

31st State of the Network

Based on the results from the 31st State of the Network Inquiry conducted before the 80th ICM Online 2021.



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Foreword

Dear Network,

We are pleased to present you the 31st State of the Network.

We would like to thank all the National Groups who filled out the inquiry, as well as the Secretary General of the International Board, Luciana Ayres de Campos, for always being there when we had questions and uncertainties.

We hope that this report helps the International Board of ELSA as well as the entire Network in shaping the future of our Association.

Best regards,

Julia Bones & Basil Schaller

Assistants for Internal Management of ELSA International 2021/2022



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Abbreviations

- NG – National Group
- LG – Local Group
- IFP – International Focus Programme
- SotN – State of the Network
- HR – Human Resources
- OYOP – One Year Operational Plan
- NTP – National Trainers' Pool
- SG – Strategic Goals
- CI – Corporate Identity
- EDF – ELSA Development Foundation



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Information about the Report

- Number of National Groups represented: 37



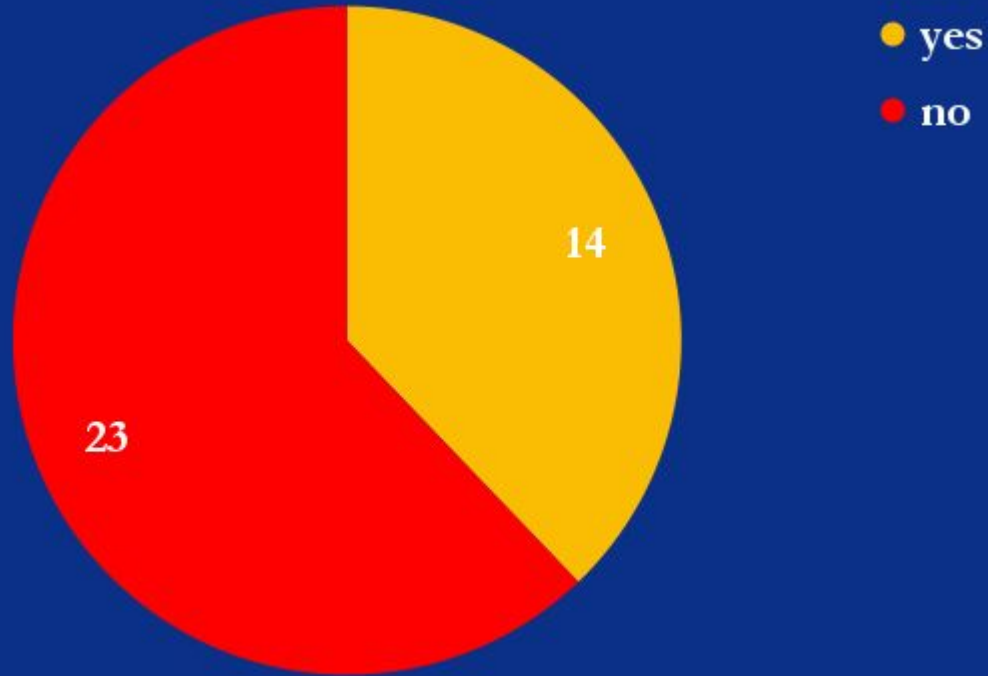
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Strategic Goals



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2. Do you have an implementation plan for the Strategic Goals of ELSA 2019-2023?



3. What is your National Group doing in order to implement the Board Reform aim?

- implementation in the Statutes (x6)
- changing VP STEP to VP PD (x5)
- Handbook / Guidelines (x4)
- helping LGs with introducing it (x4)
- workshops/training for officers (x3)
- introduced VP Competitions (x2)

4. What is your National Group doing in order to implement the Refocus aim?

- raising awareness for Human Rights through activities (x11)
- introducing new Human Rights projects (x3)
- introducing a Director for Human Rights (x2)
- workshops with officers (x2)
- implementing VP Human Rights in LGs
- trying our best

5. What is your National Group doing in order to implement the Speak Out aim?

- Advocacy Projects / Events (x6)
- Advocacy Campaign (x5)
- ROLE - Campaign (x2)
- ELSA4Schools (x2)
- workshops (x2)
- raising awareness (x2)
- policy reviews / position papers

6. What is your National Group doing in order to implement the Continuity aim?

- having / involving Alumni (x11)
- long-term partnerships (x8)
- workshops / trainings (x6)
- Transition (x5)
- involving partners in activities (x3)
- NTP (x3)
- Handbooks
- Archiving

7. What is your National Group doing in order to implement the Member Value aim?

- special benefits for members (x7)
- Trainings (x4)
- Membership cards (x4)
- Certificates for officers (x3)
- Certificates for participants (x3)
- organise more interesting events (x3)
- Awards for LGs
- active use of members for events

8. What is your National Group doing in order to implement the Community aim?

- Marketing Strategy (x4)
- Handbook / Guidelines (x2)
- Market research (x2)
- Brandbook (x2)
- workshops / trainings (x2)
- External Relations Strategy
- joint communication channels
- Code of Conduct

9. What is your National Group doing in order to implement the Retain Talent aim?

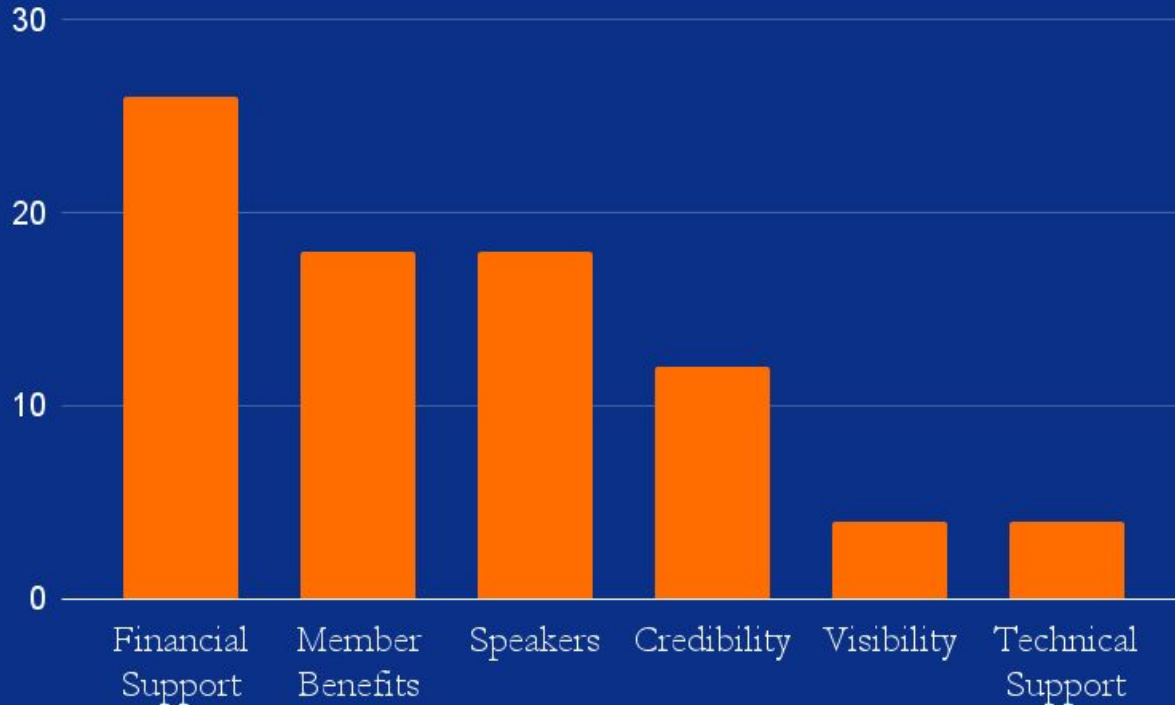
- having Alumnis (x15)
- Trainings / Workshops (x4)
- Mentors / Mentoring Program (x3)
- Advisory Board (x3)
- Directors
- Archive
- SWOT-Analysis of LGs

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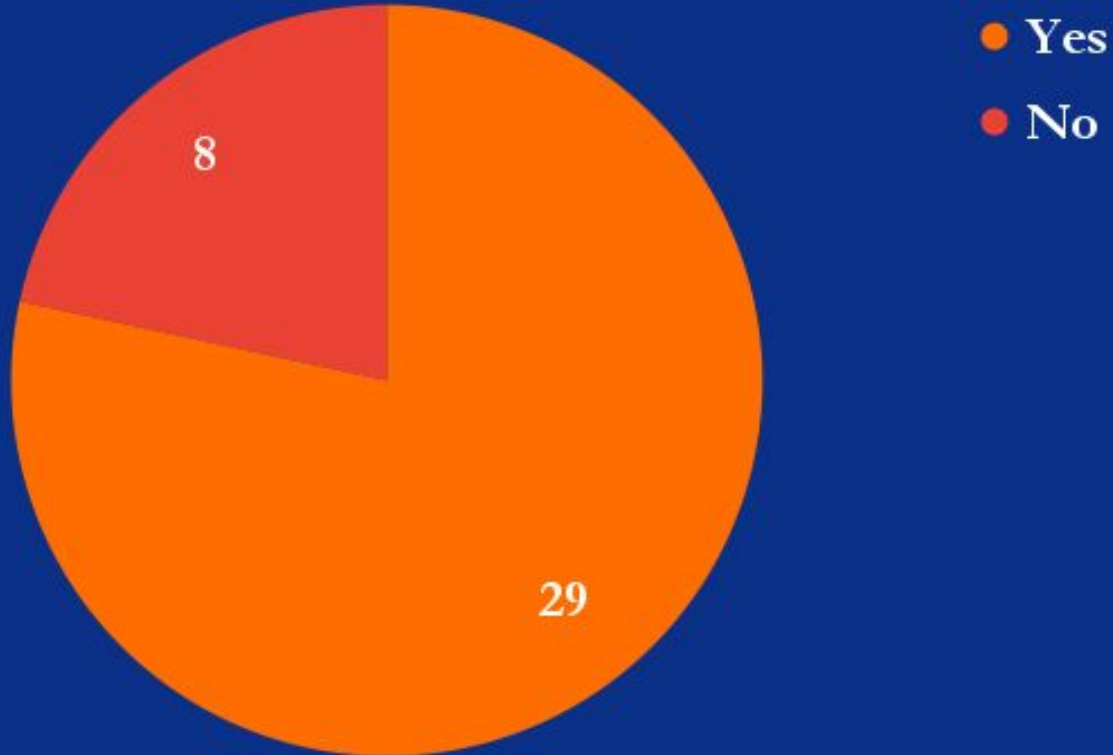
10. What are the top two priorities you have when searching for partners?



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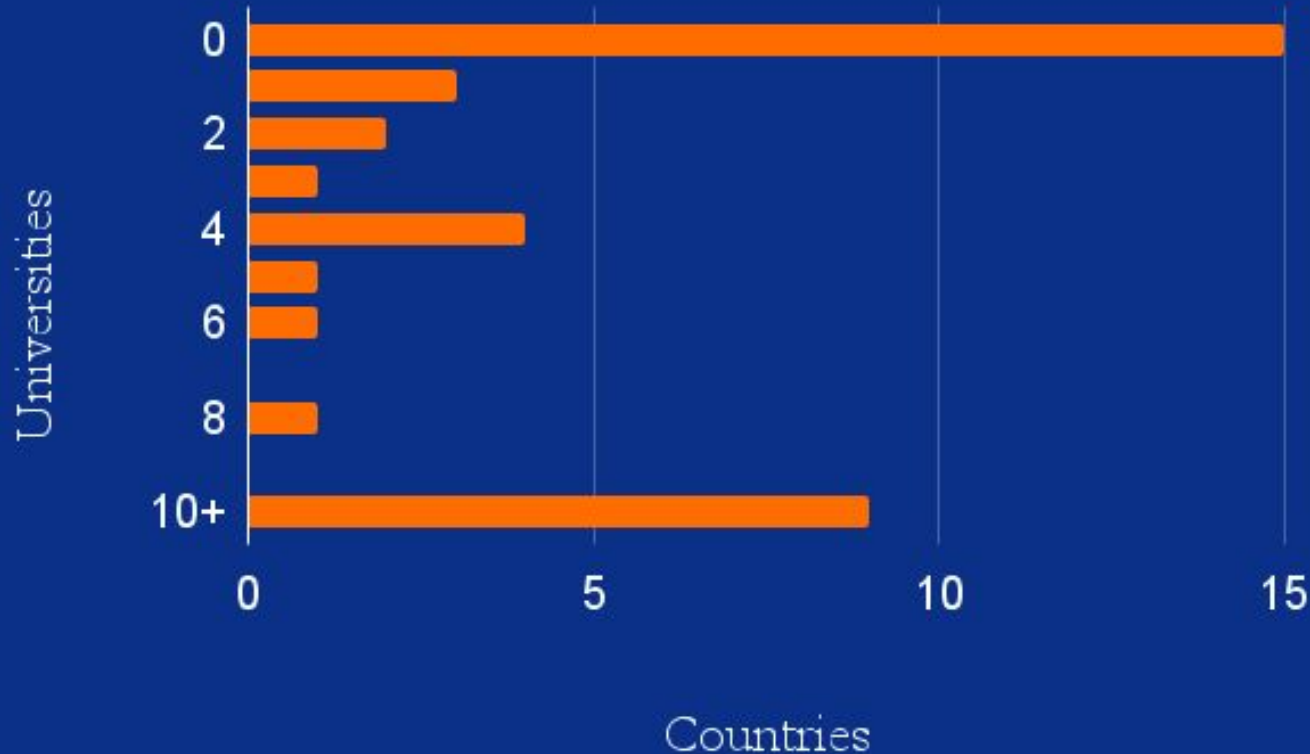
11. Do your current partners answer the needs of your National Group?



11-A. If not, why?

- not enough partners (x6)
- no financial partners (x2)
- no event supporting partner
- lack of necessity

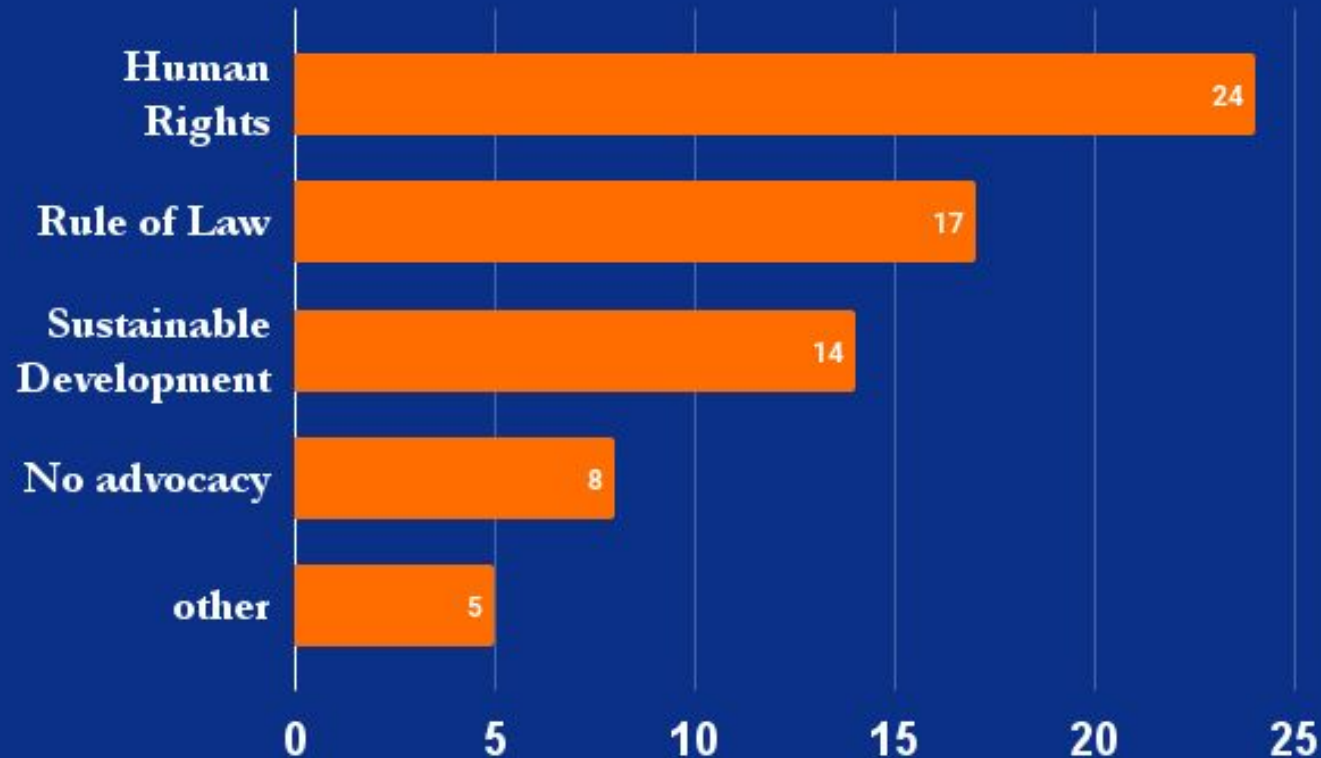
12. In how many law schools in your country does ELSA still not have a Local Group?



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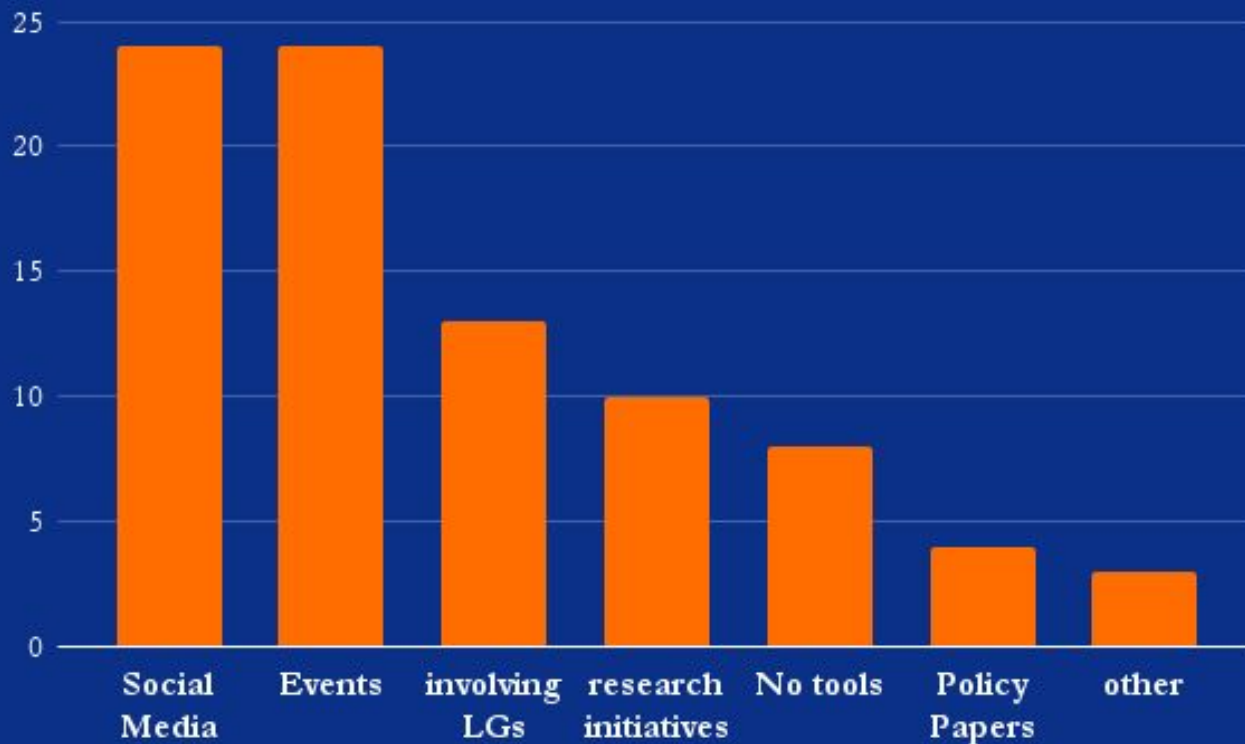
13. What topics do you advocate for?



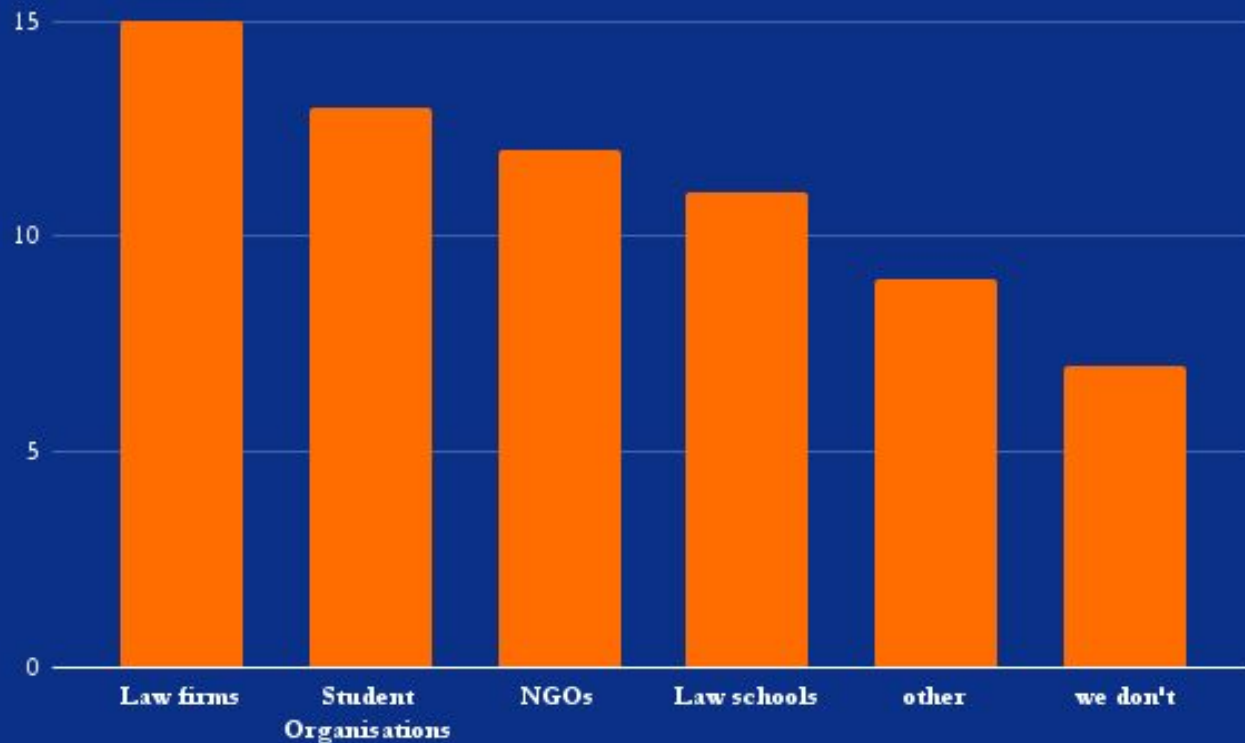
13-A. Other:

- Social Responsibility
- Children Rights
- Bilingualism in Belgium
- Legal Education Reform
- Law and Technology

14. Which tools do you use to advocate?



15. Who supports you in your advocacy campaigns?



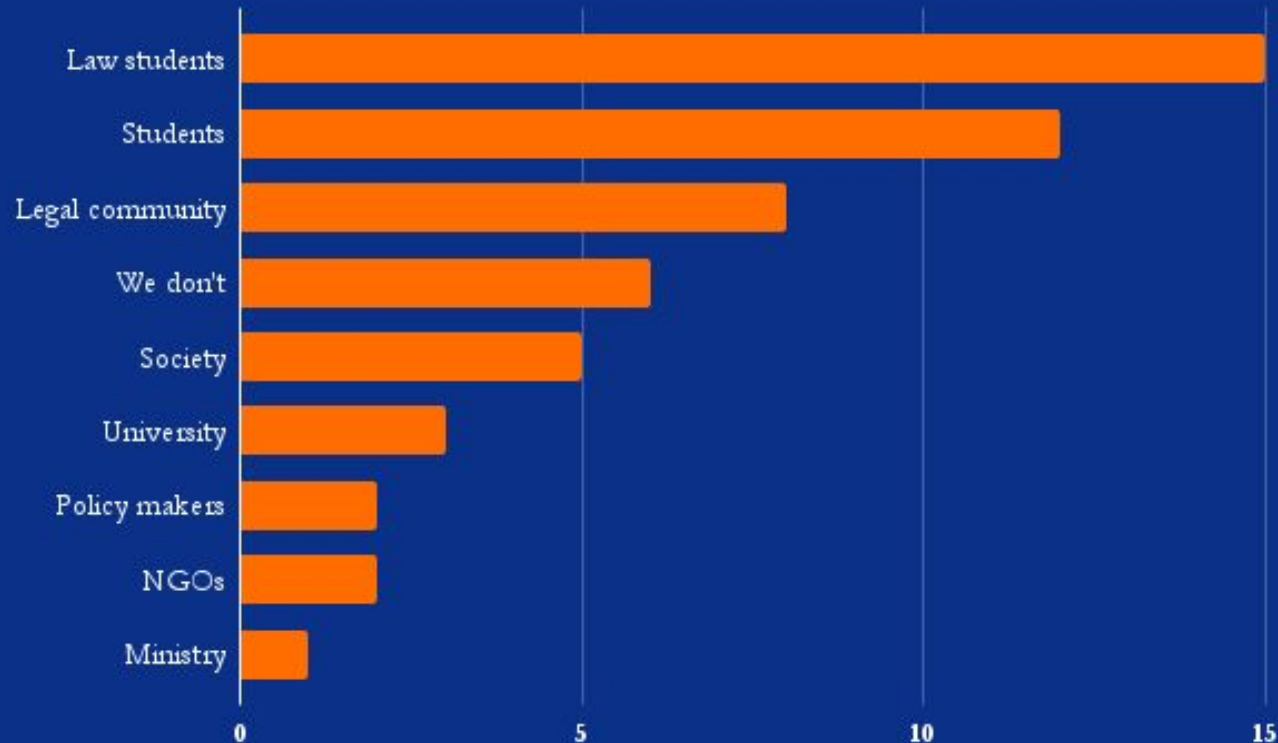
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15-A. Other:

- Companies (x2)
- independent lecturers
- Council of Europe
- Governmental Organisations
- Academic Community
- legal aid service
- no supporters

16. Who are the targets of your advocacy campaigns?

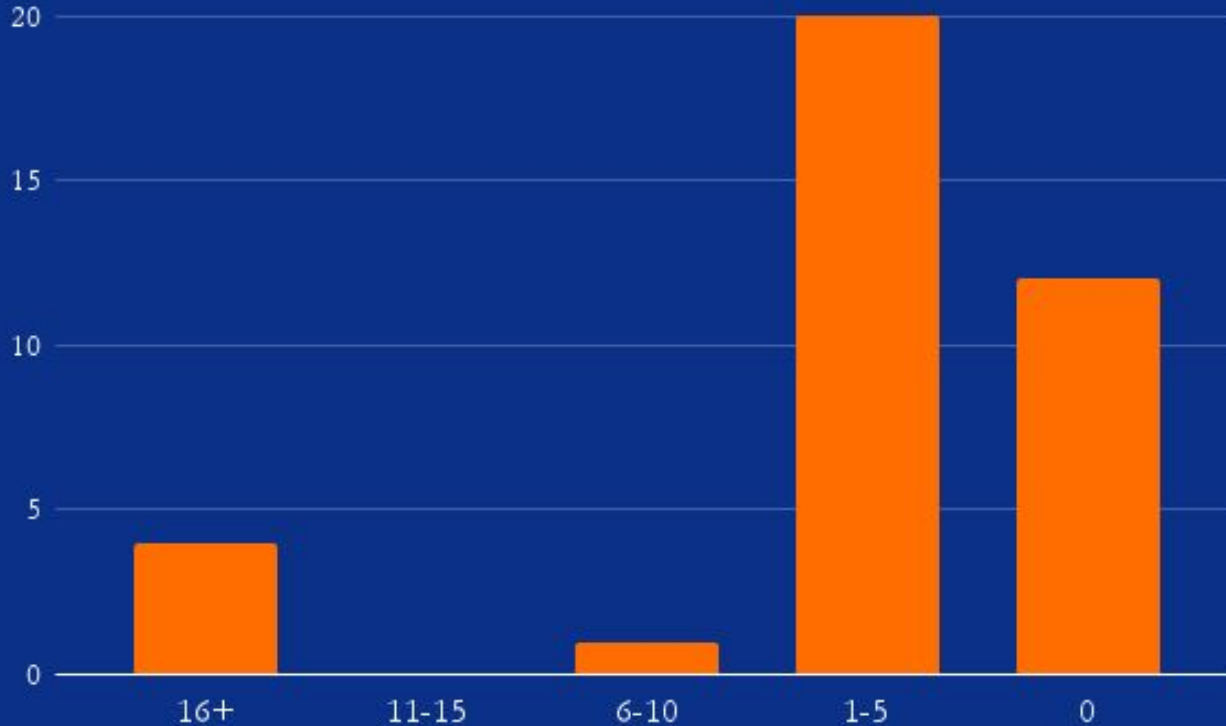


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17. On average, how many trainings do you organise in your National Group per year?



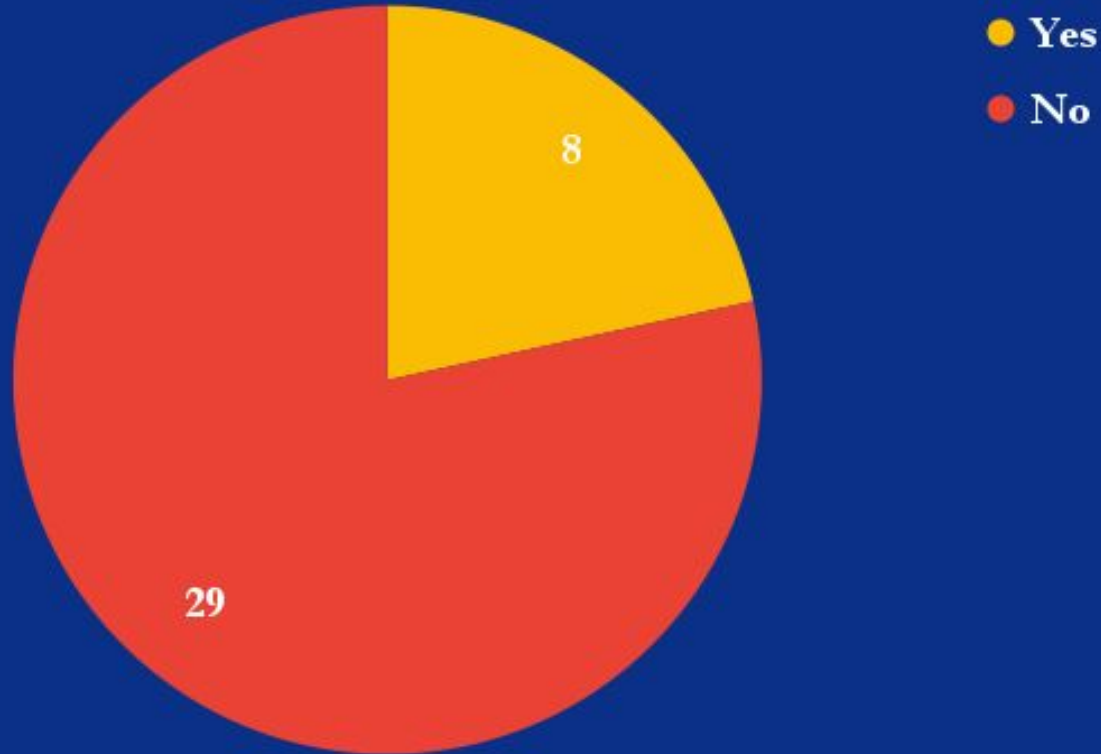
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17-A. If your answer was 0, why?

- don't know how (x5)
- lack of interest (x4)
- don't know what ELSA Training is
- costs
- no responses from trainers

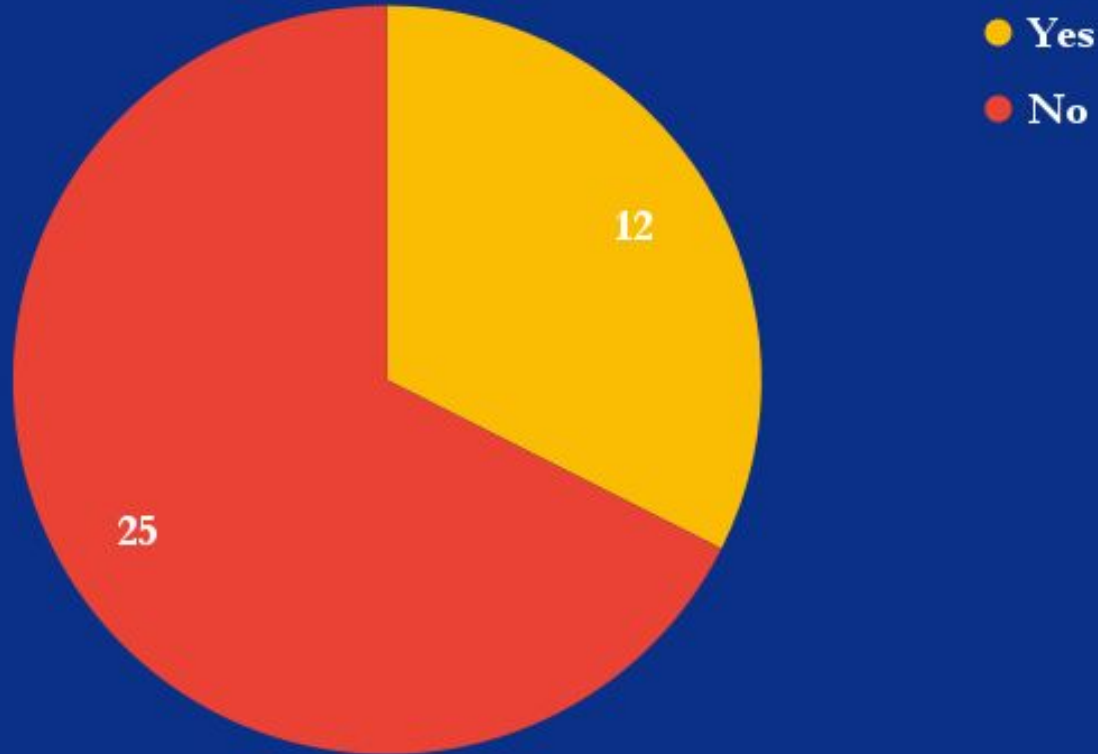
18. For the trainings you organise, do you request an ITP Trainer?



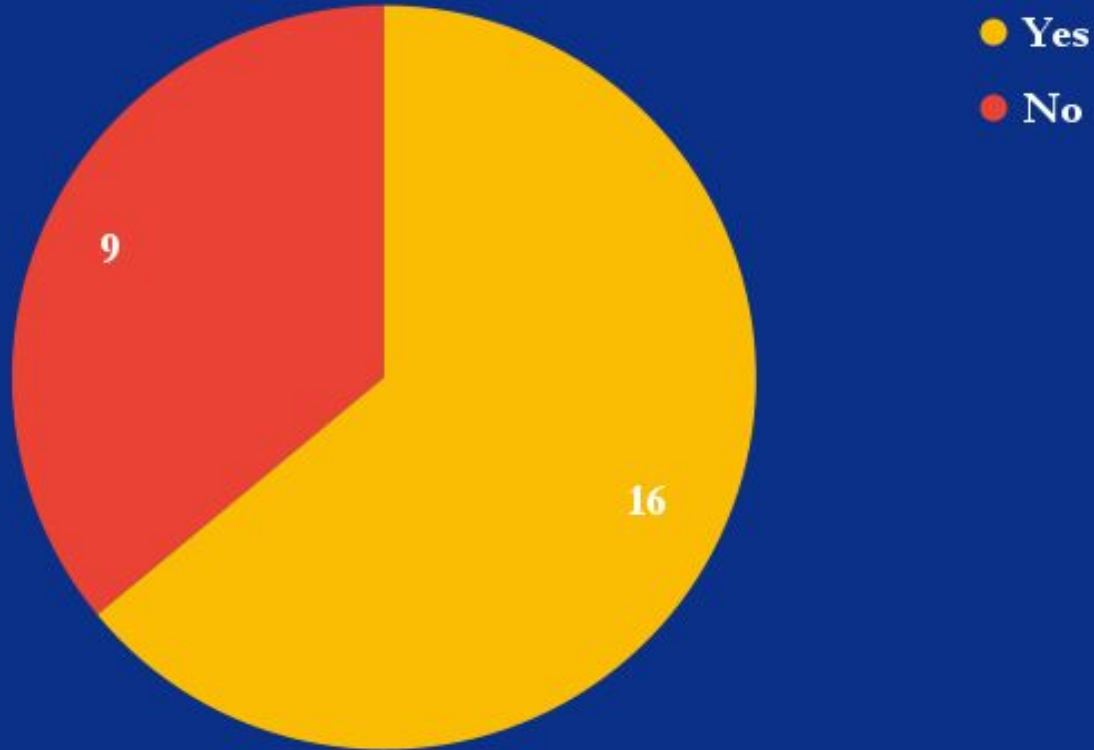
18-A. If your answer was no, why?

- own NTP (x9)
- no trainings done (x6)
- costs (x6)
- not done yet (x4)
- don't know what ITP is (x2)
- no need (x2)

19. Does your National Group have a Code of Conduct?



19-A. If your answer was no, are you planning to implement one this year?



19-B. If not, why?

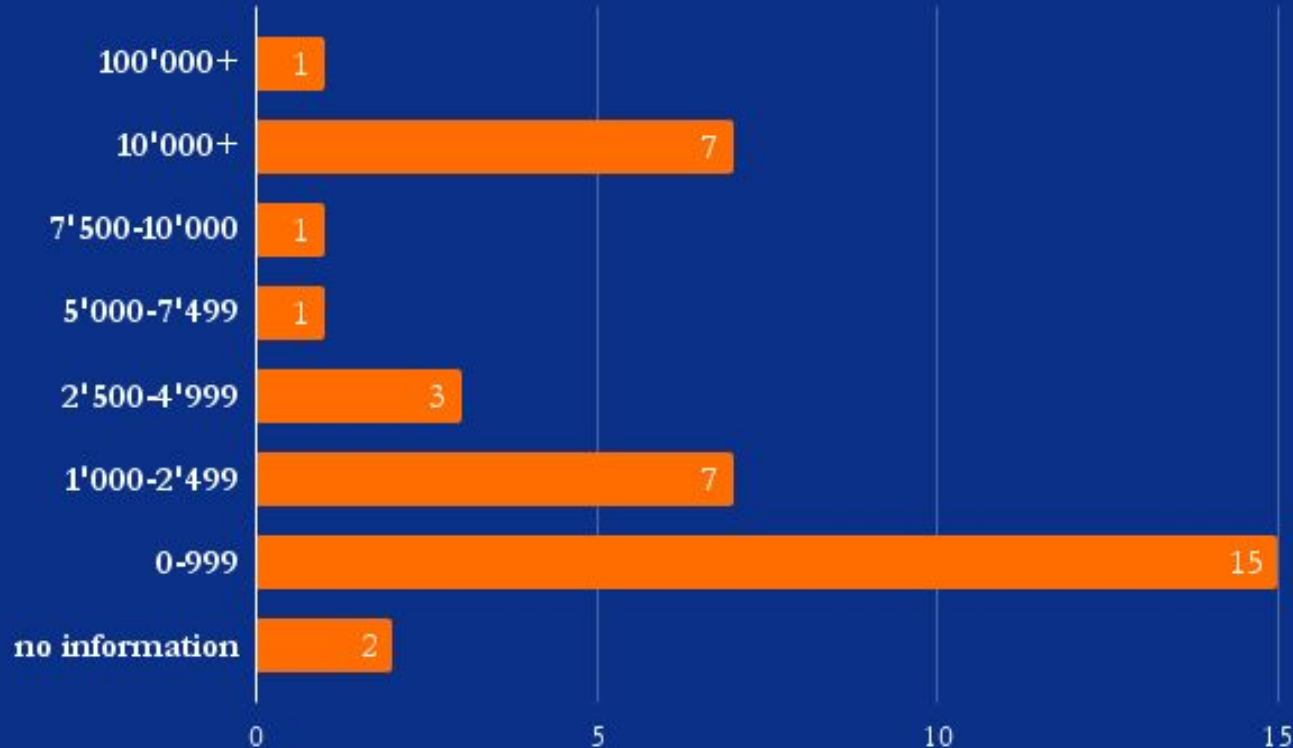
- not prioritised (x5)
- lack of interest / need
- have it in internal regulations
- failed to implement / got rejected

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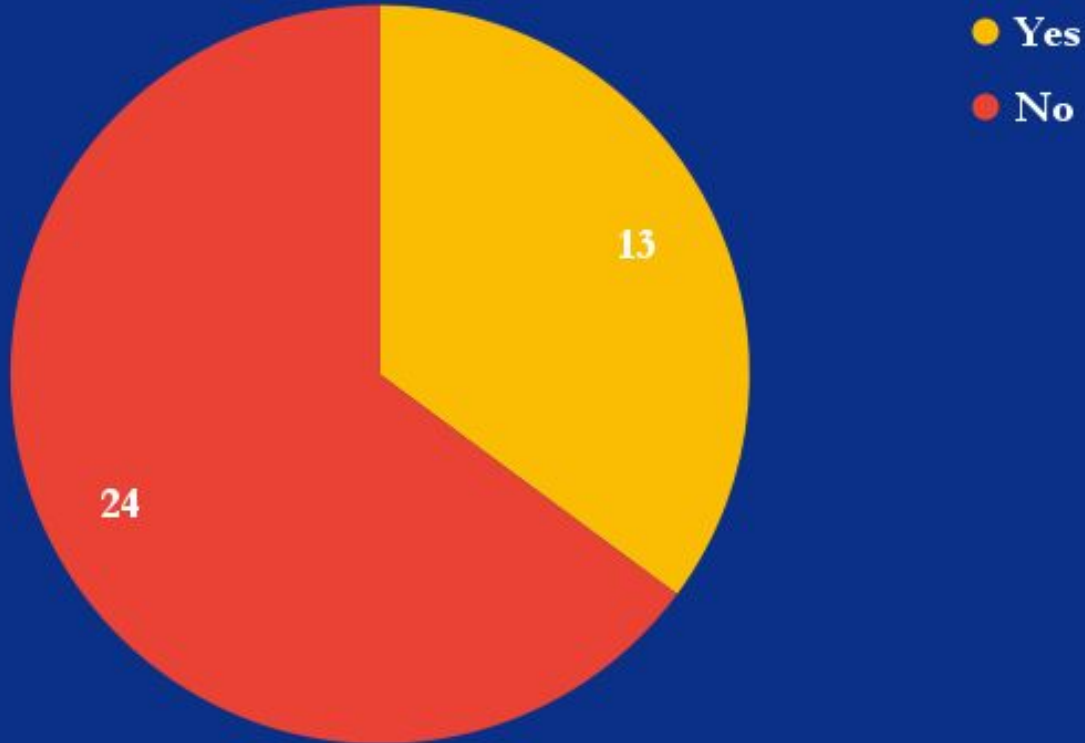
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20. How much is the “Annual General Income” of your National Group gathered in the immediate previous financial year expressed in EURO?



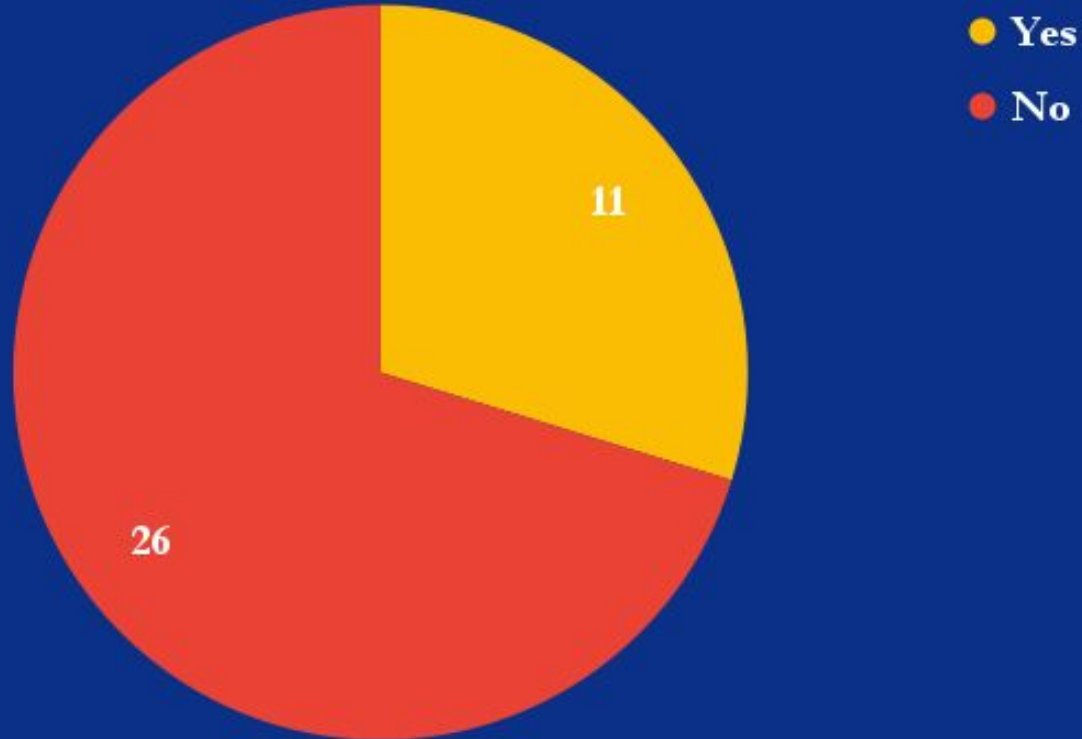
21. Have you ever applied for EDF?



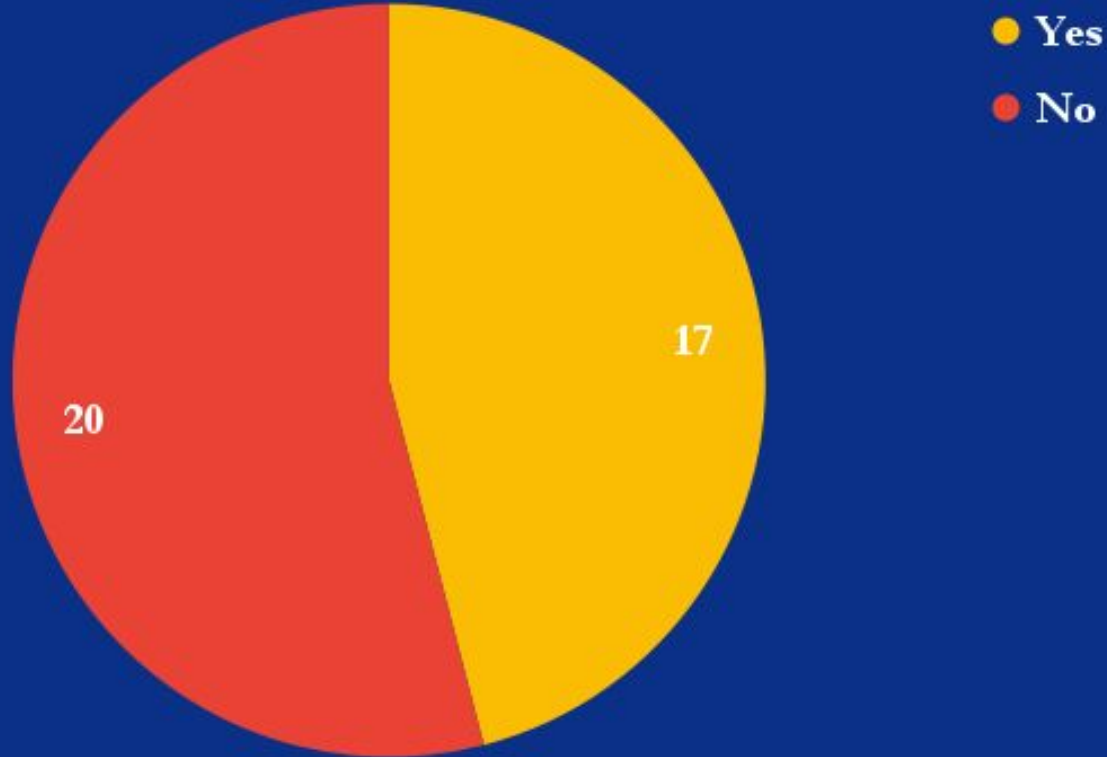
21-A. If your answer was no, why?

- no need / no losses (x13)
- don't know how to apply (x3)
- other (x3)
- don't know what EDF is (x2)
- national EDF
- never gotten it

22. Do you have Funds or Foundations in your National Group?



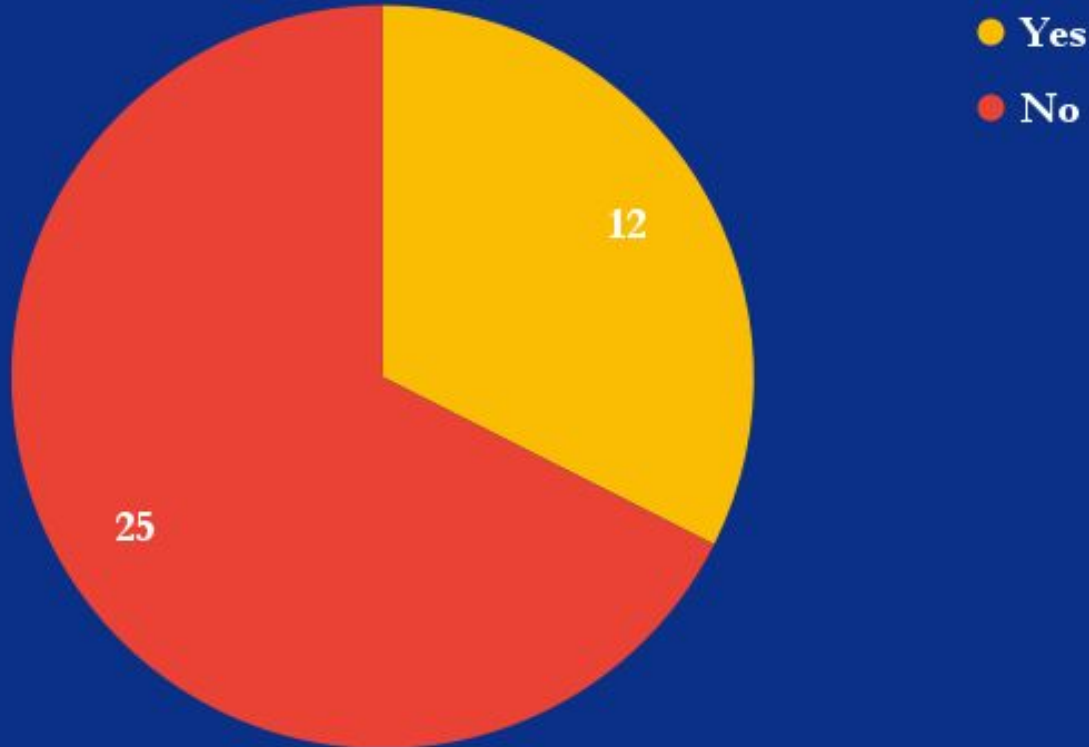
23. Does your National Group apply for Grants?



24. How do you think the Grants Database can be improved?

- grants targeted / listed for specific countries
- organise grants in categories
- update it / add more grants
- make the database more known
- it's fine as it is (x2)

25. Do you currently use a bookkeeping programme?



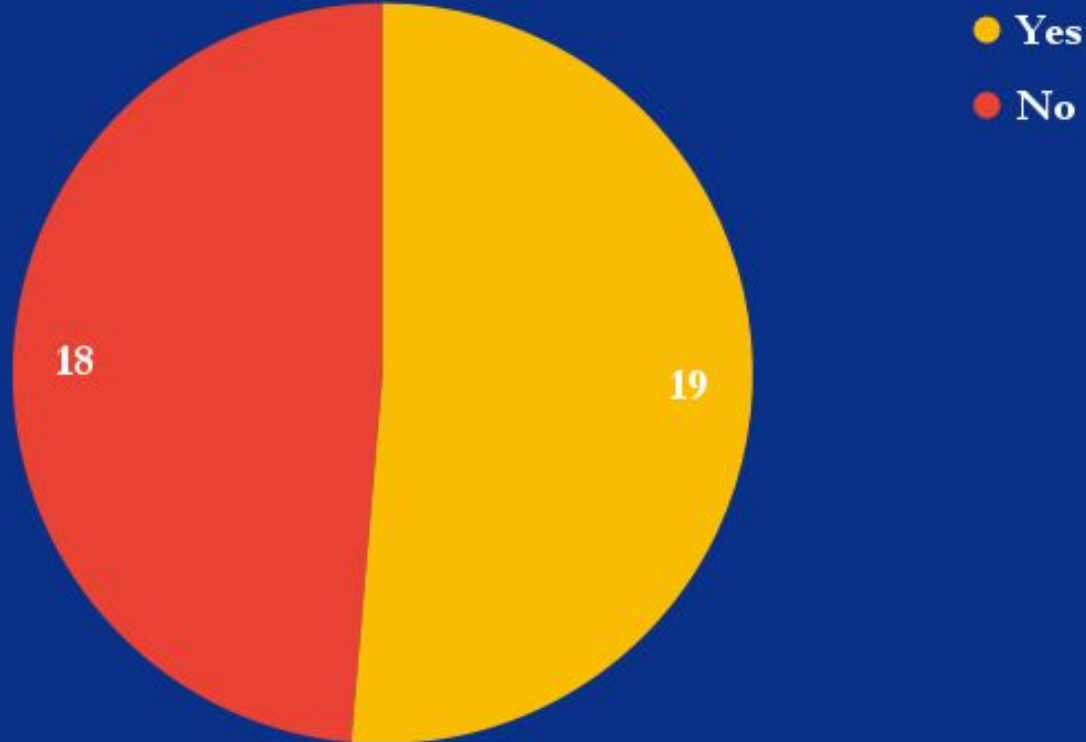
25-A. If yes, please provide the name of the programme.

- Excel (x5)
- Fiken
- Lúcto
- Tilitin
- Fortnox
- Starmoney Business
- Terzo Settore InCloud

26. How do you think FM Toolkits and Materials in the Officers' Portal can be improved?

- transition checklist
- help forum
- more templates / excel sheets (x4)
- video tutorials
- better handbook for bookkeeping
- calculator for EDF and membership fees
- easier form for EDF
- they are good as is (x9)

27. Does your National Group have Auditors?

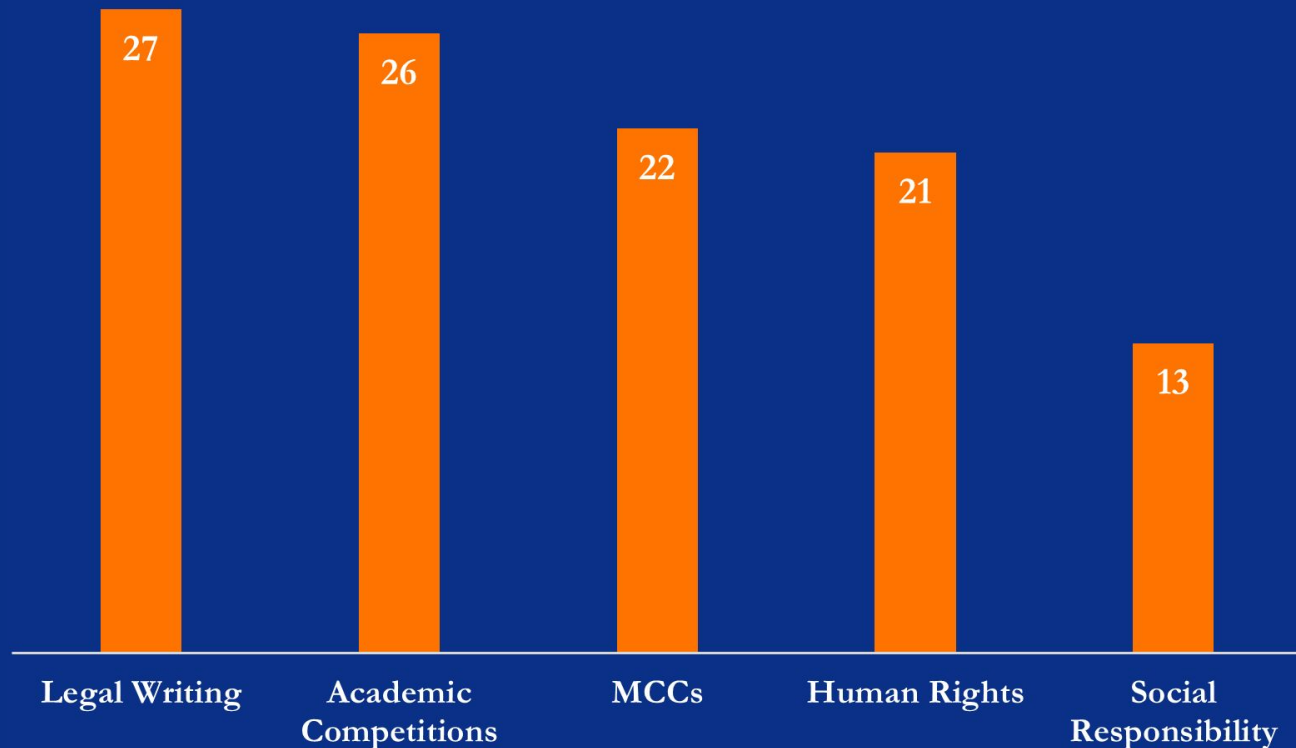


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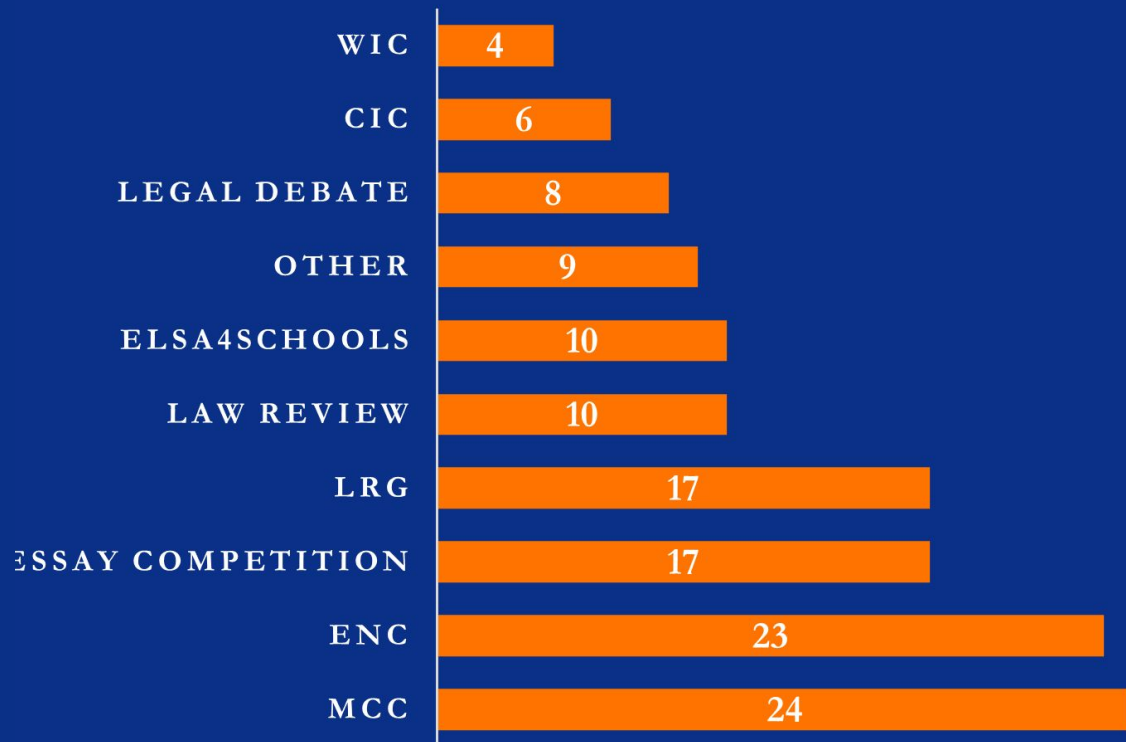
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Which fields of projects are you planning to focus on at the National level?



Please specify the projects you plan to organise within the fields you chose.



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Other:

Social responsibility days (Europe day, women day, etc.)

Contractual relations competition (sort of a combination of CIC and ENC)

Competition of drafting documents

Legal Courses

Policy paper writing

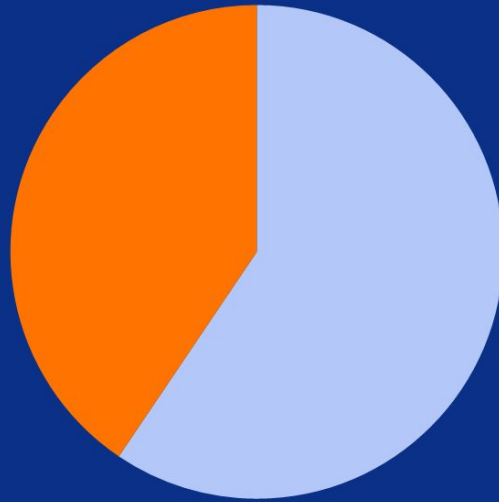
ROLE, Cycle of Legal Courses, Blog of HR, Legal Clinic

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Are you planning to organise the ELSA Negotiation Competition (ENC)?

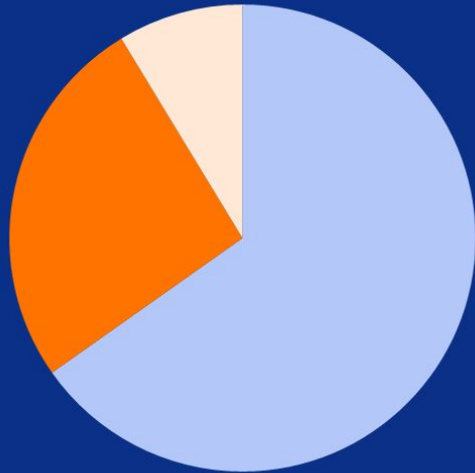


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If your answer was yes, when are you planning to organise the ENC this term?

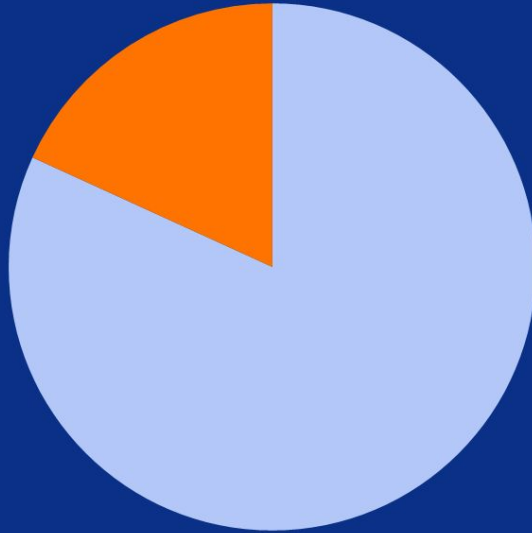


■ Spring: 15 ■ Autumn: 6 ■ To be determined: 2

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Are you planning to provide a legal course to the ENC participants?

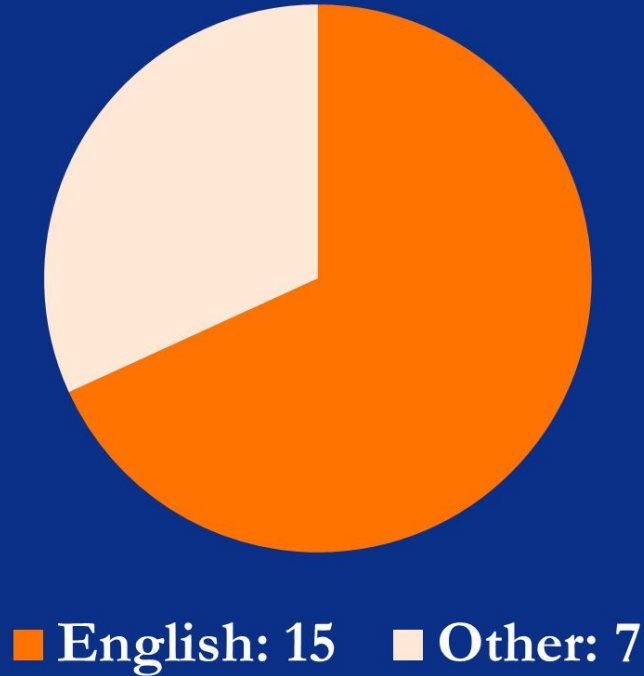


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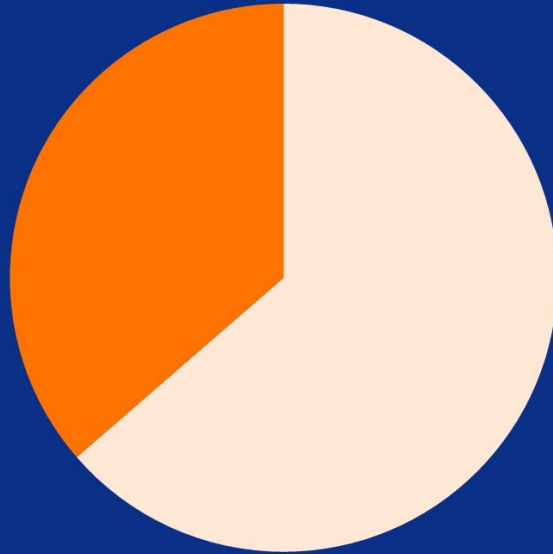
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In which language do you plan to organise the ENC?



Will you send a team to the ENC European Final Round?

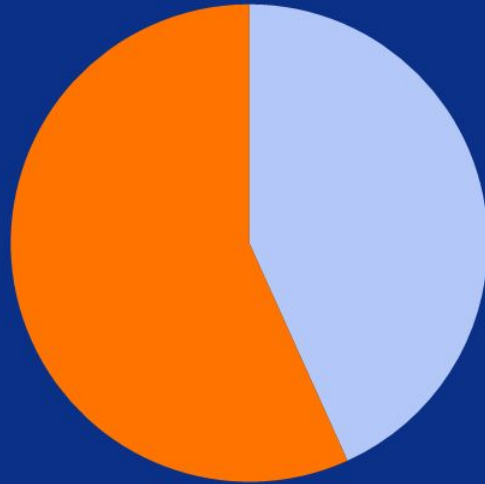


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Will you organise other Academic Competitions?



■ Yes: 16 ■ No: 21

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If yes, which one?

- CIC (x5)
- Legal debate (x4)
- WIC (x2)
- Contract Competition (x2)
- ENC
- Essay Competition
- Human Rights Competition
- Economic Law Competition
- New technology Competition
- Civil Law Competition
- Case Competition



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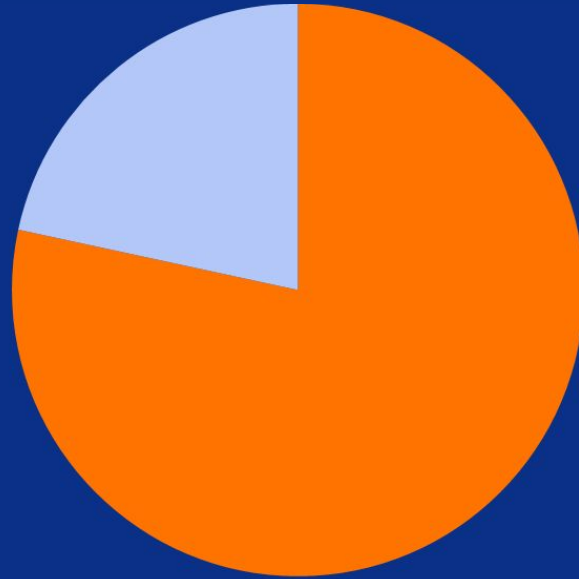
What can ELSA International improve within the Academic Competitions field?

- Database for cases
- marketing kits / bags (x5)
- help with coordinating dates of national and international events (x3)
- a better communication platform than Facebook
- how to organise specific events
- more help for smaller NGs (x3)
- earlier informations (x2)
- clarifications in existing handbooks (x3)



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Are you planning to organise an ELSA Day event?

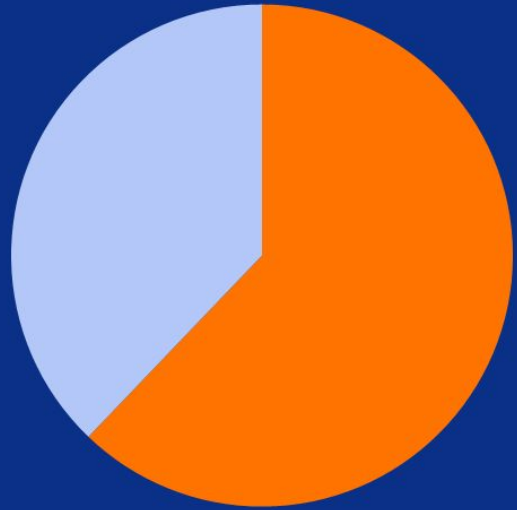


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Are you planning to organise social responsibility initiatives this term?

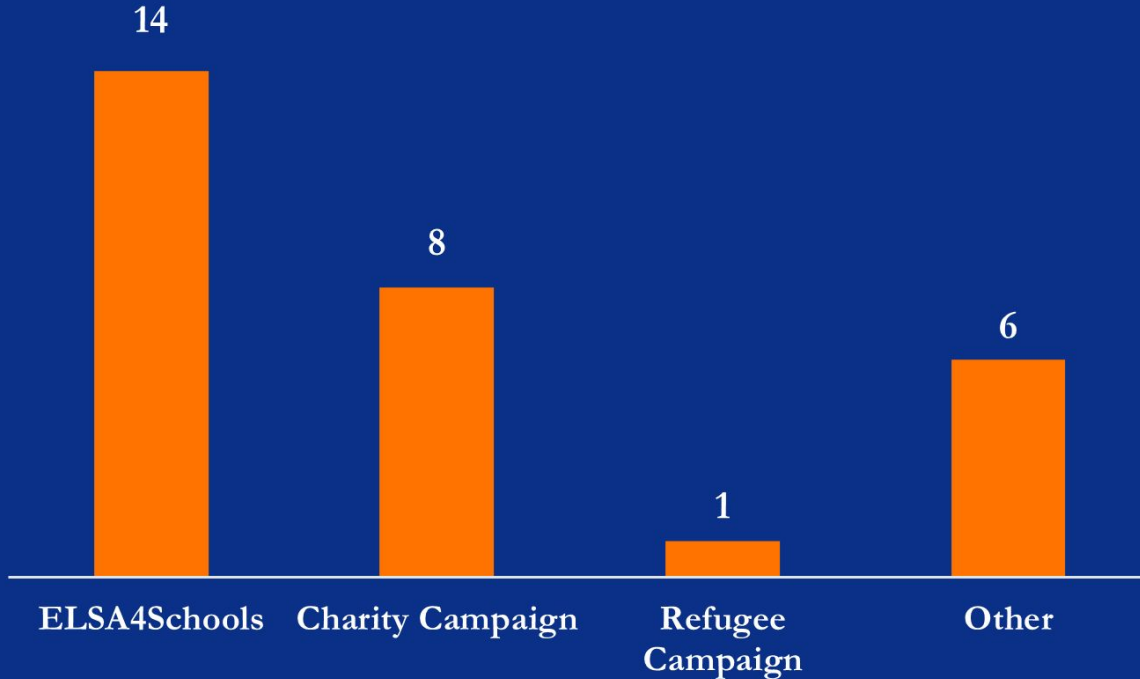


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If yes, which projects?



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Other:

Advocacy team

Gender Sensitive Project

Debates

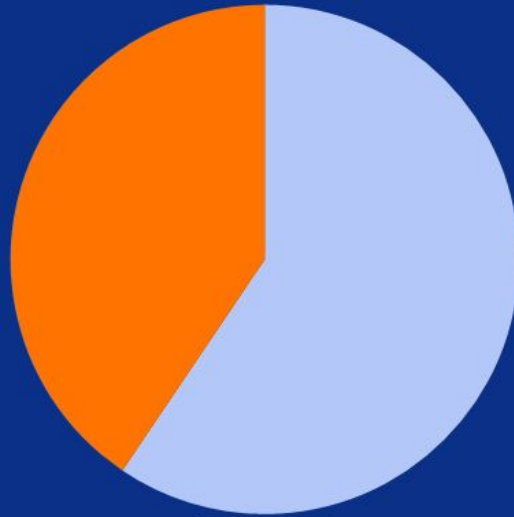
Volunteer actions with Red Cross; ROLE; Legal Clinic

Other types of campaigns



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Are you planning to conduct a Legal Research Group?

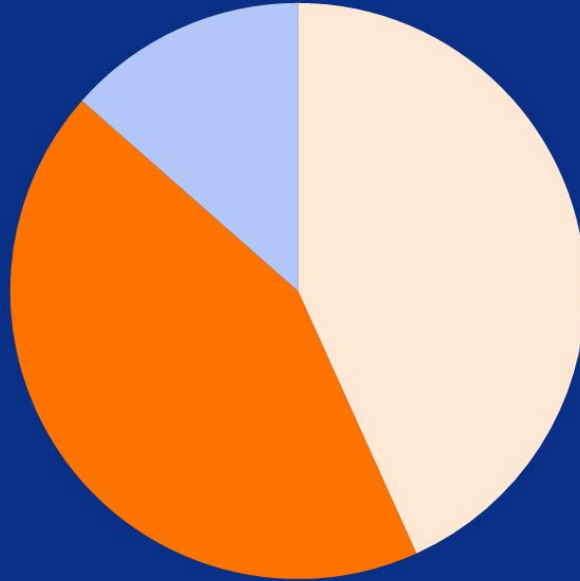


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Which type of Legal Research Groups do you intend to establish?



■ Unilateral: 16

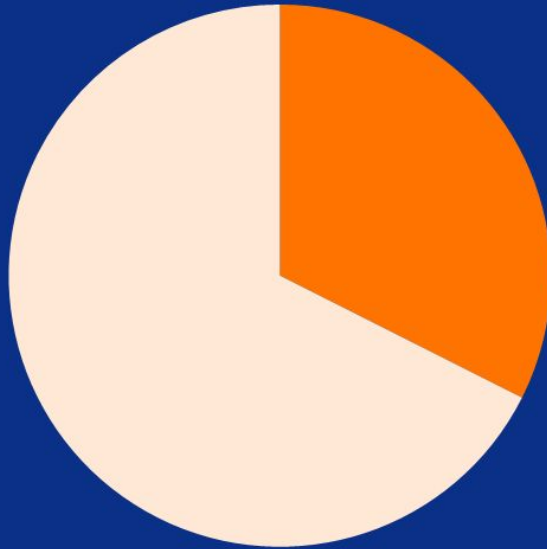
■ Multilateral: 16

■ Bilateral: 5

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Are you planning to establish your own Law Review?



■ Yes: 12 ■ No: 25

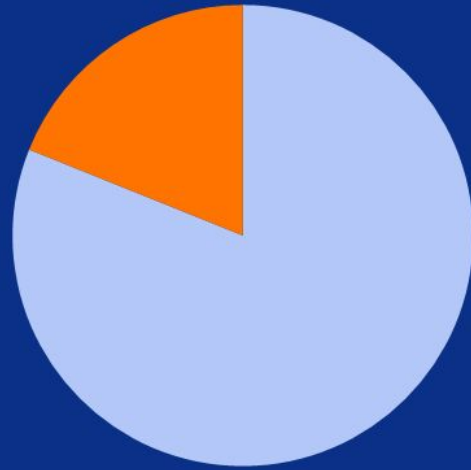
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Which information or support would you require regarding Legal Writing projects?

- all information for legal writing (x2)
- English writing guidelines
- help with coordinating between NGs (x5)
- list of publishers
- more information about how to organise (x2)
- Handbooks / Guidelines (x2)
- help with implementation (x2)
- international partners for online
- Website building and management

Are you familiar with the Helga Pedersen and John H. Jackson Moot Court Competitions and their structures?

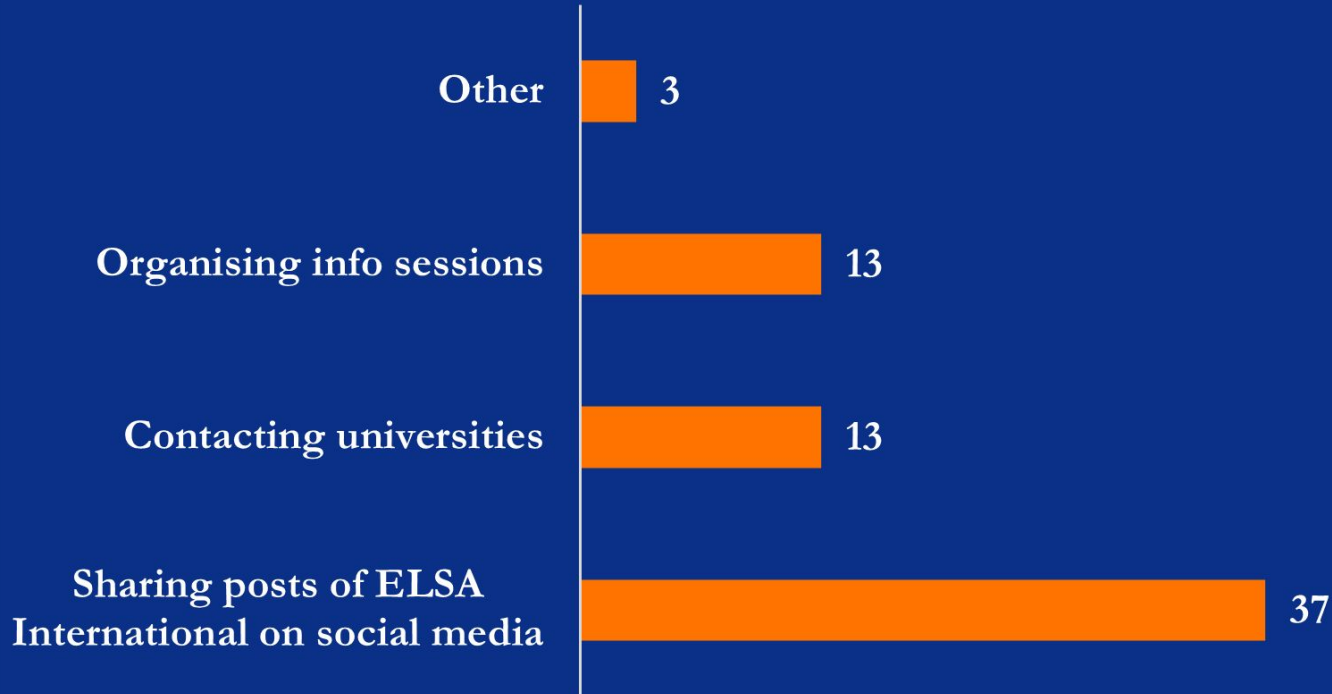


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How will you contribute to the promotion of Helga Pedersen and John H. Jackson Moot Court?



Other:

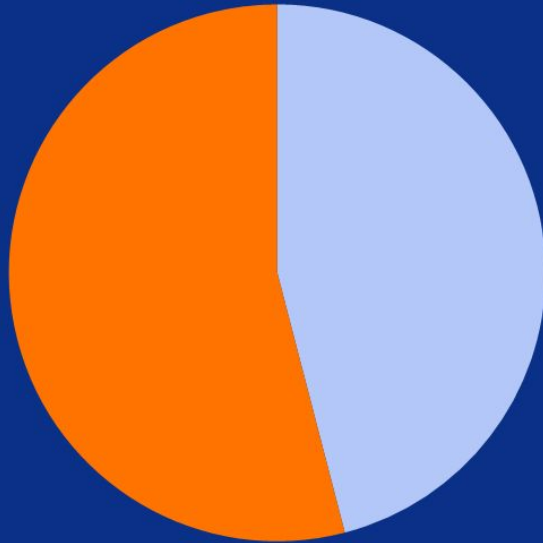
Written testimonials of participants

Relaying frequent updates to local officers



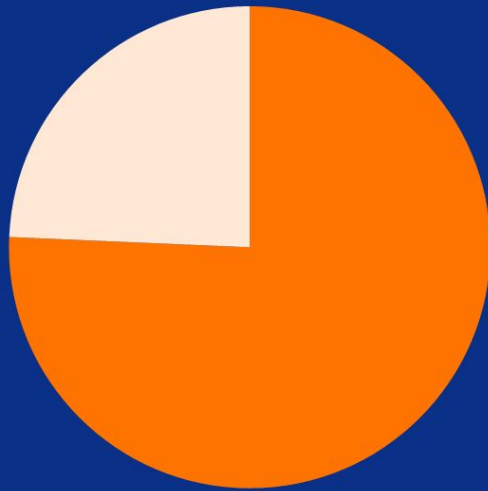
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Are there teams participating in the competitions from your country?



■ Yes: 17 ■ No: 20

Does your National Group organise Moot Court Competitions?



■ Yes: 28 ■ No: 9

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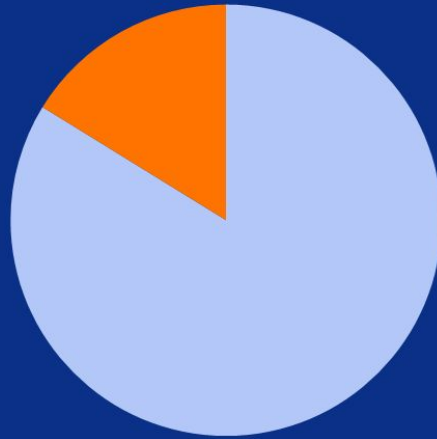
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Did your National Group start or plan to start the transition from STEP to Professional Development position in this term?

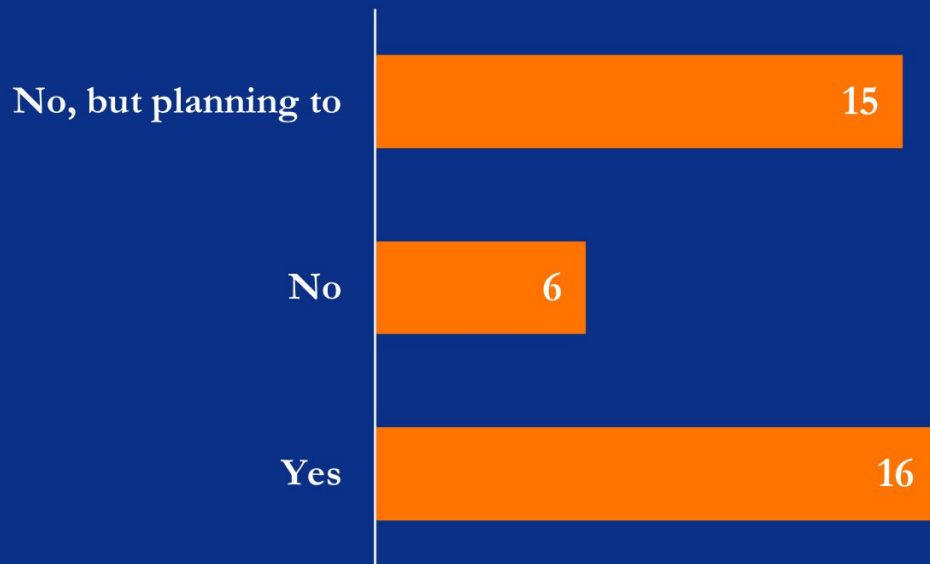


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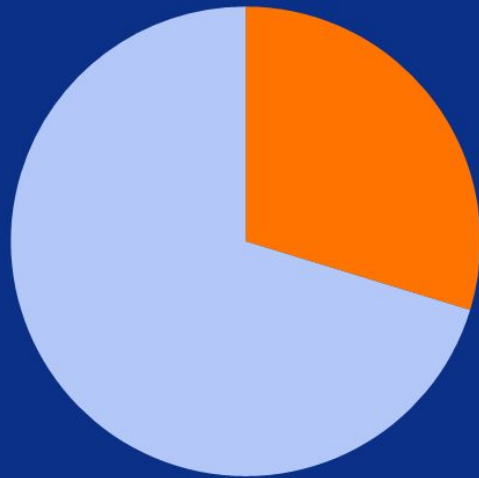
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Did you already change the name of the Professional Development position of the National Board in your Regulations?



Did you already change the email address related to the Professional Development position?

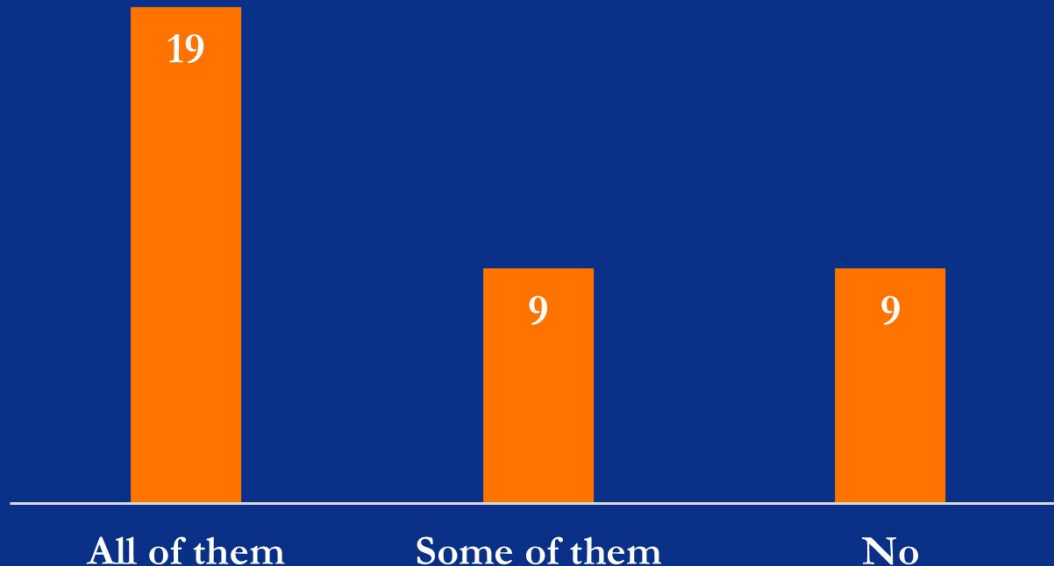


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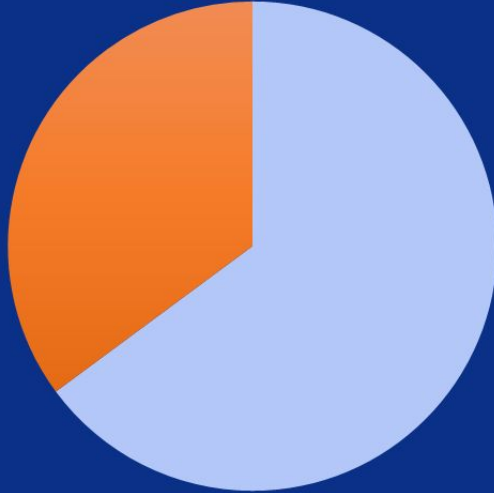
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Did your Local Groups start or plan to start the transition from STEP to Professional Development position in this term?



Are you planning to organize at least one Professional Development event this year?

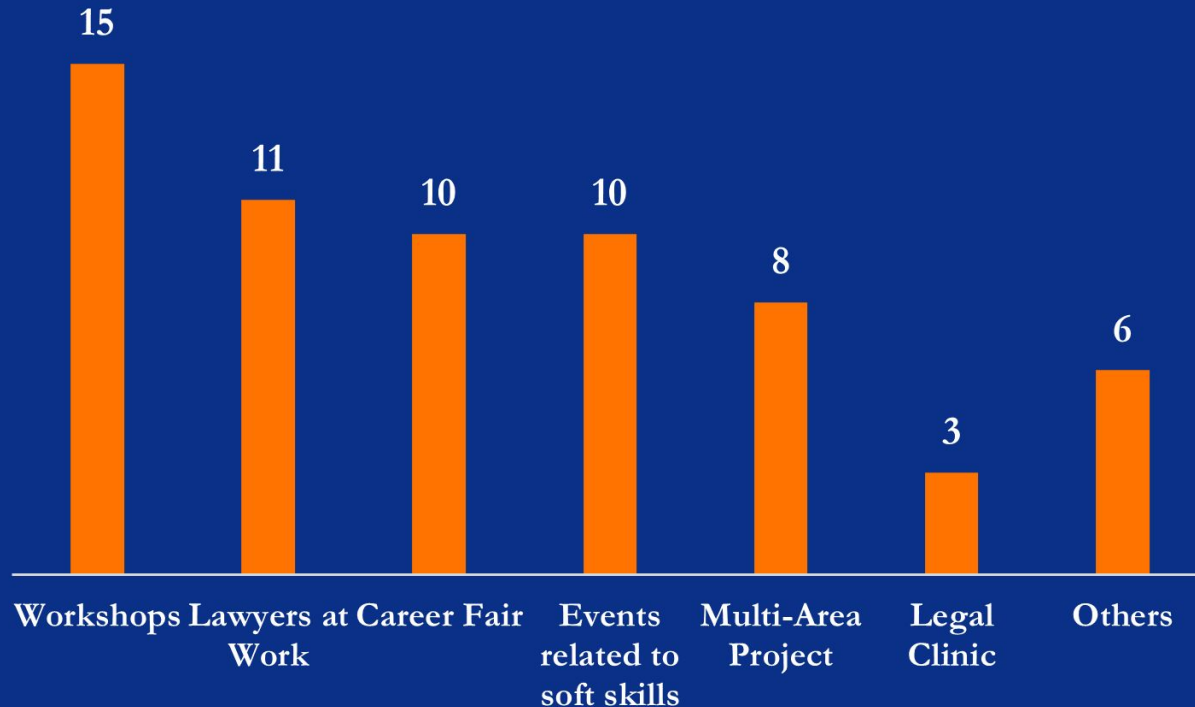


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If the answer is yes, can you indicate which type of event/events?



Others:

Information evening

Promotions of the Professional Development; Podcasts and such

National Traineeships Programme

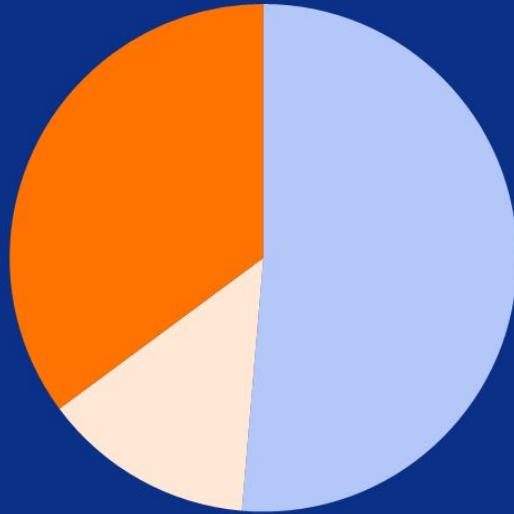
CV/Cover Letter Workshops, Mock-Interviews, Presentation-techniques

Career launch at the national level



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Are your Local Groups planning to organise Professional Development events?

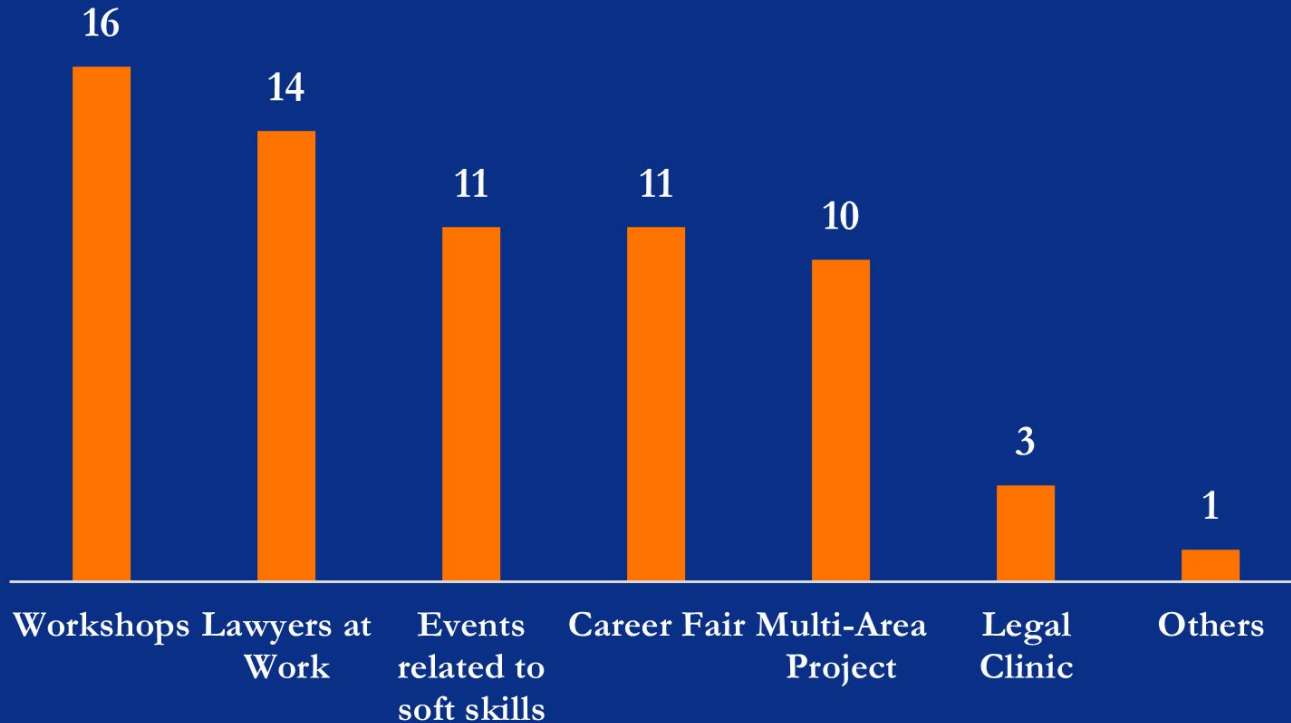


■ Yes: 19 ■ No: 5 ■ No information yet: 13

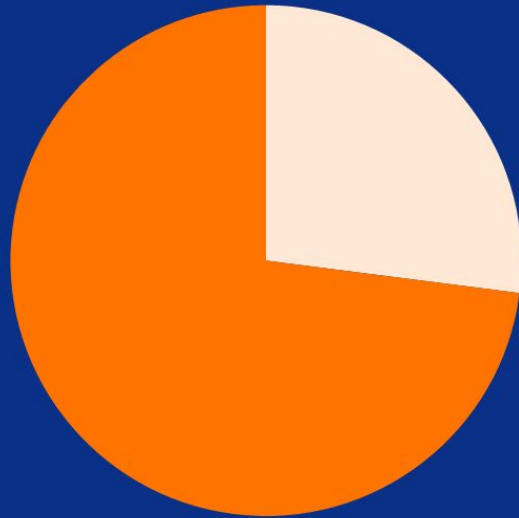
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If the answer is yes, can you indicate which type of event/events?



Did you face difficulties in the activities related to ELSA Traineeships in the first part of the term?



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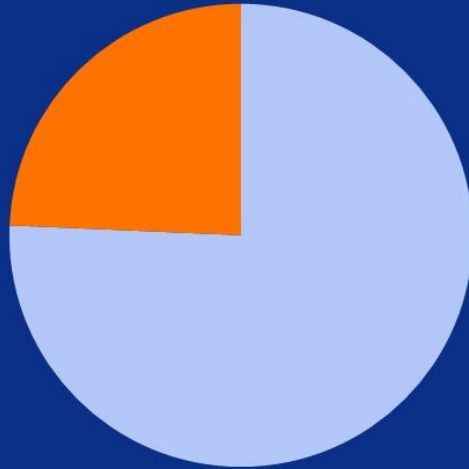
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If the answer is yes, which activities caused you difficulties?



Are you aware of the possibility to ask ELSA International for a tailored support and training for the Professional Development area contacting the Director for Coaching?



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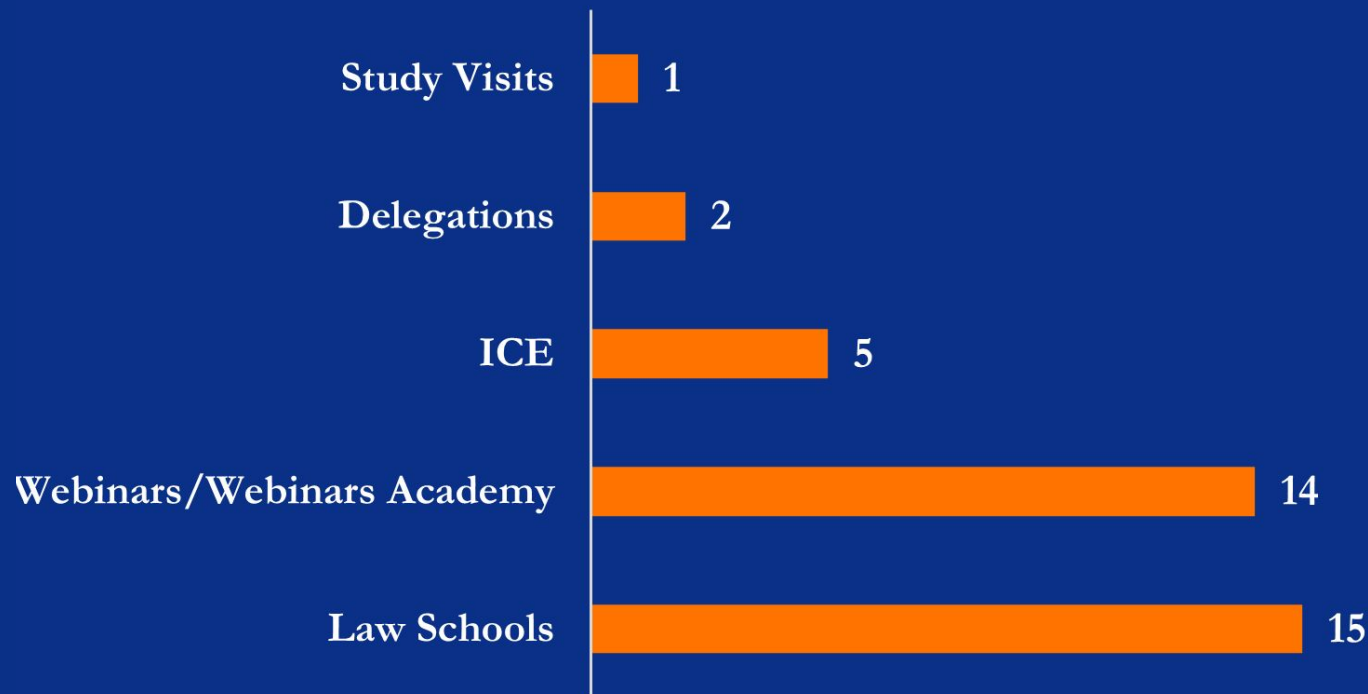
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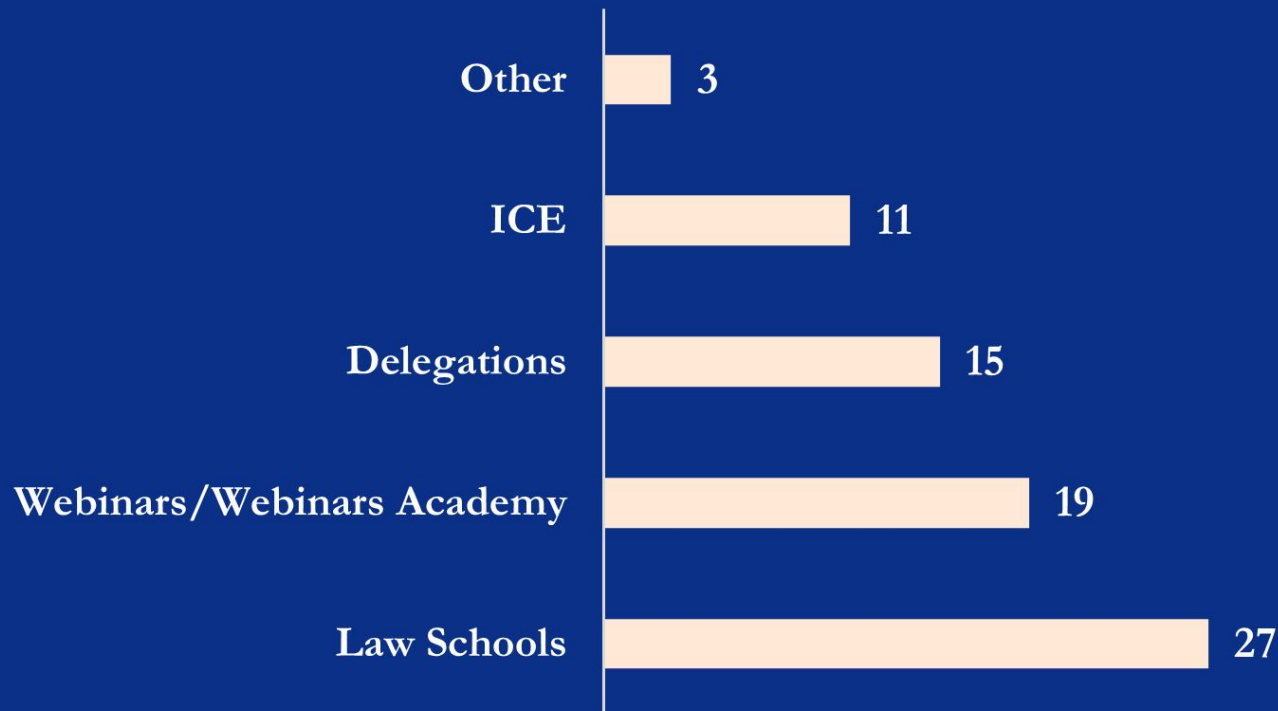
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Which International S&C project will be your main focus this term?



Which S&C projects do you find most important for the Area?



What S&C tools would you like to receive from ELSA International?

- Handbooks / Guidelines (x5)
- more marketing materials (especially presentations) (x11)
- tutorials (x2)
- Statistics
- S&C calendar
- checklists for different events
- speaker database
- Study Visit webpage update
- Training and access to ClickMeeting



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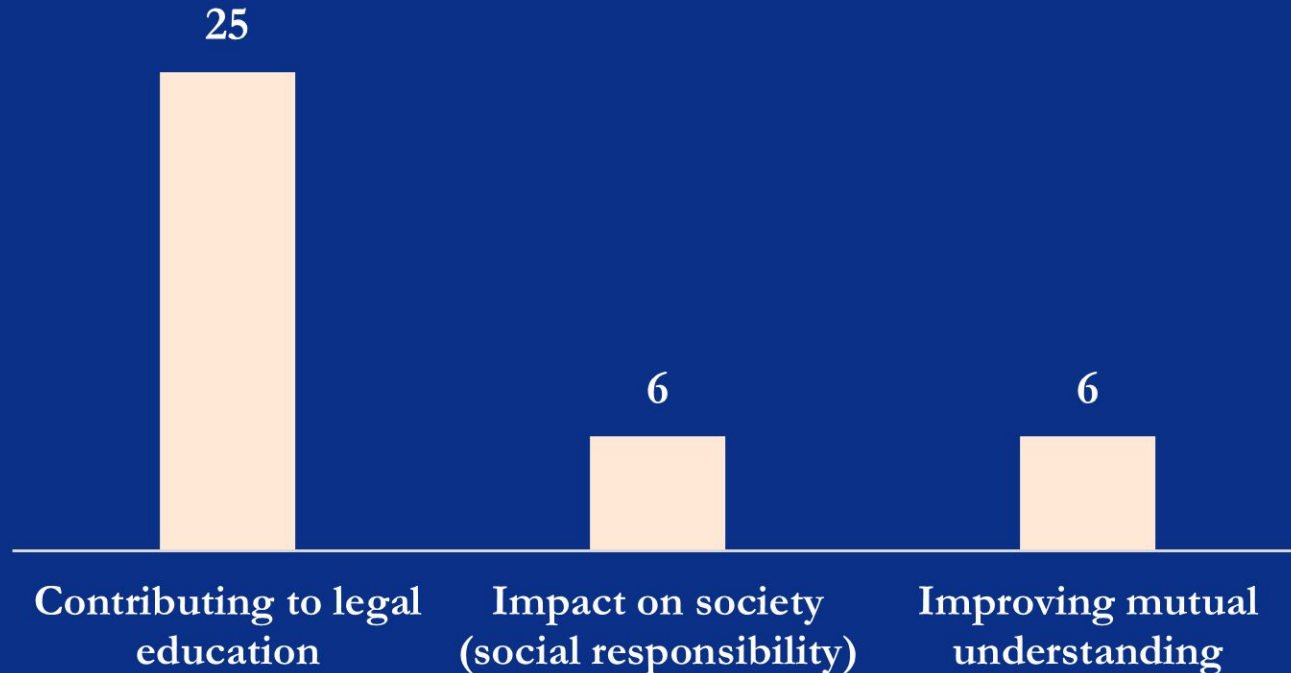
Which communication channel(s) do you use to promote your ELSA Webinar?



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What is your main focus when organising an S&C event?



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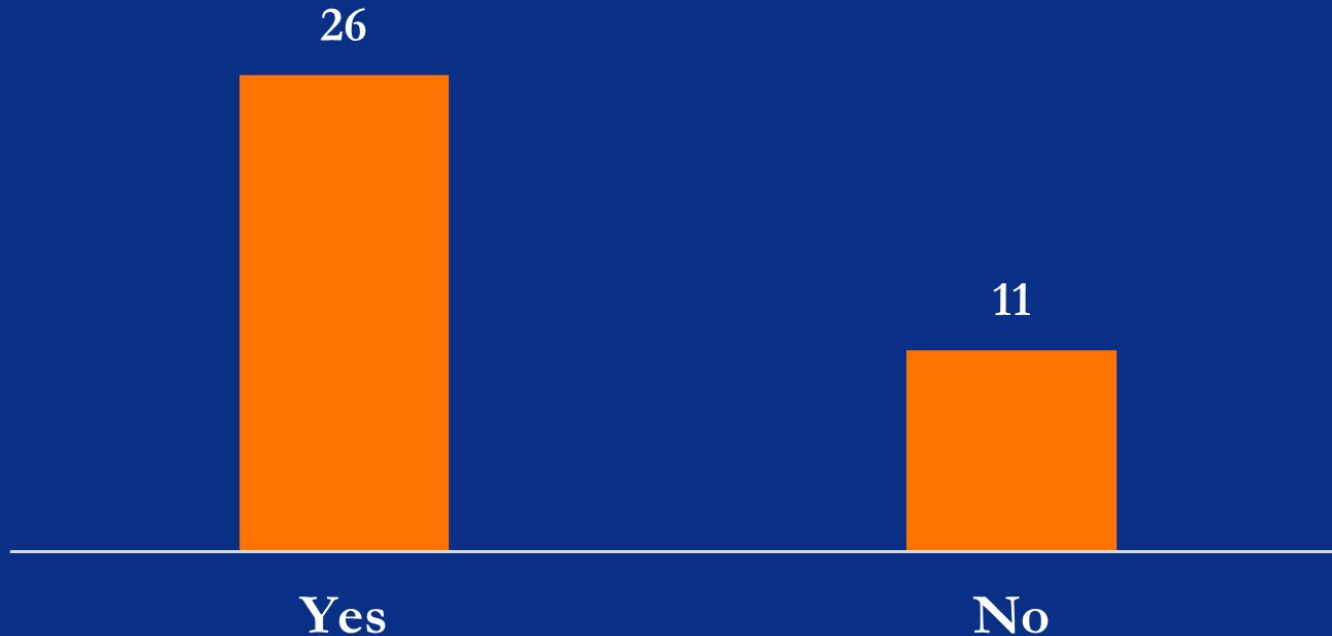
How do you promote ELSA Delegations in your National Group?



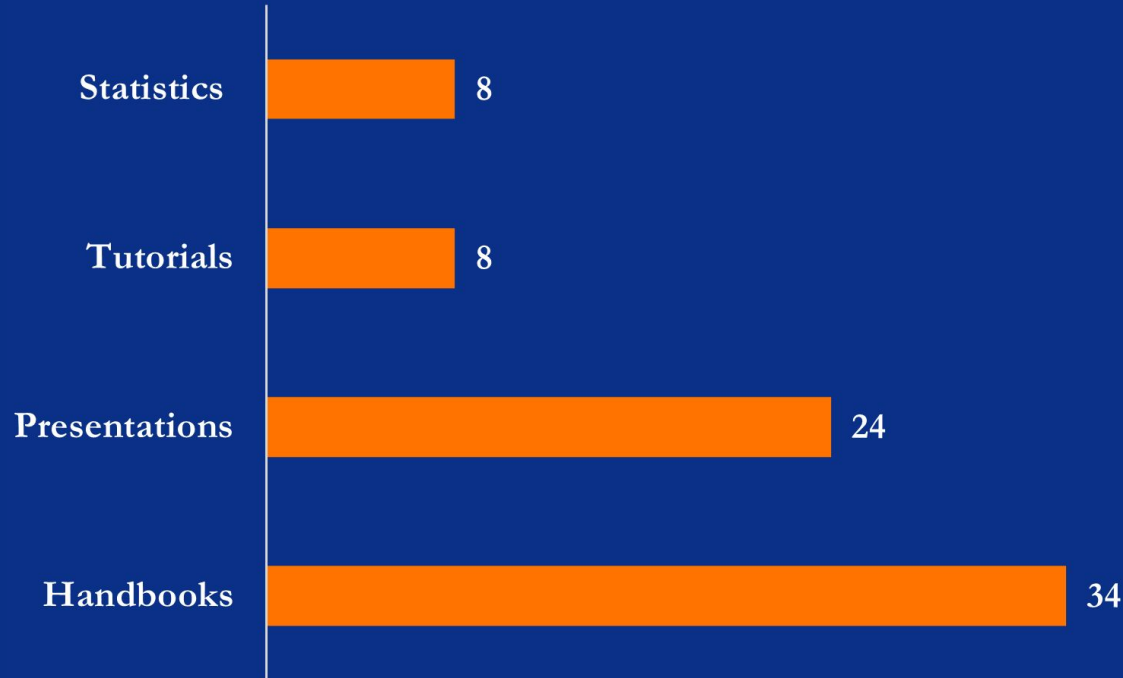
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Would you find useful/interesting a bigger unification of the ELSA Webinars Academy project?



Which tools from ELSA International do you use to transmit knowledge to your Network?



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