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Workshop Description:

Description: Legal Tandem is a relatively new popular event within Professional Development, giving ELSA members the opportunity to learn from each other and exchange knowledge. In this Workshop, we will go through how to organise a Legal Tandem, from finding suitable participants to structuring the exchange. We will also look at how National Knowledge Survey Banks can be used when preparing and executing the event.

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What is Legal Tandem?

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Legal Tandem by the Decision Book Definition

4.1 Legal Tandem is a project during which two or more ELSA Groups from different countries organise a joint session for their members with the purpose of:

a. discussing their legal systems;

b. exploring the differences in their paths to becoming a legal professional;

c. comparing the practices of their legal work culture or;

d. engaging with other topics aimed at enhancing the skills needed for entering the job market.

4.2 The session may be carried out online or in person.

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Purpose of Legal Tandem

- Helps students and young lawyers to learn:
  - Different legal systems;
  - Study/work paths of becoming legal professionals;
  - Engage with other topics aimed at enhancing the skills needed for entering the job market.
- Support ELSA Traineeships
- Fosters international interaction and networking
  - Direct interaction between Local Groups YAY
- Comparative legal research

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How to Organize a Legal Tandem?

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Essential steps to organize your Legal Tandem,

These steps are designed as an example to help you organize a quality legal tandem and make your part easier,

1. Initiation

2. Choosing the format

3. Planning the session

4. Promotion and registration

5. Participant presentations

6. Session and evaluation

First step: Initiation

A member of a Local Board can contact any Local Group from the country they would like to collaborate with;
After they agree on doing one the PD officers from both Local Groups will start to plan their Legal Tandem.

Remember: the PD Officer can contact the other Local Group via social media or in person during an ELSA event, but to make it easier and more official ELSA International created a mailing list for this type of communication.

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Second Step: Choosing the format

- A physical Legal Tandem session: it can take place inside any event which brings two Local Groups from different countries together, such as a Study Visit or a regional bilateral ELSA even;

- A virtual Legal Tandem: it is organised as a webinar, using a platform that suits both Local Groups, such as Teams or Google Meets.

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Third Step: Planning the session

The PD Officers need to choose the topics and questions that will be covered during the session, you can use the Legal Tandem National Knowledge Banks.

After, the PD officers will prepare a presentation on their country's practices and systems on the jointly agreed Legal Tandem topics and issues and present them during the Legal Tandem session.

To make the participant not lose focus the PD Officers could ask them to produce short team works on a field of the chosen topic.

Remember: the chosen topics need to be covered by both of the Local Group's presentations, so that it will be easier to analyse the differences or similarities.

30 mins	15 mins	10 mins	30 mins	15 mins	10 mins
Presentation about country A	Participant presentation of country A	Questions	Presentation about country B	Participant presentation of country B	Questions

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Fourth Step: Promotion and registration

The marketing of the event can start at least one week before the registration opens, registration should be open at least one week.

If the Officers want to, there is a simple brand with a logo, colours and key elements they can use so that the project will be recognisable across the ELSA network.

Remember: keep at least a week between the closing of the registrations and the event itself so that the participants will have time to make their presentations.

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5. Fifth Step: Participant presentations

The VP PD should divide the participants from its Local Group into around three groups and give each one an assignment to answer with 1-2 presentation slides;
The answer should take a maximum of 5 minutes;
The VP PD should collect the participant presentations at least two days before the Legal Tandem session.

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6. Session and Evaluation:

During the Legal Tandem session, PD Officers are responsible for presenting on behalf of their respective countries. After the session, PD Officers should gather feedback and evaluations from participants. They should also distribute Certificates of Participation to those who attended.

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National Knowledge Banks

NKB Survey
(use ELSA email to access)

How to Find an Existing Knowledge Bank

- **Contact National Officers:** Reach out directly to your National Board.
- **Check Official Cloud Storage:** Log in with your official ELSA email account and check shared drives on Google Workspace, Microsoft SharePoint, Nextcloud, or Notion.
- **Review Handover Folders:** Search the archive folders passed down by your predecessor during board transitions or local/national handover meetings.

How to Build One from Scratch

- **Use the NKB Survey Provided by the EIT**

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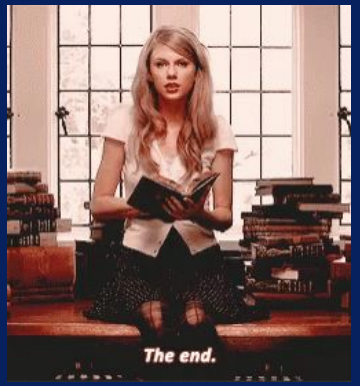
Discussion on NKSB



End of the Workshop

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