



The European Law Students' Association

ELSA Traineeships

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We are ELSA!

The largest law students' association in Europe.

The European Law Students' Association (ELSA), is the largest association for law students and young lawyers worldwide and is dedicated to fostering the academic and personal development of its members while promoting the values of a just world with respect for human dignity and cultural diversity. Our association provides numerous opportunities for students and young professionals to connect, engage in legal training, and gain valuable practical experience.



With over 60.000 members, we are present in over 400 universities from 41 countries.

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WHAT IS ELSA TRAINEESHIPS?

ELSA Traineeships programme connects organisations with the best law students and young legal professionals in Europe. ELSA Traineeships can be fully customised to your organisation's needs and preferences.

300+
TRAINEESHIPS

ARE PROVIDED
YEARLY BY OUR
CONTRIBUTORS

4000+
PEOPLE

APPLY TO HAVE A
CHANCE TO FULFIL AN
INTERNATIONAL
TRAINEESHIP

200+
WEBSITE VISITS

ON OUR PLATFORM
FOR APPLICATIONS

LISTEN TO OUR TRAINEES

Why not learn directly from the people involved in the project?



Chiara Gisinti
Trainee

“Working as legal trainee for the Council of Europe has been a stimulating, rewarding, and enriching experience. This traineeship has truly been a comprehensive learning experience, characterised by constant guidance offered by my supervisors, through which I have acquired invaluable knowledge and skills that will greatly assist me in my future professional career within this field.”

Mathieu Verhelst
Trainee



“The guidance and insight my mentors and peers provided were exceptional, deeply enriching my learning experience. Their willingness to share knowledge and include me in high-level discussions and projects was of great benefit to me. This level of involvement not only enhanced my confidence but also refined my abilities in legal analysis, problem-solving, and client interaction.”



REASONS TO BECOME A TRAINEESHIP PROVIDER



NO CHARGE

There are no hidden administrative fees or costs.



SIMPLICITY

Fill in the Traineeship Specification Form.



COMPENSATION

You must provide the trainee with a salary covering general living expenses.



PROMOTION

Your organisation becomes visible to and known by ELSA's global network.



STREAMLINED

ELSA does all the administrative work, including the screening of applications.

TIMELINE OF THE PROJECT

First Cycle

● **TSF Submission - November**

The Traineeship Specification Form (TSF) must be filled and submitted by November 2nd 2026.

● **Launch of the first cycle - November**

First Cycle of ELSA Traineeships launches on the 9th of November 2026.

● **Shortlisted candidates - December**

You will receive the short- listed candidates by December 23rd 2026.

● **Ranking of candidates - January 2027**

You must complete the selection and ranking of the candidates by January 15th 2027.

● **Earliest start date - February 2027**

The earliest start date for the trainees is from February 8th 2027 onwards.

TIMELINE OF THE PROJECT

Second Cycle

● **TSF Submission - March**

The Traineeship Specification Form (TSF) must be filled and submitted by March 29th 2027.

● **Launch of the second cycle - April**

ELSA Traineeships First Cycle launches on the 12th of April 2027.

● **Shortlisted candidates - May**

You will receive the shortlisted candidates by May 20th 2027.

● **Ranking of candidates - June**

You must complete the selection and ranking of the candidates by June 4th 2027.

● **Earliest start date - July**

The earliest start date for the trainees is from July 1st 2027 onwards.



| CONTACT US

Do you have any questions? Feel free to contact us with your questions regarding ELSA Traineeships.



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