

# STEP NEWSLETTER

## April 2020

### COVID-19 and STEP

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The Corona virus pandemic affects the normal operation of STEP and hence, until further notice, the deadlines for the upcoming STEP Cycle are postponed. Please familiarise yourself, if you have not already, with the **decision of the International Board of ELSA to postpone STEP Cycle 2 dated on 18 March 2020** [here](#).

Whether or not there will be a **STEP Launch** this spring (scheduled for **4 May** in the “new” calendar), a confirmation thereof will be communicated this month in due course.

### STEP Partner vacancies

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Remember to promote to your members the **available remote work opportunities** offered on the STEP Website’s [Partner section](#).

**Spark Legal Network** is a high-level Brussels-based firm working tightly with EU institutions on cross-border legal projects.

Alongside continuously looking for the brightest minds through their open application, they are currently seeking for **legal researchers from EU Member States** for a project with the **European Commission**.  
*The work is remote.*

**Caselex BV** provides comprehensive legal information services in the field of competition law.

They are looking specifically for **legal editors** in charge of **Japanese, Latvian, Portuguese or Spanish jurisdictions**. *The work is remote.*



## STEP Research Project (SRP)

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The deadline for the **first national interim reports** was on Sunday, 29 March. Congratulations to the **17 National Groups** that submitted by this deadline their reports!

1. ELSA Austria
2. ELSA Belgium
3. Bulgaria
4. ELSA Croatia
5. ELSA Czech Republic
6. ELSA Finland
7. ELSA Georgia
8. ELSA Hungary
9. ELSA Italy
10. ELSA Lithuania
11. ELSA Norway
12. ELSA Portugal
13. ELSA Slovak Republic
14. ELSA Sweden
15. ELSA Turkey
16. ELSA Ukraine
17. ELSA United Kingdom

Angela, Natalia and Penelope from the **STEP Coaching Team** are currently in the process of reviewing the submissions. All National Groups, *including those that did not submit by the deadline for the first interim national reports*, will be contacted in due course by their respective STEP Coach for a **feedback session** to give constructive comments and plan the next steps to meet the upcoming deadline for the **second national interim reports** in June.

You can find the **SRP Guide** with further information on the ELSA Officers Portal [here](#).

Do not hesitate to be in contact with your **STEP Coach** in case you have any questions ([step.coaching@elsa.org](mailto:step.coaching@elsa.org)).

## Job Hunting coaching by the ELSA International Team

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Understanding that the current situation with the Corona virus presents unprecedented challenges for Job Hunting, the **STEP Expansion Team** offers its expertise to assist all National Groups.

Irrespective of the challenges faced by your National Group regarding Job Hunting and external relations with organisations and irrespective whether your National Group continues with or halted Job Hunting for the time being, **do not hesitate to ask any questions or for mentoring** from Ezgi, Maria and Victor from the STEP Expansion Team ([step.expansion@elsa.org](mailto:step.expansion@elsa.org)).

The STEP Expansion Team will host an **open call on Job Hunting in crisis** in April to present some of their best recommendations to managing the situation professionally. It is also a forum for all STEP Officers to ask their questions and hear how others in the international Network are facing the situation.

## Other updates from the ELSA International Team

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Although the Corona virus situation fundamentally interferes with the normal STEP procedures, the ELSA International STEP Team is working hard and excited to share with the Network in the upcoming months ideas on *inter alia*:

- **Development goals for STEP Reception;**
- **Development goals for Job Hunting;**
- **Hosting Groups' profiles on the STEP website;**
- **Student Application Form;**
- **Evaluation Forms and STEP Certificates;**
- **Verification and Matching criteria**

*Stay tuned for updates!*

Make sure to join the **ELSA STEP Team 2019/2020** group on Facebook!

You can find ELSA on **Facebook**, **Instagram**, and **LinkedIn**.