Long Story Short

XC International Council Meeting Budapest
28.10.2026-01.11.2026

elsa
The European Law Students' Association



Remember to check off your name in the Participants List!

elsa
The European Law Students' Association

Workshop Description:

Description: The Professional Development area is constantly evolving across the Network, and staying connected with these developments is essential for our work. In this Workshop, we will go through the latest updates from ELSA International, including relevant insights from the State of the Network Inquiry. There will also be space for National and Local Officers to share updates, experiences and developments from their Groups, creating an opportunity to exchange practices and learn from one another.

elsa
The European Law Students' Association

But first… Let's get to know each other

elsa
The European Law Students' Association

Update from ELSA International

elsa
The European Law Students' Association

Professional Development in general

ELSA International Team

- ELSA Traineeships Team
- Professional Development Team
- Reception & Visa Team
- Coordinators

Open Calls

1. Introduction
2. New ELSA Traineeships Portal
3. Career & Job Fairs
4. Pre-ICM Open Call

Professional Coaching System

- Starting after ICM!
- PD Coaches Training Weekend

ELSA Traineeships & Career Launch

- New ELSA Traineeships Portal Launched!
- Updated policies for ET
- Started the planning for CL

elsa
The European Law Students' Association

ELSA Traineeships

elsa
The European Law Students' Association

ELSA Traineeships

- NEW ELSA TRAINEESHIPS PORTAL!!!!!! WOHOOOO
- Updated policies
- Launching VERY SOON!

The European Law Students' Association

Career Launch

elsa
The European Law Students' Association

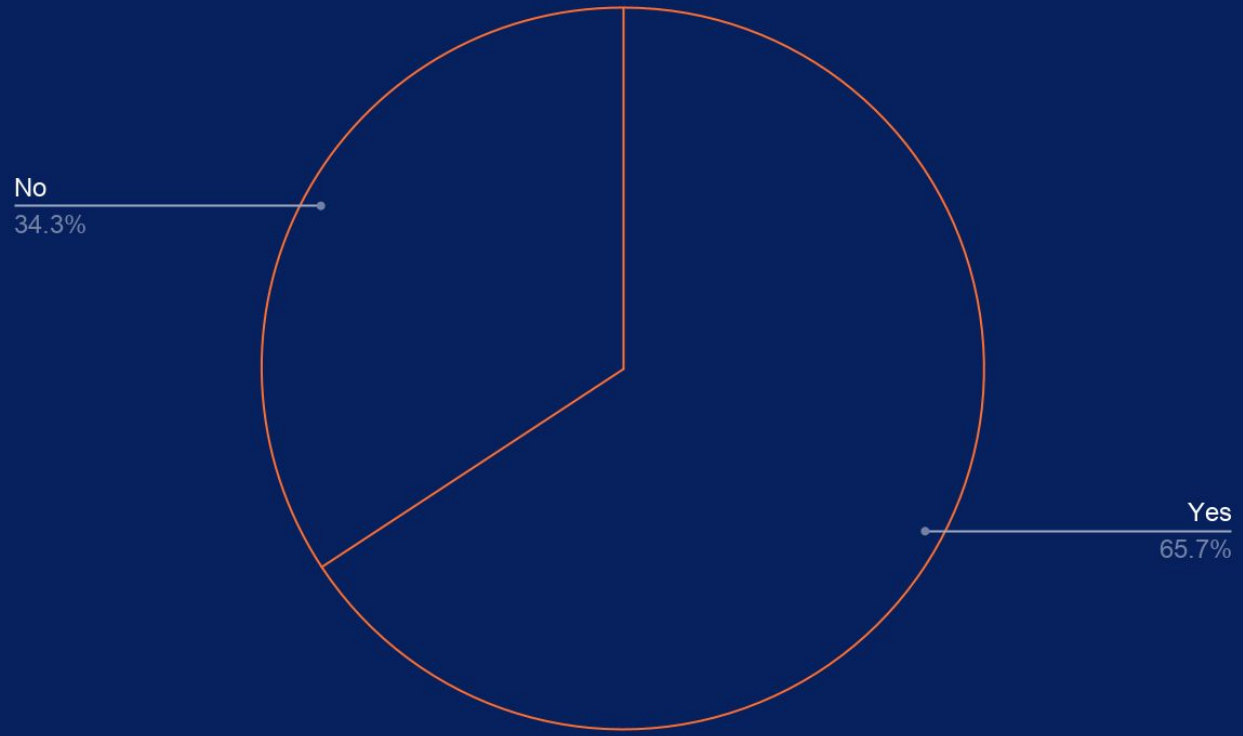
Career Launch

- Started the early work on this year's' edition
- Will discuss more later in the week BUT exciting possibilities hihi

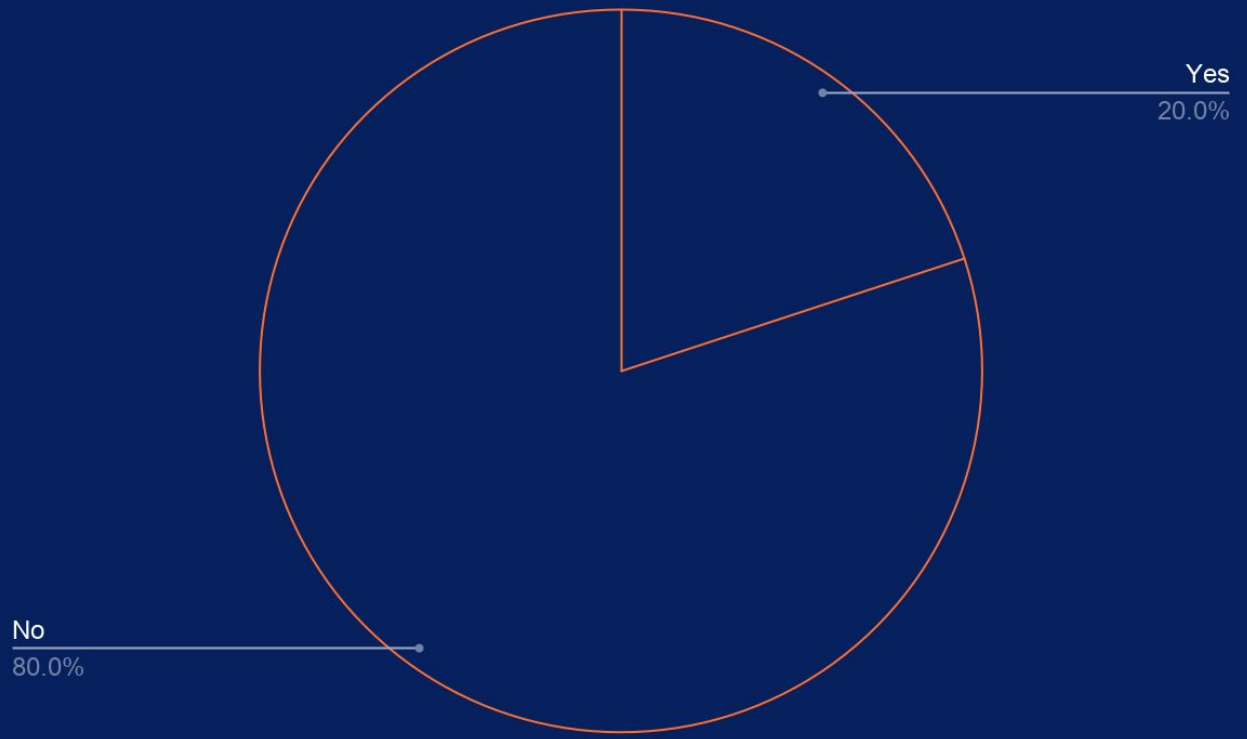
The European Law Students' Association

41st State of the Network

1. Is the ELSA Traineeships Cost of Living Database up to date for your National Group?



2. Have you considered dividing the Cost of Living Database for your country in regions or cities?



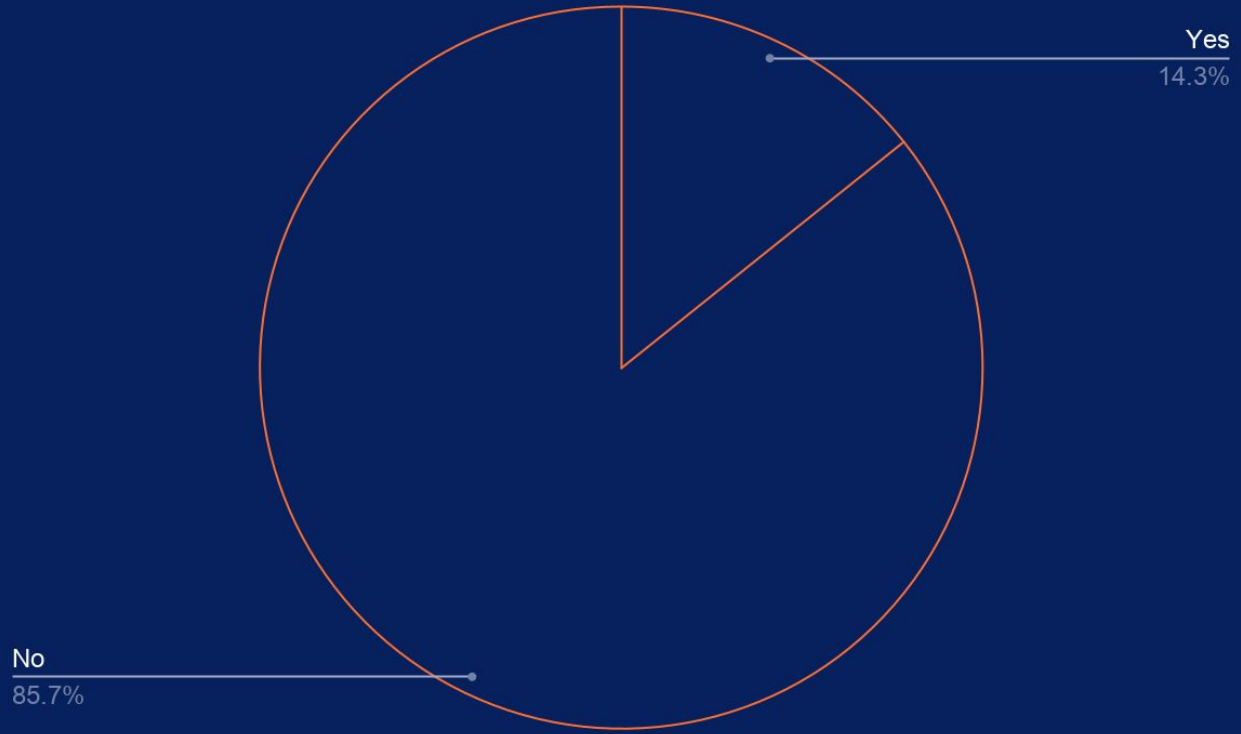
3. What is the common obstacle you face when approaching potential TNPs?

- Language barrier.
- Having established their own traineeship/internship programme.
- Preference of recruiting locally, so the trainee knows the national law.
- Lack of answer.
- Lack of interest in international students
- Lack of awareness.
- Visa requirements.

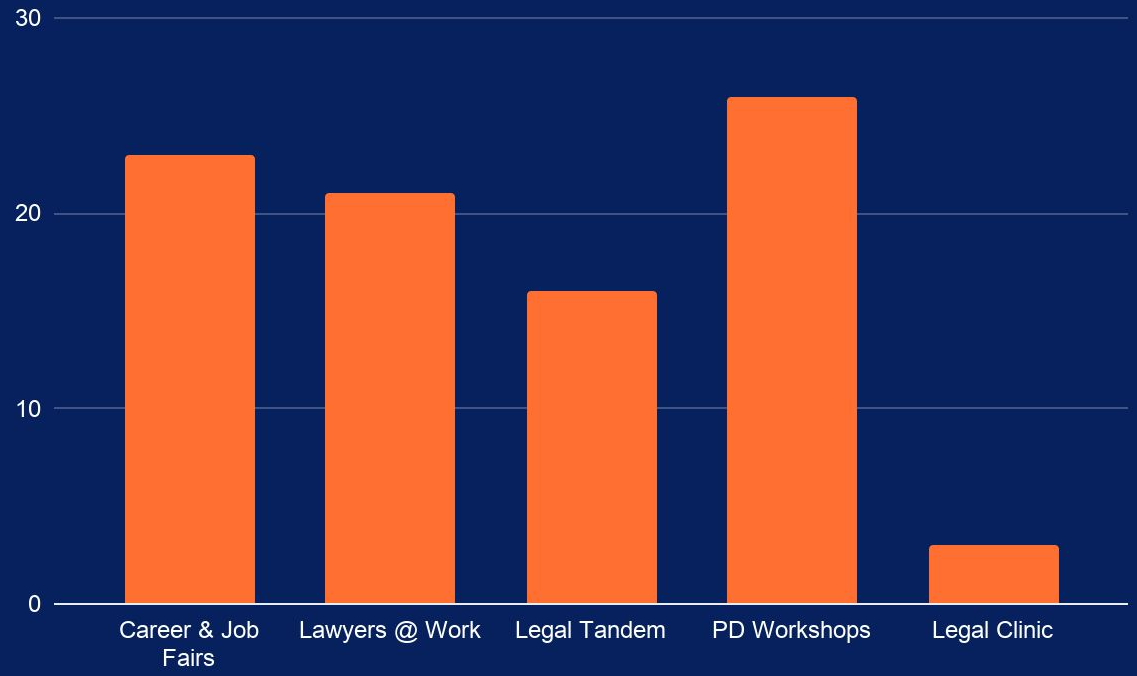
4. How does your National Group coordinate the Reception of ELSA Trainees?

- General guidance throughout the traineeship and social activities with LG
- No trainees in the recent years
- Communication from acceptance until the Traineeship is done
- Following the ELSA Traineeships Handbook section on Reception
- Reception Handbook/Booklets
- Dedicated team to assist trainees

5. Do potential Trainees from your National Group normally need a Visa to go to ELSA Traineeships hosted in other National Groups of the Network?



6. Which of the following PD projects will your National Group organise?



7. What are the main difficulties you face when organising Professional Development events?

- MONEY
- Finding a suitable date
- Partner outreach
- Time management
- Participation
- Promotion
- Lack of human resources

8. How does your PD Team cooperate with other key areas in your National Group, and what could improve area collaboration?

- Collaboration on events
- No collaboration
- Having more knowledge on the other areas can improve the collaboration.
- PD x C collaboration on having a PD WS before Competitions.
- Coordinated partner outreach
- Early planning could improve collaboration.
- PD x S&C collaboration on Study Visits or ELS
- PD x AA collaboration on workshops

9. What methods do you find most effective to increase the visibility of PD projects in your National Group?

- Improving the marketing strategy constantly
- Online calls
- Social media
- Close communication with LG
- Testimonials
- Presentations at universities

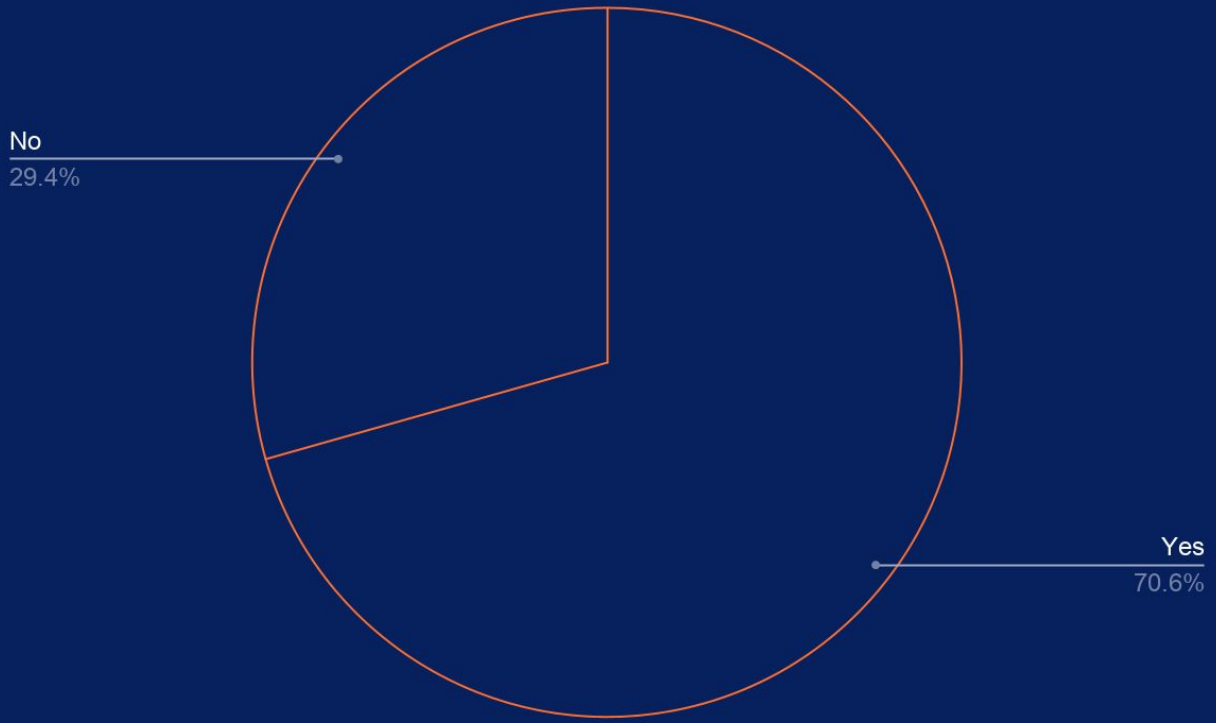
10. What new tools, materials or initiatives could ELSA International provide to help your national PD projects?

- Guidance, support
- ET Portal Guidelines
- Promotional materials
- Updated PD Handbook
- TNP Outreach templates

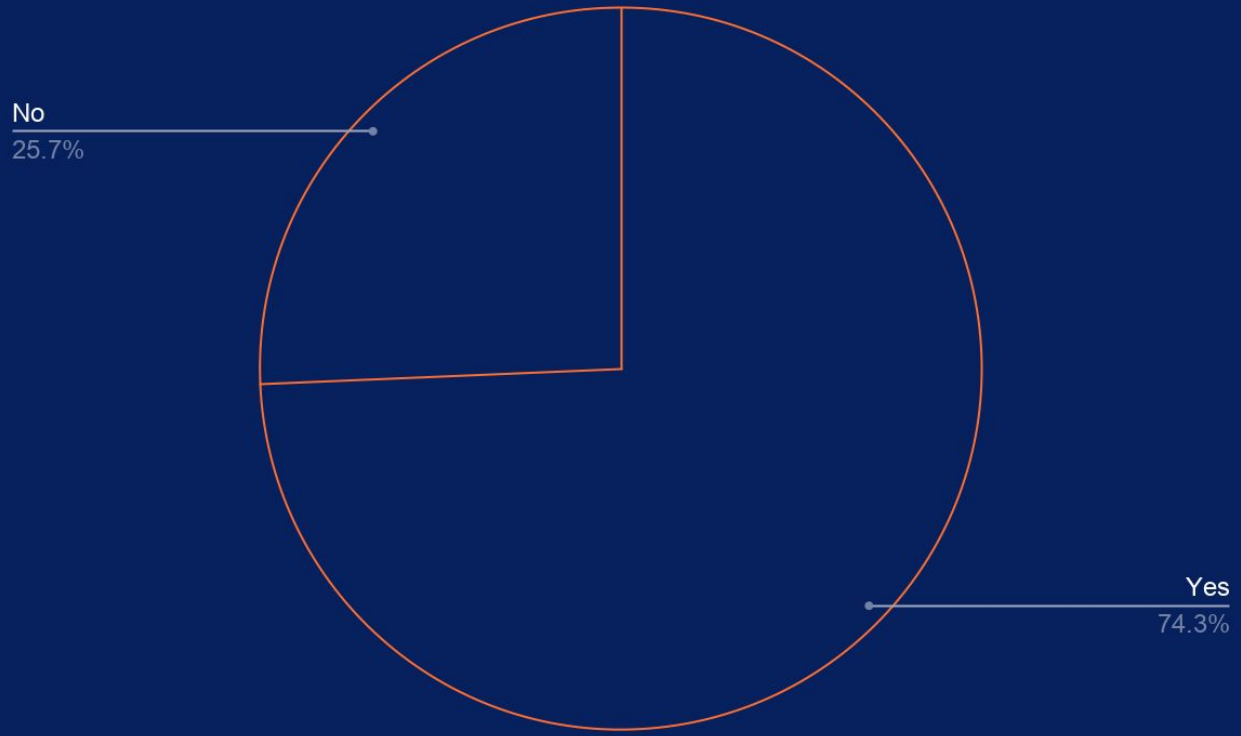
11. How do you ensure effective knowledge transfer from National VP PDs to Local VP PDs?

- Workshops
- Open Calls
- Individual calls
- Handbooks, guidelines, manuals
- Training meetings

12. Have you tried the new ELSA Traineeships Portal yet?



13. Are you aware of the PD Coaching System?



Any question?

Updates from the network

elsa
The European Law Students' Association

End of the Long Story Short Workshop

Thank you for your attention.

elsa

The European Law Students' Association