

# International Focus Programme

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International Council Meeting  
Constanta, Romania

22 October 2019



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# Long long time ago, there was an IFP

- 1995
- Specific theme for fixed period
  - 9 topics
- ... health law, media law, environmental law (2016-2019)



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# Let's go back to 2015

There was a big choice to make ahead of the Council:

- Environmental law
- International humanitarian law
- Migration law

*Votings:*

Environmental law: 3

International humanitarian law: 38

Migration law: 46

Abstentions: 0

Against: 0

In total: 87



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# Status Quo

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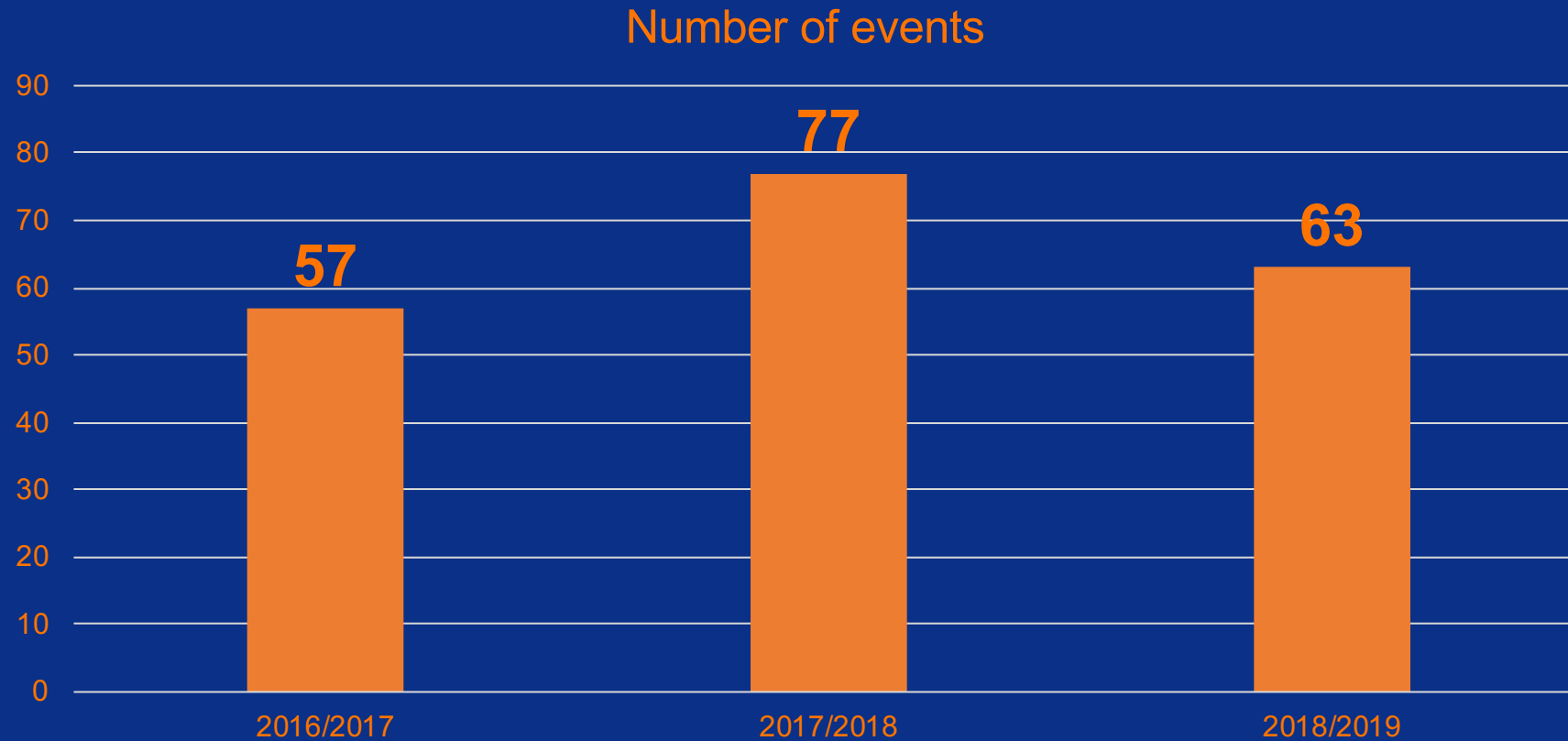
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# Statistics from last years

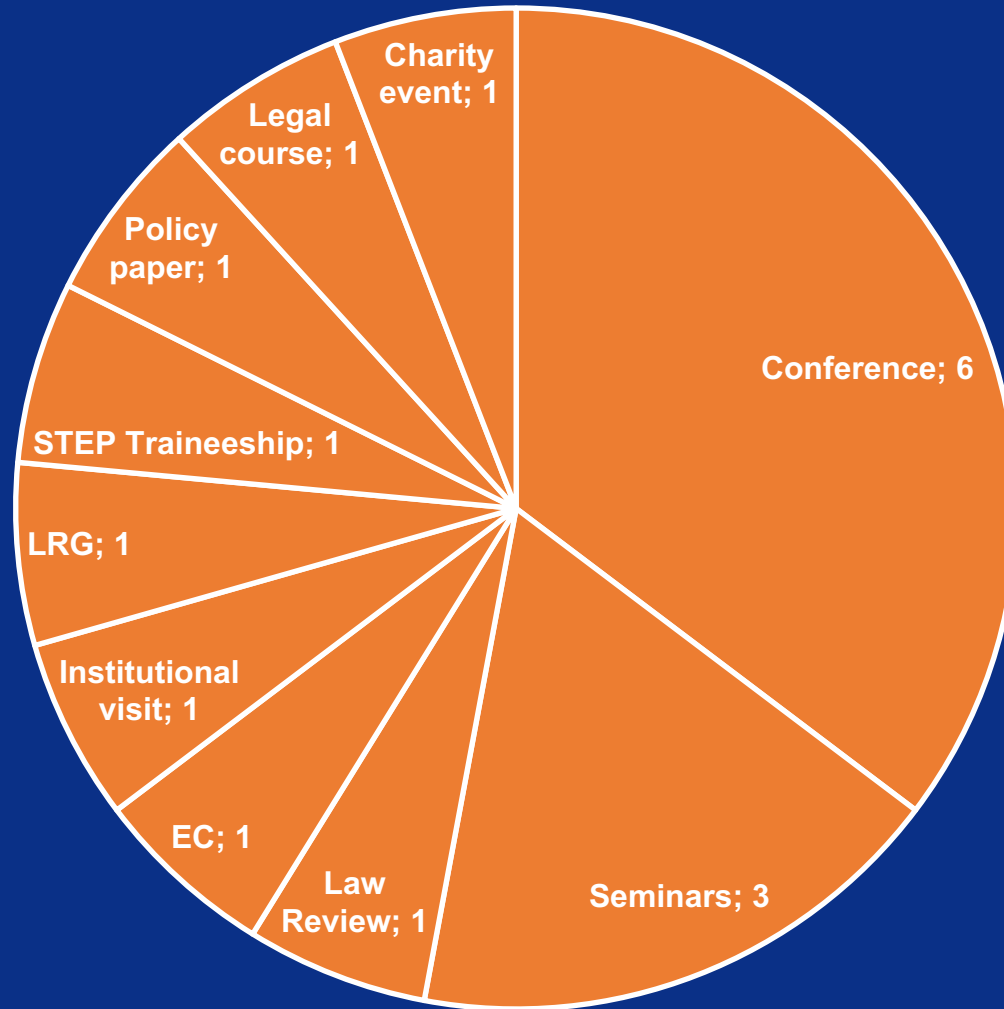
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# Most successful IFP event

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# Future

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# IFP Topic: LegalTech

- Area of law?
  - Not really
- Use of **technology**, e.g.:
  - Smart contracts
  - Research
  - Discovery
  - Contract analysis



# IFP Topic: LegalTech

- **Utilisation of:**

- Blockchain
- Artificial Intelligence
- The Cloud

- **Subtopics:**

- Regulation of LegalTech and AI
- Liability for LegalTech
- Human rights and artificial intelligence



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# Origin

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- Proposed by **ELSA Poland** in ICM Baku
- Shortlisted by workshop
- Researched by Working Group



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# Does this further the purpose of ELSA?

Purpose:

- **Legal Education:** Educating the lawyers of tomorrow
- **Mutual Understanding:** Bridging the gap between uni and labour market
- **Social Responsibility:** Impacting society by being one step ahead



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# Implementation

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## Unique events

- ELSA Legal Hackathon
- Student LegalTech Accessibility Index

## Three year cycle foci

1. Freedom of expression online
2. AI and human rights
3. Big data and privacy rights



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# Partners and selling points

**Many opportunities**, such as:

- European Legal Tech Association (ELTA)
- International Legal Tech Association
- Nordic Legal Tech

**Selling points:**

- Forward thinking
- Can conduct research for firms



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# Outcome

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- Concluding report
- Concluding video
- Student LegalTech Accessibility Index  
= **MAP of LegalTech sector**
- **Impact the future:** Manifesto to inspire policy making



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# IFP Topic: Law and Technology

A truly dynamic relationship!

- How technology affects law
- How the law affects technological advances

Relevant to our generation of aspiring legal professionals!

- The 4th Industrial Revolution
- The future of law
- Complex, topical and global challenge affecting societies



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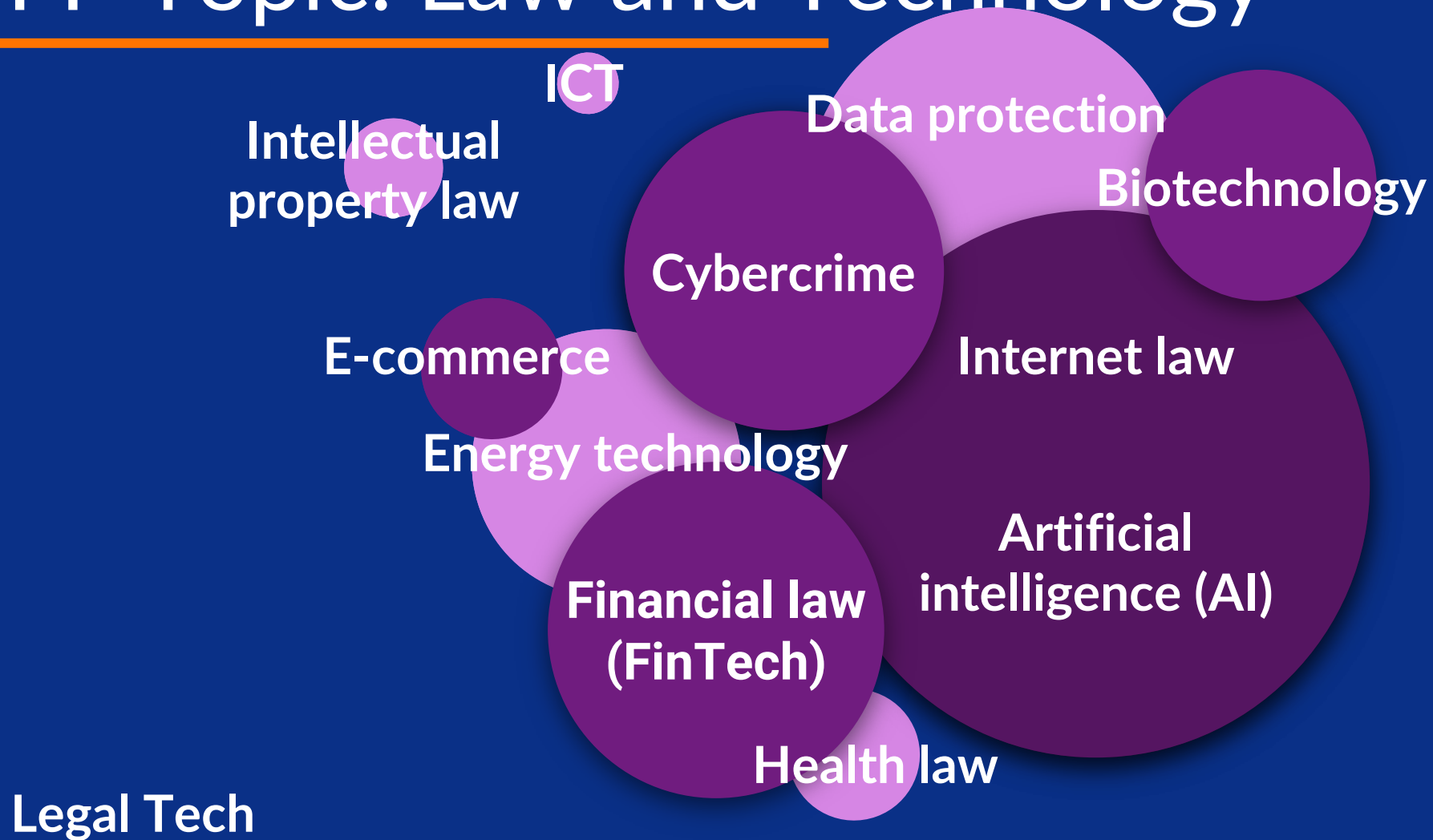
- Proposals of **ELSA Italy, ELSA Malta, ELSA United Kingdom** in ICM Baku
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# IFP Topic: Law and Technology

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# The purpose of ELSA and the Topic

## Legal Education

Educating the lawyers of tomorrow who are socially responsible and aware about human rights in a fractured lawscape

## Mutual Understanding

Comparative appreciation of different realities

## Social Responsibility

Informing the society at large



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# Implementation

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**AA&MCC:** Essay competitions, LRG, L@W, moot court competitions (cf. telematic trials)

**S&C:** Lectures, WELS/SELS, ELSA Webinars, Delegations...

**STEP:** Law firms, regulatory bodies, human rights, NGOs...

## *Three year cycle foci*

1. Freedom of expression online
2. Protection of privacy online
3. Ensuring human rights through AI



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# Partners and selling points

**Many opportunities**, such as:

- LL.M. programmes and universities,
- Law firms,
- Professional networks...

**Selling points:**

- Contemporary and competitive
- Can conduct research for firms



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# Outcome

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- Concluding report
- Concluding video

## Impact the future!

- Manifesto to inspire policy making
- A future generation of legal professionals



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# Proposal 5

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