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## COVID-19 and Summer ELSA Law Schools

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Dear applicant,

Due to the recent outbreak of COVID-19 in Europe and globally, we wish to inform you about possible implications of the virus on the status of the Summer ELSA Law Schools 2020.

### 1. General policy

**As of now, the application period for Summer ELSA Law Schools 2020 remains open. However, the possibility of cancelling the applications is considered.**

As the last few days have shown, the situation relating to the COVID-19 is changing rapidly. Thus, it is impossible for ELSA International to foresee what the situation will be tomorrow, in one month, or at the end of June when the first Summer ELSA Law Schools are planned to take place. Notwithstanding, it is important to mention that the International Board of ELSA remains to have in its best interest safety and health of both the Organising Committees and the participants of Summer ELSA Law Schools. Therefore, we are monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely.

### 2. Individual cancellation

We wish to put your attention to the fact that **it is under discretion of each Organising Committee of a Summer ELSA Law School to decide upon cancellation of the respective Summer ELSA Law School and we do not exclude possibility of such cancellations due to COVID-19 (force majeure) or insufficient number of applications.**

With regards to the cancellation due to COVID-19, we would like to underline, that according to the [Terms and Conditions of ELSA Law Schools, 13.3](#): “The Organising Group shall not be liable



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for any failure or delay in the performance, in whole or part, of any or our obligations arising from or attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents beyond our reasonable control including, but not limited to [...] compliance with any law or governmental order, rule regulation or direction, [...] pandemics, epidemics or other outbreaks of disease or infection [...].”

In the event of an insufficient number of applications, according to the Terms and Conditions of ELSA Law Schools, 9.1: an Organising Committee “reserves the right to cancel the contract and refund you any fee that you have paid.”

### 3. Your rights to withdraw your application

According to the Terms and Conditions of ELSA Law Schools (5.1 read in conjunction with 4.1), **you can withdraw your application without any consequences by the time you receive acceptance of your application from the Organising Committee.** In practise, this means you can withdraw your application until 28.04.2020 (the day when the selection results will be shared).

Additionally, in the event of not-payment of the participation fee in due time, the contract between you and the respective Organising Committee gets automatically terminated (Terms and Conditions of ELSA Law Schools 9.2). In practise, this means that you can still withdraw your application without any consequences by not paying the participation fee in due time. However, **we urge you to stay transparent with the respective Organising Committee(s) and inform them as soon as possible, should you no longer sustain your willingness to participate in the respective Summer ELSA Law School.**

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In order to remain transparent about the COVID-19 implications on Summer ELSA Law Schools with the applications, all information about cancellations will be published on the newly created “news” section on [lawschools.elsa.org](https://lawschools.elsa.org).

Notwithstanding, any questions as to the status of the respective Summer ELSA Law Schools shall be sent directly to the respective Organising Committee. The contact details of each Organising Committee can be found on the bottom of the respective Summer ELSA Law School portfolio.

Kind regards,

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