

# Professional Development Events

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1st International Training Meeting  
Friday 3rd September  
14:30 - 16:30



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*"Make a habit of trying new things."*



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**WHAT IS A PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT EVENT?**

# REGULATIONS - ICM DB

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ICM DB - PART 7. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT- CHAPTER 1. DEFINITIONS - Article 1. General

1.1 Professional Development is a Key Area of ELSA that aims to support law students and young lawyers in developing and improving the necessary skills to access the professional world by means of continuous education for individuals in regards to their future career and the skills needed therefore.

1.2 A Professional Development project is one where participants acquire skills needed in order to access the professional world through training events, Lawyers at Work events, ELSA Traineeships, Career Launch sessions or any other activity falling under the scope of Article 1.1 of this Chapter.



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# **ELSA TRAINEESHIPS PROMOTIONAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

# ELSA TRAINEESHIPS EVENTS

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1. Presentation of the Programme
2. Video - presentations
3. Video - testimonials
4. Instagram LIVE/ Facebook Live
5. Webinars
6. Help desk online or at uni for applicants



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# CAREER LAUNCH

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Career Launch is a professional development project of ELSA which provides the opportunity to gain an insight into various legal professions. The mission of Career Launch is to prepare law students for the professional world through webinar series and mock interviews. It aims to provide law students and young lawyers with a real-life experience of the job interview and knowledge that is not part of the typical legal curriculum.

**Website: [careerlaunch.elsa.org](https://careerlaunch.elsa.org)**



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# HOW TO TAKE YOUR FUTURE IN YOUR HANDS .

## SESSION #1



# LLM OPPORTUNITIES

IMPORTANCE &  
BENEFITS

**LAWYERS AT WORK**

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Lawyers at Work Events (L@W Events) are projects which allow law students and young lawyers to experience working in a legal profession first-hand. L@W Events are designed to involve practical insights into the legal profession and as such shall involve interactive learning opportunities.

1. Invite professionals to an ELSA event (physical or online)
2. The event is hosted in their offices



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# WHAT ELSE?

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# WORKSHOPS

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1. How to write a CV and cover letters (practical activities/simulations)
2. How to deal with job interviews (mock interviews)
3. **SOFT SKILLS** (theory and practical)
4. How to reach different professional careers
5. Future of the legal market



Interviewer: "So, why should we hire you?"

@MEMEMASTERABBY



**I'm cute**

# CAREER FAIRS



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A career fair (also known as a job fair or career expo) is a recruiting event in which employers and recruiters meet with potential employees and where job seekers find more about job openings at potential employers.

They are most often organised in large halls where potential employers set up booths with HR team members who are there to explain to potential employees all about current job openings, the application process and anything else regarding the organization. **But they can also be held online!**



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# CAREER FAIRS

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## Benefit for participants

- Career fair talks are useful as they give general info on how to, for instance write a CV or how to prepare for an assessment centre.
- They are a great place to do some info research since the companies at careers fairs provide huge amounts of information and experience about different sectors.
- Great place to be networking with the staff.



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# CAREER FAIRS

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## Benefit for the ELSA Organizing Group

- Partnerships (financial support and reputation)
- A partner can become a traineeship provider and *vice versa*
- New members interested in job opportunities (*ehm ehm someone said Student Hunting!?*)



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# LEGAL CLINICS

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The Legal Clinic (also known as Law Clinic) is an activity inspired by a learning method adopted in many American Law Schools based on learning programs providing hands-on legal experiences.

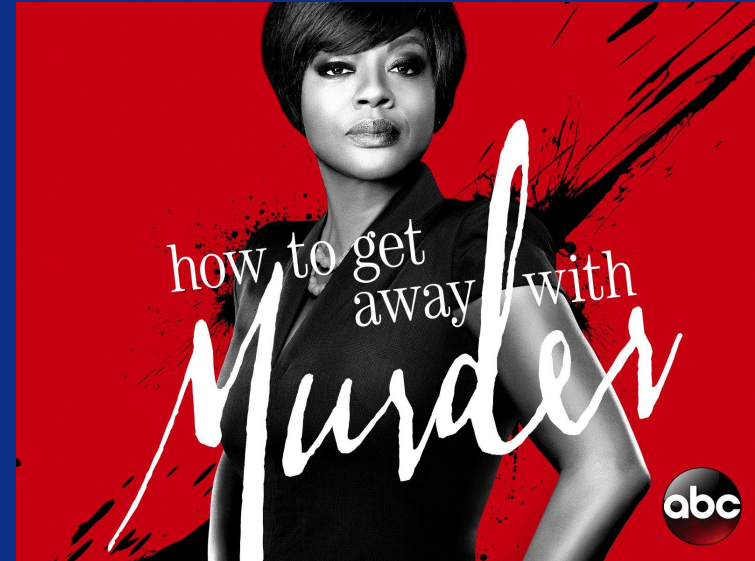
Students are asked to offer pro bono legal services to real clients. Their services consist in researching materials, drafting legal arguments and meeting clients. All the activities are carried out, in different fields of law, under the direction of one or more professors. The main goal is to complete the theoretical qualification of students through practical activities.



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# LEGAL CLINICS IN ELSA

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It is very important that the Law Firm is giving pro bono assistance to the clients.

Usually, the case involved disadvantaged categories of people or important human rights.



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# **JOINT PROJECTS WITH OTHER KEY AREAS**



# TRAINEESHIPS AS PART OF OTHER ACTIVITIES

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A traineeship can be the prize for the best orator in a moot court or a negotiation competition or for the best essay writer in an essay competition!



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# WORKSHOPS AS PART OF OTHER ACTIVITIES

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Professional Development Workshops can be organized for the participants of an academic competition or S&C Projects!



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# CAREER FAIR AS PART OF OTHER ACTIVITIES

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A (small) Career Fair can be organized for the participants of an academic competition or S&C Projects with the collaboration of the Partners involved in the projects!



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# **INTERNATIONAL FOCUS PROGRAMME & HUMAN RIGHTS**

Professional Development Events can be organized with a focus in those topics!

# Q&A



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