibilities

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 2. RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 1. Responsibilities

~~1.1 The Vice President in charge of Academic Activities of the International Board of ELSA shall be in charge of all other Academic Activities projects, ELSA Law Review and the Rule of Law Campaign.~~

1.1~~2~~ ELSA International shall:

- a. be responsible for the coordination of the ELSA Law Review, the Annual Human Rights Campaign, and the Rule of Law Education Programme;
- b. ~~P~~produce and make available to National Groups tools necessary for the area of Academic Activities, annually revise them, and, if necessary, update them;
- c. ~~A~~nnually evaluate the Flagship Projects of ELSA falling under the area of Academic Activities and share the outcome with National Groups.

1.2~~3~~ National Groups shall:

- a. Support and promote the Academic Activities projects organised by ELSA International;
- b. Ensure that Local Groups submit requested information regarding Academic Activities events to ELSA International.

Comment: This proposal is meant to further clarify the definition and tasks within the area of Academic Activities. It will also align the responsibilities section of the AA Part of the Decision Book with the Competitions Part of the Decision Book.

No. 41: International Council Meeting Decision Book concerning Part 6. Academic Activities, Chapter 4. Social Responsibility Initiatives

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 4. RULE OF LAW EDUCATION PROGRAMME (ROLE)

Article 1. Definition

1.1 The Rule of Law Education Programme shall contribute to Europe's youth education and empowerment by letting law students and young lawyers provide youth with rule of law-oriented, non-formal education.

1.2 The Rule of Law Education Programme shall be implemented through Rule of Law Education projects organised by National Groups of ELSA.

Article 2. Requirements

2.1 A Rule of Law Education project shall:

- a. follow the sessions layed out in the ROLE Curriculum. The sessions will be facilitated in English or a language of the respective country the project is organised in;
- b. have a group of Facilitators that facilitate the ROLE sessions amongst youth;
- c. provide training its group of Facilitators prior to providing ROLE sessions. This training shall focus on rule of law knowledge, facilitation skills and the use of the ROLE Curriculum.

2.2 The Rule of Law Education Programme shall be organised in collaboration with ELSA Alumni.

2.3 ELSA International shall:

- a. Coordinate the implementation of the Rule of Law Education Programme and support National Groups in implementing Rule of Law Education projects;
- b. Create, annually revise, and update tools facilitating the organisational process of the Rule of Law Education Programme;
- c. Appoint National Coordinators for the implementation of the Rule of Law Education Programme in organising National Groups;
- d. Provide necessary information and other assistance to organising National Groups.

2.4 National Groups shall:

- a. appoint an Officer that is in charge of the implementation of the Rule of Law Education Campaign in the National Group and its Local Groups;
- b. forward all relevant information regarding the Rule of Law Education Programme received from ELSA International to Local Groups;

- c. support and promote the Rule of Law Education Programme by using promotional materials provided by ELSA International.

CHAPTER 54. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY INITIATIVES

Article 1. Social Responsibility Initiatives

[...]

Article 2. Rule of Law Educational Campaign (ROLE)

2.1 ~~The Rule of Law Educational Campaign is an initiative with the purpose of educating Europe's youth on their fundamental rights and Rule of Law.~~

2.2 ~~The Rule of Law Education Campaign shall be organised in collaboration with ELSA Alumni.~~

2.3 ~~ELSA International shall:~~

- ~~a. Coordinate the implementation of the Rule of Law Education Campaign;~~
- ~~b. Create, annually revise and update tools facilitating the organisational process of the Rule of Law Education Campaign;~~
- ~~c. Appoint National Coordinators for the implementation of the Rule of Law Education Campaign in organising National Groups;~~
- ~~d. Provide necessary information and other assistance to organising National Groups.~~

2.4 ~~National Groups shall:~~

- ~~a. Forward all relevant information regarding the Rule of Law Education Campaign received from ELSA International to Local Groups;~~
- ~~b. Use promotional materials (i.e., official ROLE Campaign logo) provided by ELSA International.~~

Article 23. ELSA for Schools (ELSA4Schools)

[...]

Comment: This proposal means to clarify and expand the definitions regarding ROLE. It also renames the project from the Rule of Law Education Campaign to the Rule of Law Education Programme to better reflect the nature of the project. Further it removes ROLE as a sub-chapter of Social Responsibility and recategorizes it as its own chapter to reflect the importance of the project.

No. 42: International Council Meeting Decision Book concerning Part 6. Academic Activities, Chapters 5. Human Rights

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 6.5. ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

Article 1. Definition

1.1 The Annual Human Rights Campaign shall be a European-wide campaign dedicated to legal education on human rights in relation to a specified topic. It aims to unite the Network in raising awareness on the importance of human rights. Through the Annual Human Rights Campaign, National and Local Groups shall organise coordinated events on national and international standards of protection and implementation of human rights and the specified topic.

1.2 The Annual Human Rights is a yearly campaign. It starts on ELSA Day, being a European-wide human rights forum organised on every last Wednesday of November. The Annual Human Rights Campaign ends on the 31st of July of the following year.

Article 2. Measurement and Competition

2.1 To measure the impact of the Annual Human Rights Campaign effectively, it shall include the Annual Human Rights Campaign Competition, where National Groups can compete with their National Campaign.

2.2 The Competition shall include a Specification Form and Evaluation Form. The Competition shall score National Campaigns according to information that is provided through these Forms.

2.3 The winner of the Competition shall be announced during the second regular ICM of the term.

Article 3. Coordination

3.1 ELSA International shall coordinate the Annual Human Rights Campaign by:

- a. launching a call for Annual Human Rights Campaign topics no later than four weeks before the opening of the second International Council Meeting of the term;
- b. creating an Annual Human Rights Campaign Outline for the respective edition. This Outline should include an explanation of the topic, the criteria of the Competition and a timeline of the Campaign;
- c. appointing one coordinator per National Group responsible for the coordination of the Annual Human Rights Campaign in the respective Group;
- d. sharing the Specification Form no later than October and sharing the Evaluation form no later than February of the following year;
- e. coordinating the Annual Human Rights Campaign Competition;

- f. Provide necessary information and other assistance to National and Local Groups.

3.2 National Groups shall:

- a. appoint an Officer dedicated to the coordination of the Annual Human Rights Campaign within the National Group;
- b. ensure that Local Groups organise events within the Annual Human Rights Campaign and that they submit the Specification Form and Evaluation Form;
- c. Submit the Specification Form in time before the event takes place and the Evaluation Form after an event has been organised by the National Group to ELSA International.

Article 1. Coordination of Human Rights

~~1.1 Human rights shall be implemented in activities of ELSA primarily through the Annual Human Rights Campaign.~~

~~1.2 ELSA International shall:~~

- ~~— Publish regularly in Synergy on human rights;~~
- a. ~~Provide necessary information and other assistance to National and Local Groups;~~
- b. ~~Coordinate the Annual Human Rights Campaign;~~
- c. ~~Launch a call for Annual Human Rights Campaign topics no later than four weeks before the opening of the second International Council Meeting of the term;~~
- d. ~~Create an Annual Human Rights Campaign Outline for the respective edition;~~
- e. ~~Conduct the Annual Human Rights Campaign Competition.~~

~~1.3 National Groups shall:~~

- ~~— Submit the Annual Human Rights Campaign Specification Form and the Annual Human Rights Campaign Evaluation Form to ELSA International when an Annual Human Rights Campaign event has been organised by the National Group;~~
- a. ~~Contribute to the Annual Human Rights Campaign;~~
- b. ~~Ensure that Local Groups organise Annual Human Rights Campaign events;~~
- c. ~~Ensure that Local Groups submit the Annual Human Rights Campaign Specification Form and the Annual Human Rights Campaign Evaluation Form to ELSA International when an Annual Human Rights Campaign event has been organised by the Local Group;~~
- d. ~~Ensure that Local Groups contribute to the Annual Human Rights Campaign.~~

Article 2. ELSA Day

~~2.1 ELSA Day is a human rights forum constituting a part of ELSA's Annual Human Rights Campaign. ELSA Day consists of coordinated events organised by National and Local Groups on national and international standards of protection and implementation of human rights. The ELSA Day events shall be organised on every last Wednesday of November.~~

Comment: This proposal means to clarify and expand the definitions regarding the AHRC. It also renames creates a more solid structure of the AHRC and defines ELSA Day as the starting point of the Campaign. The AHRC competition is also defined more clearly.

**No. 43: International Council Meeting Decision Book concerning Part 7.
Competitions, Chapter 2. Responsibilities**

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 2. RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 1. Responsibilities

~~1.1 The Vice President in charge of Competitions of the International Board of ELSA shall be in charge of all academic and moot court competitions and the overall responsible person for the coordination of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition and the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition.~~

1.1~~2~~ ELSA International shall:

- a. coordinate academic competitions and moot court competitions;
- b. be responsible for the coordination of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition and the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition;
- c. ~~a. Produce and make available to National Groups tools necessary for the area of Academic Activities and Competitions, annually revise them, and, if necessary, update them;~~
- d. ~~a. Annually evaluate the Flagship Projects of ELSA falling under the area of Academic Activities and Competitions and share the outcome with National Groups.~~

1.2~~3~~ National Groups shall:

- . ~~S~~upport and promote the Competitions organised by ELSA International.

Comment: This proposal is meant to further clarify the definition and tasks within the area of Competitions. It will also align the responsibilities section of the Competitions Part of the Decision Book with the AA Part of the Decision Book.

No. 44: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part. 8. Professional Development, Chapter 2. ELSA Traineeships

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 2. ELSA Traineeships

Article 2. Calendar

2.1 The Calendar consists of two Cycles each of which is divided into period for:

- . Job Hunting which shall be concluded by:
 - i. During the first Cycle, in November;
 - ii. During the second Cycle, either in March or April;
- . Student Hunting which shall be concluded by:
 - i. During the first Cycle, before 24 December;
 - ii. During the second Cycle, either in April or May;
- c. Matching;
- d. Selection;
- e. Reception;
- f. Evaluation.

[...]

Article 3. Responsibilities

3.1 ELSA International shall:

[...]

- d. During the Job Hunting period:
 - i. Issue and, where necessary, amend the Traineeship Specification Form template;
 - ii. Amend, where necessary, the submitted Traineeship Specification Forms;
 - iii. Publish to National Groups within four weeks after Job Hunting a report about the unpaid Traineeships offered;
 - iv. Approve all the submitted Traineeship Specifications Forms which have been verified and meet the Quality Standards;

[...]

3.2 National Groups shall:

- . Ensure that they and their Local Groups comply with the Calendar
- b. Try to fundraise suitable remuneration for unpaid Traineeships;
- c. Maintain, update and adhere to the list of their respective Applicants and Traineeship Providers that are prevented from further participation in ELSA Traineeships;
- d. During the Job Hunting period:
 - i. Verify and, where necessary, amend the submitted Traineeship Specification Forms before approving them;
 - ii. Inform ELSA International about any changes made to the approved Traineeship Specification Forms;

[...]

Article 4. Quality Standards

4.1 Quality standards of ELSA Traineeships relating to Traineeships shall be published and revised annually by ELSA International and include at least the following:

- . Traineeships may be offered in any law-related and non-political area;
- b. Traineeships shall last at least 10 working days;
- c. Traineeships available for undergraduate Applicants shall require at most two advanced legal skills and three general legal skills, unless a valid reason exists (e.g. the offered rate of remuneration, high reputation of the Traineeship Provider) at the discretion of ELSA International;
- d. Traineeships shall provide remuneration in monetary and/or non-monetary form in the amount covering at least the general costs of living in the respective country. Remuneration shall be provided by the Traineeship Provider and/or the hosting National Group, and/or ELSA International;
- e. Traineeships may be unpaid at the discretion of ELSA International if:
 - i. The Traineeship Provider mainly employs volunteers;
 - ii. Providing remuneration to Trainees is prohibited by law; or
 - iii. The benefit to ELSA outweighs the lack of remuneration.

4.2 Quality standards of ELSA Traineeships relating to Reception shall be published and revised annually by ELSA International and shall include at least the following:

- . Before the start of the Traineeship, the Trainees shall be provided with information about the destination of the Traineeship, including at least:
 - i. The contact details of the hosting National or Local Group and the Traineeship Provider;
 - ii. The relevant legal requirements (e.g. visa, work permit, residence permit, insurance) and necessary assistance;
 - iii. Finding suitable accommodation;
- . During the Traineeship, the Trainees shall be provided with support, including at least:
 - i. Information about possibilities for cultural learning and community involvement (e.g. access to local ELSA events);
 - ii. Information about and assistance with finding Internet access.

Comments:

This proposal seeks to fix the formatting issues of the ELSA Traineeships chapter.

No. 45: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 8. Professional Development, Chapter 2. ELSA Traineeships

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 2. ELSA TRAINEESHIPS

Article 4. Quality Standards

[...]

4.2 Quality standards of ELSA Traineeships relating to Reception shall be published and revised annually by ELSA International and shall include at least the following:

- a. Before the start of the Traineeship, the Trainees shall be provided with information about the destination of the Traineeship, including at least:
 - i. ~~The~~ the contact details of the responsible Officer of the hosting National or Local Group and contact details of the Traineeship Provider;
 - ii. ~~The~~ the relevant legal requirements (e.g. visa, work permit, residence permit, insurance) and necessary assistance;
 - iii. ~~F~~ finding suitable accommodation;
- b. During the Traineeship, the Trainees shall be provided with support, including at least:
 - i. ~~I~~ information about possibilities for cultural learning and community involvement (e.g. access to local ELSA events);
 - ii. ~~I~~ information about and assistance with finding Internet access.

[...]

Comments:

This proposal seeks to align the Decision Book with the idea of having a specific individual responsible for Reception for ease of communication and ownership of a particular trainee. This will create a chain of custody for a trainee to help eliminate abandoned trainees.

No. 46: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 8. Professional Development, Chapter 2. ELSA Traineeships

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 2. ELSA TRAINEESHIPS

Article 4. Quality Standards

4.1 Quality standards of ELSA Traineeships relating to Traineeships shall be published and revised annually by ELSA International and include at least the following:

- a. ~~T~~traineeships may be offered in any law-related and non-political area;
- b. ~~a~~-~~T~~traineeships shall last at least 10 working days;
- c. ~~b~~-~~T~~traineeships available for undergraduate Applicants shall require at most two advanced legal skills and three general legal skills, unless a valid reason exists (e.g. the offered rate of remuneration, high reputation of the Traineeship Provider) at the discretion of ELSA International;
- d. ~~e~~-~~T~~traineeships shall provide remuneration in monetary and/or non-monetary form in the amount covering at least the general costs of living in the respective country. Remuneration shall be provided by the Traineeship Provider and/or the hosting National Group, and/or ELSA International;
 - i General cost of living shall include accommodation, meals, and travel costs from the accommodation to the Traineeship location
- e. ~~d~~-~~T~~traineeships may be unpaid at the discretion of ELSA International if:
 - i ~~The~~ Traineeship Provider mainly employs volunteers;
 - ii Providing remuneration to Trainees is prohibited by law; or
 - iii The benefit to ELSA outweighs the lack of remuneration.

Comment:

This sentence has been added to clarify which costs the Traineeship Providers should cover when they have Trainees at their company. This is to ensure that every Trainee receives a remuneration adapted to the cost of life in the country where he/she is going.

No. 47: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 9. Seminars and Conferences, Chapter 2. Responsibilities

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 2. RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 1. Responsibilities

1.1 ELSA International shall:

- a. ~~P~~roduce and make available to National Groups tools necessary for the Seminars & Conferences area, annually revise them and, if necessary, update them;
- b. ~~A~~nnually evaluate the Flagship Projects of ELSA falling under the area of Seminars & Conferences and share the outcome with National Groups.

1.2 National Groups shall:

- a. ~~S~~upport and promote Seminars & Conferences events organised or coordinated by ELSA International;
- b. ~~E~~nsure that Local Groups submit requested information regarding Seminars & Conferences events to ELSA International.

Comment:

With this proposal, besides the grammatical change of the capital letters in articles 1.1 and 1.2, we are adding the words “or coordinated” in article 1.2 to emphasise the need for joint promotion of the project not only organised but also coordinated by ELSA International, e.g., ELSA Law Schools, International Conferences of ELSA, etc.

No. 48: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 9. Seminars and Conferences, Chapter 3. ELSA Law Schools

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 3. ELSA LAW SCHOOLS

Article 3. ELSA Law School Cycle

[...]

3.2 There shall be two ELSA Law School Cycles during one term: the Winter ELSA Law Schools Cycle and the Summer ELSA Law Schools Cycle.

- a. ~~To~~ qualify into the Winter ELSA Law Schools Cycle, the ELSA Law School shall take place between the second Saturday of January and the last Sunday of March.
- b. ~~To~~ qualify into the Summer ELSA Law Schools Cycle, the ELSA Law School shall start no earlier than the last Sunday of June and end no later than the third Sunday of September.

3.3 The ELSA Law Schools Cycle shall comprise of:

- a. ~~For~~ the Winter ELSA Law School, a cycle of six periods: specification, preparation, application, selection, event, and evaluation;
- b. ~~For~~ the Summer ELSA Law School, a cycle of eight periods: specification, preparation, application, selection, additional application, additional selection, event, and evaluation.

3.4 The International Board of ELSA may waive an ELSA Law Schools Cycle if there are less than five ELSA Law Schools specified for the respective Winter ELSA Law Schools Cycle or less than ten for the respective Summer ELSA Law School Cycle.

Comment:

With this proposal, besides the grammatical change of the capital letters in articles 3.2 and 3.3, we are creating a difference in the condition for the International Board to waive an ELSA Law School Cycle. The statistics show that the number of SELS projects is three times bigger than the number of WELS projects organised in the network. Therefore we need to differentiate also the number of SELS and WELS projects in the condition mentioned above.

No. 49: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 9. Seminars and Conferences, Chapter 3. ELSA Law Schools

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 3. ELSA LAW SCHOOLS

Article 4. Responsibilities

4.1 ELSA International shall:

- a. ~~E~~Coordinate and control the quality of ELSA Law Schools;
- b. ~~D~~uring the specification period, send the ELSA Law Schools Specification Form and the respective ELSA Law Schools Calendar by:
 - i. ~~15th~~^{31st} of July for the Winter ELSA Law Schools Cycle; and
 - ii. ~~31st~~^{15th} of ~~November~~ ~~October~~ for the Summer ELSA Law Schools Cycle;
- c. ~~E~~nd the specification period by:
 - i. 15th of August for the Winter ELSA Law Schools Cycle; and
 - ii. ~~30~~^{15th} of ~~December~~ ~~November~~ for the Summer ELSA Law Schools Cycle;
- d. ~~D~~uring the preparation period:
 - i. ~~S~~ign an ELSA Law School Hosting Agreement setting out the responsibilities of the Organising Committee, quality standards, and the privacy policy with the Organising Committees;
 - ii. ~~P~~rovide support to the Organising Committees of ELSA Law Schools through a coaching system;
 - iii. ~~P~~rovide joint promotion of ELSA Law Schools;
 - iv. ~~P~~rovide the Organising Committees of ELSA Law Schools with the ELSA Law Schools Marketing Kit in due time specified in the ELSA Law Schools Calendar;
 - v. ~~O~~rganise the Winter ELSA Law Schools Training Weekend and the Summer ELSA Law Schools Training Weekend;
 - vi. ~~S~~end the academic partner form.
- e. ~~D~~uring the application and the additional applications period, coordinate the unified application process for all ELSA Law Schools and collect all the applications received;
- f. ~~F~~or the Summer Cycle, during the selection period, add ELSA Law Schools to the additional application period upon request submitted by the Organising Committee of an ELSA Law School;
- g. ~~S~~end a unified evaluation form to the participants of all ELSA Law Schools by the end of each ELSA Law Schools Cycle;
- h. ~~S~~end ~~a~~ unified evaluation forms to the Organising Committees of all ELSA Law Schools by the end of each ELSA Law Schools Cycle;
- i. ~~C~~reate, annually revise, and, if necessary, update tools to facilitate the organisation of ELSA Law Schools.

4.2 The National Groups shall:

- a. ~~A~~actively promote organising and participating in ELSA Law Schools.

Comment:

With this proposal, besides the grammatical change of the capital letters in articles 4.1 and 4.2, we propose to change the deadlines for ELSA International to send the ELSA Law Schools Specification Form and ELSA Law School Calendar, as well as to end the specification period. After evaluation of the Cycles and their parts for WELS and SELS, there is a need to adjust mentioned deadlines. In July, as part of the transition between International Board members, fixing the dates for the entire WELS Cycle in the first two weeks of the process is challenging. On the other hand, SELS Cycle is already significantly longer than WELS, and by moving the above-mentioned deadlines, we are ensuring more time for National and Local Groups to decide on organising SELS.

No. 50: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 9. Seminars and Conferences, Chapter 3. ELSA Law Schools

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 3. ELSA LAW SCHOOLS

Article 5. ELSA Law Schools Training Weekends

5.1 The International Board of ELSA shall organise annually the Winter ELSA Law Schools Training Weekend and the Summer ELSA Law Schools Training Weekend ~~to train the Organising Committees of ELSA Law Schools.~~

5.2 Should the ELSA Law Schools Training Weekends take place in person, each Organising Committee of ELSA Law Schools has a right to appoint one representative to attend the respective ELSA Law Schools Training Weekend. The ELSA Law Schools Administrative Fee shall cover the costs of participation of one representative from each Organising Committee ~~The cost of participation of one representative from each Organising Committee shall be covered by the ELSA Law Schools Administrative Fee,~~ and it shall include the training, accommodation, and meals.

Comment:

To ensure that the International Council Meeting Decision Book is concise and clear in art. 5.1, it is not necessary to repeat the obvious purpose of the ELSA Law Schools Training Weekend, which is to train the organisers, and its already in the name “ Summer ELSA Law Schools Training Weekend” and “ Winter ELSA Law Schools Training Weekend” and therefore we propose deleting it. Additionally, in art. 5.2 there is a grammatical change, an inversion in the sentence.

No. 51: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 9. Seminars and Conferences, Chapter 4. ELSA Delegations

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 4. ELSA DELEGATIONS

Article 2. Responsibilities

2.1 ELSA International shall:

- a. ~~C~~oordinate participation of ELSA Delegates in ELSA Delegations;
- b. provide sufficient information and academic preparation for all ELSA Delegates;
- c. ensure that the Head of Delegation submits a written report at the latest 30 days after the end of the respective ELSA Delegation;
- d. inform National Groups about the selection of its members or alumni prior to the starting date of a respective ELSA Delegation;
- e. ~~R~~esearch events organised by international institutions and organisations and provide National Groups with relevant information;
- f. ~~P~~repare and announce to National Groups Calls for ELSA Delegations, consisting of clear descriptions and practical information about the sessions included in the Call, a general task description of ELSA Delegates, and the selection criteria used by the International Board of ELSA when selecting ELSA Delegates;
- ~~g. Inform National Groups about the selection of its members or alumni prior to the starting date of a respective ELSA Delegation;~~
- ~~h.~~ g. ~~C~~reate, annually revise and, if necessary, update guidelines and other tools related to ELSA Delegations.

[...]

Comment:

With this proposal, besides the grammatical change of the capital letters in art. 2.1 there are two responsibilities of ELSA International added. Academic preparation of ELSA Delegates and sharing sufficient information during the interaction with Coordinators are crucial for improving the project as a whole. Moreover, this has already been done by ELSA International, and by also ensuring that the Head of Delegation will submit the report, we also increase the collection of experiences and knowledge gained through this project.

No. 52: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 9. Seminars and Conferences, Chapter 5. International Conferences of ELSA

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 5. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF ELSA

Article 2. Requirements

2.1 International Conferences of ELSA shall:

- a. ~~B~~be conducted in English;
- b. ~~L~~ast for at least two days, calculated excluding the day of arrival but including the day of departure;
- c. ~~C~~omprise of academic and social programmes. The academic programme shall last a minimum of 10 hours. If the duration of the event exceeds two days, the total academic programme shall be prolonged by five hours per each extra day;
- d. ~~B~~be organised in close co-operation ~~of~~with an academic or institutional partner that shall ensure the quality of the academic programme. The academic or institutional partner shall be a law faculty, public institution, law firm or any other legal entity which is entitled to provide education, professional legal services or otherwise associated professionals in a particular field of law;
- e. be specified through the International Conferences of ELSA Specification Form at the latest four weeks before the date indicated as the beginning of the application period for the event in the Specification Form;
- f. be promoted using the International Conferences of ELSA Marketing Kit.

[...]

Comment:

With this proposal, besides the grammatical change of the capital letters in article 2.1., we will regulate the specification process for International Conferences of ELSA and promotion as requirements for ICE. The organisation timeline for this S&C project is not clear enough, and therefore, the potential organisers are often confused about how they should proceed if they are interested in organising an ICE. Moreover, ICE Handbook is not consistent with the International Council Meeting Decision Book regarding promotion and having more unified promotion tools, and ICE MKT Kit would additionally help the OCs.

No. 53: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 9. Seminars and Conferences, Chapter 5. International Conferences of ELSA

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 5. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF ELSA

Article 4. Compliance and quality control

[...]

4.3 The Vice President in charge of Seminars and Conferences of the International Board of ELSA shall report in an area workshop during the International Council Meeting about the use of powers listed under ~~Article 5.2~~ 4.1 of this Chapter.

Comment:

The number of the article we refer to in the art. 4.3 is wrong, therefore we suggest this change.

No. 54: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Part 9. Seminars and Conferences, Chapter 6. ELSA Webinars Academy

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

CHAPTER 6. ELSA WEBINARS ACADEMY

Article 2. Requirements of ELSA Webinars Academy

2.1. ELSA Webinars Academies shall:

- a. ~~Be~~ open to everyone and conducted in English;
- b. ~~a-~~ ~~Be~~ composed of at least five different sessions amounting to a total of at least five hours;
- c. ~~Provide a certificate of participation at the end of the ELSA Webinars Academy to each participant who attended at least 80% of the programme;~~
- c. b- ~~Be~~ organised in close co-operation with an academic or institutional partner that shall ensure the quality of the academic programme. The academic or institutional partner shall be a law faculty, public institution, law firm or any other legal entity which is entitled to provide education, professional legal services or otherwise associated professionals in a particular field of law;
- d. ~~Be~~ promoted using the ELSA Webinars Academy Marketing Kit.

Article 3. Responsibilities

3.1 ELSA International shall:

- a. ~~C~~oordinate and control the quality of ELSA Webinars Academy;
- b. ~~a-~~ ~~C~~ollect and compile the information submitted by Organising Committees of ELSA Webinars Academies via the Webinars Specification Form;
- c. ~~b-~~ ~~P~~ublish ELSA Webinars Academies at least three weeks before the starting date indicated in the relevant Webinars Specification Form;
- d. ~~e-~~ ~~P~~rovide support to the Organising Committees of ELSA Webinars Academies through a coaching system;
- e. provide a certificate of participation at the end of the ELSA Webinars Academy that is organised by ELSA International;
- f. ~~d-~~ ~~C~~reate, annually revise and, if necessary, update tools facilitating the organisational process of ELSA Webinars Academies.

Comment:

ELSA Webinar Academies themselves cannot provide certificates and accounting for the actual presence time of participants is impossible for on-demand and pre-recorded ELSA Webinar Academies. Therefore we propose a change to move this obligation to the right article and remove the attendance requirement.

No. 55: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Annex 3. ELSA Brandbook, International Focus Programme Brand

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

The brand of the International Focus Programme to be changed and replaced by the following one:



FONT

Anybody (regular)
Inter (all weights)

COLOURS



RGB: 91 33 80
CMYK: 63 96 39 32
HEX: #5b2150



RGB: 180 133 210
CMYK: 31 52 0 0
HEX: #b485d2



RGB: 66 193 154
CMYK: 67 0 53 0
HEX: #42c19a

KEY SELLING POINTS

1. Human Rights and Social Responsibility
2. Hot legal topics
3. Feeling connected to the ELSA Network

ELEMENTS

1. Gradients with the brand colours
2. Wind turbines
3. Elements from nature: sea, sky, trees and mountains

TIMELINE

General Promotion - throughout the year

Comment:

As the topic of IFP is changing to Law & Sustainability for the following three years, the International Board of ELSA proposes a new brand that adequately represents the new topic of the project.

The brand has new fonts - Anybody and Inter - that allow for some creative graphic combinations. Anybody is a more lively font, which represents the need to find new solutions for the current problems that are posed to Humanity when it comes to sustainability. On the other hand, Inter - the complementary font - is a cleaner (yet modern) font that reflects a down-to-earth approach that is required to ensure the environmental, societal, and economical well-being of all.

The colour palette chosen incorporates two shades of purple and a shade of green. The two shades of purple are somewhat new in the colour palette of the ELSA Brands and therefore grant an easy distinction from other projects of ELSA. The green shade proposed is similar to the green shade of the previous IFP Brand, symbolising continuity, an imperative characteristic for any process that calls upon sustainability. The colour palette proposed (with three colours) is easily blended in gradients as well as other graphic elements and generates an interesting contrast when combined, facilitating the usage by all the Officers in the Network.

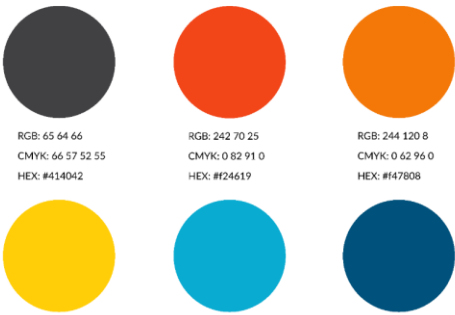
The presented Brand also includes important elements, directly connected to the topic of Law & Sustainability - e.g. wind turbines and elements from nature. A part of a wind turbine is simultaneously integrated in the logo itself. While a wind turbine can, at a first look, be immediately associated with just environmental sustainability, the reality is rather more complex. Environmental harm is significantly detrimental and has strong negative impacts on the economy and society, meaning that environmental concerns are necessarily economic and societal concerns. The modern wind turbine also stands for economic and governmental sustainability, as a symbol for both a new industry and a tool which will help secure energy availability in the future. Furthermore, the circular movement of the blades of a windmill correspond with the circle as the ultimate symbol for sustainability, embodying the cyclical and regenerative nature of closed-loop systems as well as a sense of interconnectedness.

A wind turbine is an element strongly associated with sustainability by the majority of our audience. This makes it an ideal symbol for this project, as in the perception of our audience it instantly triggers a connection with the topic. Hence, the element of the wind turbine strikes a perfect balance between abstract and detectable, which is needed for a logo.

No. 56: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Annex 3. ELSA Brandbook, SELS Brand

The International Board of ELSA is proposing the following to the International Council:

To remove the font Marling from the Summer ELSA Law Schools brand:

FONT Marling Lato (all weights)	KEY SELLING POINTS <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A wide variety of legal topics2. Good & efficient3. Cultural diversity4. Price
COLOURS  RGB: 65 64 66 CMYK: 66 57 52 55 HEX: #414042 RGB: 242 70 25 CMYK: 0 82 91 0 HEX: #f24619 RGB: 244 120 8 CMYK: 0 62 96 0 HEX: #f47808 RGB: 255 206 8 CMYK: 0 19 92 0 HEX: #ffce08 RGB: 9 171 209 CMYK: 74 9 13 0 HEX: #09abd1 RGB: 0 81 123 CMYK: 96 63 29 14 HEX: #00517b	ELEMENTS <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Waves2. Boats3. Beaches4. Umbrellas5. Hand drawn icons
	TIMELINE <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Preliminary Promotion – three weeks2. General Promotion – seven weeks3. Additional Promotion Period – two weeks

Comment:

SELS brand has consistently been used without resort to the Marling font in the last terms, with the Lato always being the chosen font. Therefore, and considering that Lato is an iconic font of ELSA, as well as only font of the sister project WELS, Marling should be removed from the Brand Book. An additional reason for removal relates to concerns regarding the license for use of the font Marling.

No. 57: ELSA Development Foundation Statutes binding advice request concerning Part 3. Organisational Structure, Chapter 7. Financial Year, Annual Accounts, Budget and Internal Auditor

The Board of Directors of ELSA Development Foundation is requesting binding advice from the International Council to amend the ELSA Development Foundation Statutes as follows:

CHAPTER 7. FINANCIAL YEAR, ANNUAL ACCOUNTS, BUDGET AND INTERNAL AUDITOR

Article 3 – Annual expenditure

English Translation:

- 3.1 The annual expenditure of the Foundation is limited to ninety-four percent (94 %) of its annual income ~~consisting of the yearly contributions of the National Groups of ELSA~~. Each year, six percent (6 %) shall be allocated to the equity of the Foundation.
- 3.2 The Foundation's equity consists of a reserve and other funds. Other funds are any funds over the reserve limit.
- 3.3 The reserve limit is 20 000 EURO.
- 3.4 If the equity of the Foundation exceeds the reserve limit, the Board of Directors may decide to increase the expenditure of the Foundation up to hundred-and-fifty percent (150 %) of the annual income. The expenditure shall not exceed the annual income by more than 5000 EURO.

French Proposal:

CHAPITRE 7. EXERCICE FINANCIER, COMPTES ANNUELS, BUDGET ET AUDITEUR INTERNE

Article 3 – Dépense annuelle

- 3.1 La dépense annuelle de la Fondation est limitée à nonante quatre pourcent (94 %) de sa recette annuelle ~~constituées par les contributions annuelles des Groupes nationaux de ELSA~~. Chaque année, six pourcent (6 %) devront être affectés au fond propre de la Fondation.

- 3.2 Le fond propre de la Fondation consiste en une réserve et d'autres fonds. Les autres fonds sont des fonds qui vont au-delà de la limite des réserves.
- 3.3 La limite des réserve est de 20 000 EURO.
- 3.4 Si le fond propre de la Fondation excède la limite des réserves, le conseil d'administration peut décider d'augmenter la dépense de la Fondation jusqu'à cent cinquante pourcent (150%) du revenu annuel. La dépense ne devra pas excéder le revenu annuel de plus de 5000 EURO.

Comment:

The current statutes do not allow for the usage of the Foundation equity even if the Network might benefit from a surge of new funding. The current balance of the Foundation is 60 000 euros, which is higher than necessary to ensure the continuation of the support the Foundation could give to the Network.

The amount of the reserve follows the standard set by ELSA reserves, representing the annual expenditure for two years.

The backstop of only allowing the Board of Directors to only exceed the annual income by 50 % is to prevent reckless depletion of the equity.

According to the statutes, EDF can also have other income in addition to the National Group contributions. Thus limiting the expenditure to only the income coming from the contributions is unnecessary.

No. 58: ELSA Development Foundation Standing Orders binding advice request concerning the ELSA Development Foundation Standing Orders section

The Board of Directors of ELSA Development Foundation is requesting binding advice from the International Council to amend the ELSA Development Foundation Standing Orders as follows:

The ELSA Development Foundation Standing Orders

2. Modes of Support

2.1. The EDF may be used to support the following measures, events, and activities:

~~(A) Project Support~~

~~(A.1) Financial assistance for events constituting a core activity of ELSA. Core activity is any activity or project connected to the Key Areas according to the Decision Book.~~

~~(A.2) Financial assistance for regional cooperation events gathering more than one Member country.~~

~~(B) Training Support~~

~~(B.1) Financial assistance for international training events, or international events incorporating training sessions, organised to increase awareness of ELSA, or dealing in specific ELSA areas to qualify as international, at least half of the participants shall not be from the country of the organising National or Local Group.~~

~~(B.2) Travel and/or accommodation expenses of trainers for training events or sessions organised by National Groups or Local Groups.~~

~~(B.3) Travel and/or accommodation expenses of National Board members for training sessions organised by ELSA International and National Groups.~~

~~Training support will be granted only to events and sessions delivered in English.~~

~~(C) Structural Support~~

~~(C.1) Financial assistance for organising International Council Meetings, and International Strategy Meetings.~~

~~(C.2) Financial assistance for internal events aimed at developing Officers' Skills and knowledge.~~

~~(C.3) Financial assistance for organising National Council Meetings. The contribution shall cover all expenses except those related to the social or cultural programme.~~

~~(C.4) Financial assistance for the participation of the National Board members to International Council Meetings. The contribution shall only cover travel and/or accommodation expenses.~~

A) Internal support

1. Internal support is directed towards events and activities that are aimed at ELSA Officers and internal procedures of ELSA Groups.
2. Internal support refers to:
 - a. Financial assistance for organising International Internal Meetings of ELSA.
 - b. Financial assistance for National Board members' participation in International Council Meetings of ELSA.
 - c. Financial assistance for organising regional cooperation events involving more than one National Group of ELSA.
 - d. Financial assistance for organising internal events aimed at developing Officers' skills and knowledge.
 - e. Financial assistance for organising National Council Meetings of ELSA.

B) External support

1. External support is directed towards events and activities that are aimed at ELSA members and externals.
2. External support refers to:
 - a. Financial assistance for events constituting any activity or project connected to the Key Areas according to the International Council Meeting Decision Book of ELSA.
 - b. Financial assistance for international training events, or international events incorporating training sessions, organised to increase awareness of ELSA, or dealing in specific ELSA areas. To qualify as international, the session must be held in English and at least half of the participants shall not be from the country of the organising National or Local Group of ELSA.

~~(D)~~ C) General Support

1. General support is support directed to help National Groups of ELSA that have fallen into financial difficulties.
2. General support refers to:
 - a. ~~(D.1)~~ Financial assistance for a National Group of ELSA that is in danger of insolvency due to force majeure event if all other options have been exhausted. The support shall be aimed at covering the debts of the applicant group.
 - b. ~~(D.2)~~ Financial assistance for the Network wherein the EDF can buy off the debts of a National Group towards ELSA International. Financial assistance for a National Group of ELSA that has unfulfilled financial responsibilities towards ELSA International. The support shall be used to buy off the debt of the applicant towards ELSA International. Support cannot be used to buy off debt following Article 9.3 of these Standing Orders.

2.2. Exceptionally, these modes of support may be provided even if the event is cancelled, when there is a direct link between the losses and the cancellation, ~~beyond reasonable doubt~~. In these cases the applicant must prove the nature of this link and that they took all necessary steps in order to prevent the cancellation and the losses.

2.3 Support is directed towards accommodation, transport, and academic programme as fitting to the event. The Board of Directors may exceptionally grant support to cover other expenses.

2.4 Financial assistance for the National Board members' participation in International Council Meetings of ELSA can only be granted to four National Groups of ELSA per Meeting. A National Group of ELSA can receive the support only once per EDF granting timeline.

[...]

4. Local Groups of ELSA eligibility Criteria

4.1 Local Groups of ELSA may only apply for External project support, training support or financial assistance for organising International Internal Meetings and National Council Meetings of ELSA or for organising regional cooperation events.

4.2 All applications from Local Groups of ELSA shall be submitted to the Board of Directors by their respective National Group of ELSA.

4.3 Local Groups of ELSA may only apply on their own behalf if:

- a. there is no National Group of ELSA in their country;
- b. their National Group of ELSA has persistently refused or failed to offer their administrative support to the Local Group of ELSA, proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors;

4.4 If the Local Group of ELSA is under the impression that Article 4.3b is applicable to them they may contact the Board of Directors directly. Upon the discretion of the Board of Directors, the Local Group of ELSA may apply on their own behalf.

4.5 Local Groups of ELSA may only apply for support if they are lacking financial resources.

[...]

6. Application Procedure

6.1 Application Form

6.1.1 Every EDF applicant shall submit the application form in due time and complete all the information required.

6.1.2 The use of EDF templates, to be found on the Officers' Portal of ELSA ~~International~~, is mandatory.

6.1.3 The application for ~~Internal and External project or training support~~ shall include the following information:

- a. general and financial information about the applicant;
- b. description of the project;
- c. estimation of the impact of the grant on the situation of the applicant group;
- d. detailed budget of the project;
- e. detailed financial report and activity report of the project

6.1.4. The application for financial assistance for the National Board members' participation in International Council Meetings of ELSA shall include the following information:

- a. general and financial information about the applicant;
- b. ELSA CVs of the attending board members;
- c. activity description and budget for the attendance, including information on participation fees paid by the attending board members.

6.1.5 The application for ~~General structural~~ support shall include the following information:

- a. general information about the applicant;
- b. detailed financial information about the applicant;
- c. the available final or interim accounts approved for the previous financial year and the approved budget for the term;
- d. ~~description of the debts of the applicant group, impact of the financial support on the National Group and on the Network~~
- e. action plan on improving the financial situation of the applicant group, detailed description of the activity
- f. ~~detailed budget of the activity~~

6.2 Timeline for ~~External and General support Project and Training Modes of Support~~ [...]

6.3 Timeline for Internal support ~~Structural Mode of Support~~

~~6.3.1 The application timeline for Structural Support C.1, C.2 and C.3 comply with the application cycles of EDF.~~

~~6.3.2. The application period for Financial assistance for the National Board members' participation in International Council Meetings of ELSA Structural Support C.4 is set~~

between four and one weeks before the application period of the ~~Statutory~~ International Council Meeting of ELSA closes, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

~~6.3.3. The application period for Structural Support C.4 shall be announced in the Treasurers' mailing list at least one week before its opening.~~

6.3.2. The application timeline for other Internal support complies with the application cycles of the EDF.

Comments:

The current system of four modes of support with multiple subcategories have proven to be unnecessarily complicated. This results in delays in accepting the applications, unnecessarily denied applications and extra work to both applicants and the Board of Directors, as applicants who choose the wrong mode of support are either denied the support they would otherwise qualify for or are asked to apply again.

The new system will divide ELSA events into two categories, events aimed towards ELSA Officers and events aimed at anyone interested in ELSA's activities. The categories will not be divided into separate subcategories but instead the applicant will just choose the correct aim of the event. The Board of Directors will then ensure the event fits the criteria and evaluate the application on its merits.

The old Mode of Support D, aimed at helping National Groups overcome financial difficulties, will remain as is, now numbered according as C.

The application form requirements are changes to better give the Board of Directors ability to evaluate the viability of the project.

Regarding the application to support National Board members attendance in the ICM's, limiting the amount of National groups allowed to receive the support to four per exceptional cycle will allow the support to be actually meaningful, instead fo being diluted across many applicants. Separate requirements for applications will allow the Board of Directors to receive relevant information of the group applying for the support.

No. 59: ELSA Development Foundation Standing Orders binding advice request concerning the ELSA Development Foundation Standing Orders section

The Board of Directors of ELSA Development Foundation is requesting binding advice from the International Council to amend the ELSA Development Foundation Standing Orders.

The ELSA Development Foundation Standing Orders

6. Application Procedure

[...]

6.2 Timeline for Project and Training Modes of Support

[...]

6.2.2 The applicants may apply for EDF support only during ~~four~~ three cycles – during the cycle in which the event or activity is opened, ~~at the soonest within the two cycles before the event or activity is opened,~~ and at the latest within ~~the cycle~~ two cycles, after the event or activity is ~~opened~~ closed.

6.2.3 Within two weeks after the end of a cycle, the Board of Directors shall review the applications and decide on the funding. The result of any application shall be communicated to the applicants within ~~one week~~ two weeks after the decision has been made.

6.2.4 The Board of Directors may ask the applicant to re-write the application form, including more information, stating the areas which are lacking or which need to be improved. The re-written application will be evaluated as if it were an original application. In this case, a new timeline shall be set for the applicant by the Board of Directors.

[...]

6.5 Annexes to the application

6.5.1 The applicant shall submit the Activity Report, the Financial Report and the receipts relating to the event or activity along with the application.

6.5.2 The Activity Report shall include information regarding the event or activity itself, and the experiences of the persons present, from the organisation or attendance of such activity or event.

6.5.3 The Activity Report shall include information regarding the measures that were taken concerning the search for sponsors and partners for the respective event. The Board of Directors may ask for proof, if there are doubts about the information given.

6.5.4 The Financial Report shall clearly determine, supported by the receipts meeting the criteria of the following article, the profit and loss statement of the event or activity.

6.5.5 The receipts submitted shall contain clearly legible dates, details of transactions and amounts, and shall be issued by entities with the legal capacity to issue such a receipt. In case the receipts are not in English, a brief translation of the content shall be provided. Payments not made in Euro shall be supported with a conversion into Euro, with the exchange rate at the date of the payment, as proved by the relevant receipt.

6.5.6 The Board of Directors reserves the right to unilaterally reject an Activity Report, a Financial Report or not to take a receipt into account, if it fails to fulfil the requirements of this article. In such cases, the Board of Directors may ask the applicant to re-write specific parts of the Activity Report or Financial Report or to provide a correct receipt, and provide the applicant with a new deadline for the submission. Upon timely submission, the newly amended Activity Report, Financial Report or receipt shall be taken into account, to the exclusion of the one originally submitted.

6.5.7 The Board of Directors may provide an applicant with a reporting template to be filled, in which case the template shall be used.

[...]

8. Payment Procedure and amount credited

In order for the applicants to be paid the amount granted, they must comply with the following regulations:

8.1 Reporting Procedure

- a. ~~The applicant shall submit the Activity Report, the Financial Report and the receipts relating to the event or activity, for which the grant was awarded, within four weeks of its conclusion, or along with the application, in case the event or activity has concluded before the application was submitted.~~
- b. ~~The Activity Report shall include information regarding the event or activity itself, the experiences of the persons present, and the expected multiplier effect from the organisation or attendance of such activity or event.~~
- c. ~~The Activity Report shall include information regarding the measures that were taken concerning the search for sponsors and partners for the respective event. The Board of Directors can ask for proof they deem necessary if there are doubts about the information given.~~
- d. ~~The Financial Report shall clearly determine, supported by the receipts meeting the criteria of the following article, the profit and loss statement of the event or activity.~~

- e. ~~The receipts submitted must contain clearly legible dates, details of transactions and amounts, and must be issued by entities with the legal capacity to issue such receipts. In case the receipts are not in English, a brief translation of the content must be provided. Payments not made in Euro shall be supported with a conversion into Euro, with the exchange rate at the date of the payment, as proved by the relevant receipt.~~
- f. ~~The Board of Directors reserves the right to unilaterally reject an Activity Report, a Financial Report or to exclude a receipt or receipts from the final payment, if they fail to fulfil the requirements of this Article. In such cases, the Board of Directors may ask the applicant to re-write specific parts of the Activity Report or Financial Report, and provide the applicant with a new deadline for the submission. Upon timely submission, the newly amended Activity Report, Financial Report, receipt or receipts shall be taken in as applicable, to the exclusion of the ones originally submitted.~~
- g. ~~The Board of Directors may provide an applicant with a reporting template to be filled, in which cases the template must be used.~~

8.2 Crediting Procédure

- a. ~~Within four weeks of the acceptance of the application Report, the Board of Directors shall directly credit the relevant amount to the bank account of the applicant. The Board of Directors shall directly credit the relevant amount to the bank of the applicant within four weeks of acceptance of the application.~~
 - a. ~~If either the accepted Activity Report or the Financial Report or the receipts have not been submitted to the Board of Directors by the applicant in due time, the grant awarded shall expire, and no claim for payment may be made in its regard thereafter.~~
 - b. ~~One week before the expiration of the grant, the Chairman of the EDF shall inform the applicant about the upcoming deadline to submit the Report.~~
 - c. ~~The Board of Directors may extend the deadlines for providing the Activity Report or the Financial Report or the receipts upon a valid and reasonable request of the applicant, which has been submitted to the Board of Directors before the expiration of the grant.~~

8.3 Amount credited

~~a.8.2~~ The maximum amount which ~~shall~~ will be paid out from the awarded grant shall be limited by the loss made by the applicant. An event or activity may never become profitable due payment of the awarded grant. General support shall only add up to the total amount of debt of the applicant. In this sense, €The maximum amount awarded for any Mode of Support per application shall will be not exceed 1000 EURO per application.eur, and 2000 eur for mode of support C1.

~~b-8.3.~~ If the Board of Directors has named a purpose to which the awarded grant shall be used and the expenses for this purpose are lower than the awarded grant, the Board of Directors may limit the credited amount to these expenses.

~~e-8.4.~~ A National ~~e~~Group of ELSA may only be granted a base amount of 2.500 EUROeur per financial year, plus an additional 100 eur per Local Group of ELSA, up to an absolute Maximum of 4.000 EUROeur.

8.4 Exceptional procedure

~~As an exceptional procedure, it is possible for the applicant to officially request the payment of up to 75% of the granted amount in advance.~~

~~The request shall include supporting documents to justify the need.~~

~~The Request will only be accepted if:~~

- ~~a. Receiving the grant beforehand is essential for the existence of the project;~~
- ~~b. The financial situation of the Group justifies such demand;~~
- ~~c. The National or Local Group requesting the exceptional procedure has no history of bad reporting or pending reports.~~

~~If the Board of Directors accept the request, the amount will be transferred in advance, but it will be confirmed after the submission of the report. If the amount is not confirmed, a financial obligation for the restitution of the amount will rise for the applicant group.~~

Comment:

The change to move application to the time period after the event is aimed to again decrease the workload of applicants to no longer require a separate reporting period. In the previous system it was also possible to apply and receive support but in the end find out that the event in the end did not make a loss. In the new process, the applicant only applies with the sure knowledge that the event made a loss and how big the loss is. The decrease of the application period is made to reflect the situation.

No. 60: ELSA Development Foundation Standing Orders binding advice request concerning the ELSA Development Foundation Standing Orders section

The Board of Directors of ELSA Development Foundation is requesting binding advice from the International Council to amend the ELSA Development Foundation Standing Orders.

The ELSA Development Foundation Standing Orders

7. Evaluation

7.1 The evaluation is conducted in two phases:

7.1.1 Preliminary Evaluation. The preliminary evaluation is focused on the fulfilment of the eligibility criteria.

7.1.2 Content Evaluation. In deciding whether or not to grant an applicant, and how much of the amount requested may be financed, the Board of Directors shall take into account the following criteria:

- ~~a. the quality of the submitted application form;~~
- ~~b. the quality of the plan of action~~
- ~~c. the quality of the draft budget;~~
- ~~d. the quality of the event or the activity;~~
- ~~e. the multiplier effect that financing the event or activity would have on the Network;~~
- ~~f. the impact on the resources currently available in the EDF;~~
- ~~g. link to the priorities of the EDF for the term. The priorities are set by the Board of Directors and announced through the Presidents' and Treasurers' mailing list in August for the whole year.~~
- a. quality of the submitted application;
- b. quality of the event or activity;
- c. quality of the budget;
- d. reasoning for the loss;
- e. impact of the support on the applicant group;
- f. quality of the reporting.

7.1.3 With regards to the ~~structural mode of support~~, Financial assistance for the National Board members' participation in International Council Meetings of ELSA, these additional ~~award~~ criteria apply:

- a. level of active international participation in ELSA of the applicant group ~~at the international level~~;
- b. level of compliance and implementation of the international regulations of ELSA.

7.1.4 With regards to the General Support these additional criteria apply:

- a. level of active international participation in ELSA of the applicant group;
- b. level of compliance and implementation of the international regulations of ELSA;
- c. nature of the debt;
- d. quality of the plan to improve the financial situation of the applicant group.

7.2 The Board of Directors has the liberty to decide on the amount to be granted on the application. The amount granted can be restricted to be used for a specific purpose.

~~7.3 The amount awarded for Structural Support cannot exceed 25% of the annual income of the Foundation. If, by the beginning of the application period for structural support C3 concerning the Spring International Council Meeting, less than 50% of the annual EDF income has been spent, this limit shall be forgone until the next financial year.~~

~~7.4~~ The amount awarded and communicated to the applicant is final, and may not under any circumstances be exceeded because of a surplus in receipts, or for unforeseen expenses borne by the applicant.

~~7.5~~ Board of Directors' members, who have a substantive connection to ~~been part of~~ the National Group of ELSA, whose application is being discussed, shall abstain themselves from the voting.

~~7.6~~ In case the event or the activity applied for relates to a Key Area of ELSA, the Board of Directors shall invite the respective ~~Key Area officer from the~~ Member of the International Board of ELSA to the meeting and take ~~their~~ his input into account in deciding whether or not to grant an application.

Comment:

The current evaluation criteria do not effectively reflect different things the Board of Directors need to consider when evaluating whether the event is worthy of getting the support. The removed criteria (impact on EDF and link to the priorities) are irrelevant for evaluating the quality of the application. They also do not allow for a nuanced evaluation as the application either fulfills them completely or not at all.
















NATIONAL GROUP PROPOSALS

No. 61: International Council Meeting Decision Book amendment concerning Annex 3. ELSA Brandbook, International Focus Programme

ELSA Italy and ELSA United Kingdom are proposing the following to the International Council:

The adoption of new branding for the current cycle of the International Focus Programme, which encapsulates the topic of “Law and Sustainability”.



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Comment:

The proposal has been designed to represent the concept of sustainability as an approach to "fulfil the needs of current generations without compromising the needs of future generations" through an abstract representation of our Planet Earth and its components (sea and land). The open circle represents the future (a key element in a sustainable approach) and the synergy.

The colour palette has been chosen to integrate colours representing the planet Earth and some darker shades to broaden the visual identity further than just natural elements. Thus, sustainability is not only environmental but also social and governance. The Key points have been chosen to englobe all the faces of the topic.

The font Arial represents a sustainable option because of its availability, readability and accessibility.

The identity gives much room to images since the broad topic of "Law and Sustainability" can better be pictured in its subtopics through photographic elements.

OTHER MATERIALS

[OBSERVERSHIP APPLICATION - ELSA RUSSIA](#)

[LXXXV ICM THESSALONIKI APPLICATION - ELSA GREECE](#)

[ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE ELSA INTERNATIONAL TEAM 2022/2023](#)

ANNEX 1 – INTERIM ACCOUNTS OF ELSA 2022/2023

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The Interim Accounts of ELSA 2022/2023 can be accessed [here](#).

ANNEX 2 - INTERIM ACCOUNTS OF EDF 2022/2023

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ANNEX 3 – INTERNAL AUDITORS’ REPORT ON THE INTERIM ACCOUNTS OF ELSA 2022/2023

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ANNEX 4 – INTERNAL AUDITORS’ REPORT ON THE FINAL ACCOUNTS OF EDF 2022/2023

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ANNEX 5 – PROPOSED REVISION OF THE BUDGET OF ELSA 2022/2023

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The proposed revision of the Budget of ELSA 2022/2023 can be found [here](#).

ANNEX 6 – PROPOSED BUDGET OF ELSA 2023/2024

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ANNEX 7 – PROPOSED BUDGET OF EDF 2023/2024

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ANNEX 8 – DEBTORS OF ELSA

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The list of debtors of ELSA International can be found [here](#).

ANNEX 9 – DEBTORS OF EDF

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ANNEX 10 – LETTER OF AUTHORISATION

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The template for the Letter of Authorisation can be found [here](#).

ANNEX 11 – PROXY

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The template for the Proxy can be found [here](#).

ANNEX 12 – NOMINATIONS

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The template for the Nomination, Seconding and Confirmation Sheet can be found [here](#).