European Law Moot Court

Annual Report 2015-2016
The word of the president of the European Law Moot Court Society

The 2015-2016 season of the most important Moot Court in the field of EU Law has been exceptional from all points of view.

First of all, we've had four Regional Finals of the highest level thanks to the participating students’ quality and to the great organization of the hosting Universities: Maastricht, Helsinki, NK Athens and Fribourg. All the local organizing teams have done a great job and managed to showcase the best of their respective cities & Law Schools.

Secondly, to ensure the perennity of the Competition, the Society has signed a new sponsorship agreement with Groupe Larcier. Founded in 1839, our new Sponsor is a leading European publishing group. Active in legal, academic and professional publications, with a focus in EU Law and publications in French, English and Dutch, Groupe Larcier also offers the Strada Lex Europe database online, a great tool for EU lawyers. Welcome onboard Groupe Larcier!

Thirdly, the ELMC Society has managed to accomplish the huge task of overhauling the Rules, in a user-friendly 20 pages format organized according to the different phases of the Competition.

Last but not least, we offered to our students new and improved ELMC Diplomas and T-shirts, and we keep on improving our internal procedures to ensure that the ELMC gets better and better!

We can already announce you that the 2017 ELMC Regional Finals will take place at the Universities of The Hague (2 Feb – 4 Feb), Paris II (9 Feb – 11 Feb), Napoli (16 Feb – 18 Feb) & Gothenburg (23 Feb – 25 Feb).

We're eager to meet you all next season and are working -almost- as hard as you till then preparing a stimulating ELMC Case to be published on our website on September 1st!
Don’t forget that you can follow all our news on our new website www.europeanlawmootcourt.eu and on our Official Facebook Page www.facebook.com/EuropeanLawMootCourt where more than 2500 Mooties-Friends are gathered, a network of students, Professors, Lawyers & Judges sharing a passion about EU Law.

A huge Thanks to all of our Sponsors that allowed us once again this year to organize the European Law Moot Court

and for the priceless continuous support of the CJEU

With the support of the ELMC Society members, our Sponsors and our University partners, I’m convinced that we can keep on growing our university competition helping students from all over the world learn EU Law and meet the open spirit of our European Union.

Georges VALLINDAS
President, European Law Moot Court Society
Summary of the 2015-2016 European Law Moot Court

The case, as every year, was published on our website on September 1st, 2015.

More than 80 student teams from European & USA Universities registered and sent us their applicant & defendant written pleadings.

Once the submissions were anonymized, the written pleadings have been distributed to our Moot Judges who have carried out the double blind grading of the submissions. The results of this written phase have been published on our web site on January 15th 2016.

Like every year, 48 teams -12 per Regional Final-, composed by 3 or 4 students and their Coach, designated only by their secret numbers, were qualified for the oral phase.

Four Regional Finals were held at the Universities of Maastricht, Helsinki, Athens National and Kapodistrian, and Fribourg over the four weekends of February. From Thursday afternoon to Sunday morning, students from dozens of nationalities pleaded before our Judges and faced the traditional “grilling process”. What better way to choose the best litigators, in substance and form, who will have the unique opportunity to plead before the real Judges of the Court of Justice of the European Union?

The Court of Justice of the European Union has hosted the European Final of the European Law Moot Court on Friday, April 15th. The competition ended in style with a big dinner & our traditional song competition.

Here are the results of the 2015-2016 European Law Moot Court!
ELMC European Final
Court of Justice of the European Union
Luxembourg, 15th of April 2016

European Law Moot Court 2015-2016 Winning Team: Ljubljana Uni.
Winning Commission Agent: Emily Rebecca Hush, Columbia University
Winning Advocate General: Emma Gheorgiu, Leiden University
Best Written Pleading: Université Libre de Bruxelles

Finalist Team: Gothenburg University
Finalist CA: Luxembourg University
Finalist AG: Edinburgh University
Semi-Finalist Teams: Athens National & Kapodistrian University & Maastricht University.
The ELMC European Final was honoured to be held in front of 11 Judges and Advocate Generals of the EU Court of Justice, the General Court and the Civil Service Tribunal, 3 sitting in the Semi-Finals and 9 sitting in the Final.

Semi-Finals:
Advocate General Bobek (Court of Justice)
Judge Ulloa Rubio (General Court)
Judge Svenningsen (Civil Service Tribunal)

Final:
Judge Bay Larsen (President of the Fourth Chamber, Court of Justice)
Judge Rosas (Court of Justice)
Advocate General Kokott (Court of Justice)
Advocate General Sharpston (Court of Justice)
President Jaeger (General Court)
Judge Kancheva (General Court)
Judge Madise (General Court)
Judge Bradley (Civil Service Tribunal)
ELMC Regional Final Report
Maastricht University, Faculty of Law
The Netherlands, 28-30 January

Winning team: Ljubljana

Best Commission Agent: Luxembourg

Finalist Team: Heidelberg

Semi-Finalists CA: Torino
Turku
HEC Paris

Semi-Finalist Teams: Torino
HEC Paris

Other University teams qualified to the RF:
Aix-en-Provence
Boston University
Valenciennes University
Uppsala
Bratislava Comenius University
Lucerne

Judges sitting in the Regional Final

- Hildegard Schneider, Dean and Professor, Maastricht University
- Frank Emmert, Professor, Indiana University School of Law
- Stefaan Van den Bogaert, Professor, Leiden University
-Mariolina Eliantonio, Professor, Maastricht University
- Jeronimo Maillo, Professor, University San Pablo CEU, Madrid
- Anne Pieter van der Mei, Professor, Maastricht University
- Karolina Mojzesowicz, Head of Data Protection Reform sector, DG Justice, European Commission
- Martin Mörk, Deputy Ombudsman and Head of Litigation for the Swedish Equality Ombudsman
- Ida Wendt, lecturer, Maastricht University
- Karin Wistrand, Senior Judge, Svea Court of Appeal, Judge at European Nuclear Energy Tribunal

**Masters of the Moot**
- Alexander Hoogenboom, PhD Student, Faculty of Law, Maastricht
- Andrea Rigamonti, LLM Student, Faculty of Law, Maastricht

**Executive secretaries**
- William Vallasidis, ELMC Society Vice President, Director of Communications, CJEU
- Javier Porras Belarra, ELMC Society, ###, San Pablo CEU, Madrid
- Daniela Krömer, ELMC Society, Associate at CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz, Vienna

**OT members (Madrid San Pablo CEU University)**
- Maria Penarrubia Banon, PhD candidate, Madrid
- Claudia Fernández Ruiz de Castroviejo, student, Madrid
- Gabriela Artiles Rodríguez, student, Madrid
Summary of the RF program

Thursday: welcome reception was held in the Festzaal at the Faculty of Law, University of Maastricht. Judges, Society members and OT had dinner in a private room at Marres Restaurant.

Friday: the two Court rooms were conveniently located at the Faculty of Law, the Festzaal and the Statenzaal. Judges had lunch at a Restaurant close by, students were provided with food in their team room. Dinner for the judges was served at Au Coin des Bons Enfants.

Saturday: semifinals were held again at the Faculty of Law, as well as the Final. Lunch for the judges was served at the deliberation room.

Our traditional Farewell Dinner & singing contest took place at the fantastic Château Neercanne, where the Maastricht Treaty had been signed.
ELMC Regional Final Report
Helsinki University
Finland, 4-7 February 2016

Winning team: Athens
National Kapodistrian University

Best Advocate General: Leiden

Finalist Team: Leiden

Semi-Finalists AG’s: Athens
Bruges
Columbia

Semi-Finalist Teams: Bruges CoE
Columbia

Other University teams qualified to the RF:

Paris II Tartu
Middlesex London Mannheim
Radboud, Nijmegen Maribor
Vienna Economics & Business Madrid San Pablo CEU

Judges sitting in the Regional Final

- James Flynn QC, London
- William Broere, Senior Legal Adviser, European Chemicals Agency, Helsinki
- Sari Haukka, Member of the Board of Appeal, European Chemicals Agency, Helsinki
- Kirsi Kannaste, Lawyer, Krogerus Attorneys
- Tom Kennedy, European Court of Auditors former Head of Legal Service, Luxembourg
- Tommy Pettersson, Partner and co-chairman of Manheimer Swartling Law Firm, Stockholm & Brussels
- Erik Pijnacker Hordijk, Partner, De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek. Law Firm, Amsterdam
- Pekka Pohjankoski, Référendaire, Court of Justice of the European Union, Chambers of Judge A. Rosas, Luxembourg
- Nana Sumrada Slavnic, Tax Manager for South and Eastern European Region, IBM, Slovenia
- Anna-Maria Tamminen, Lawyer, Hannes Snellman law firm, Helsinki.

**Masters of the Moot**
- Tuulia Tanskanen, Associate, Krogerus Attorneys
- Sebastian Wiik, Associate, Hannes Snellman Attorneys

**Executive secretaries**
- Georges Vallindas, ELMC Society President, Référendaire, EU Court of Justice
- Isabel Gomez, ELMC Society Board, Managing Director at Citco Corporate Management, Madrid
- Bartolomeu da Costa Cabral, former ELMC Society President, International Sales & Business Developer in Infrastructures, Thales

**OT members (Madrid San Pablo CEU)**

- María Peñarrubia Bañón, PhD candidate.
- Patricia Gutierrez de Cabiedes Rodríguez, PhD candidate

**Summary of the RF program**

Thursday: welcome reception hosted by one of the local law firm sponsors Krogerus; nice powerpoint presentation, speeches and briefing of the teams.

Friday hearings: the two Court Rooms & deliberation room were located in University’s main building.

Results were announced and students had dinner at Hannes Snellman Attorneys, local sponsor of the RF.

Saturday: semi-finals were held at the same university rooms, and the Final & Awards Ceremony at the Supreme Administrative Court of Finland.

Our traditional Farewell Dinner & singing contest took place in a private reception room next to the University.
ELMC Regional Final Report
National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
Greece, 11-14 February

Winning team: Gothenburg
Best CA: Columbia
Finalist Team: London School of Economics
Semi-Finalist CAs: Liège
Fribourg
London School of Economics
Semi-Finalist teams: Columbia
Basel
LSE

Other University teams qualified to the RF:
Hague
Hannover
Zagreb
Leiden
Lyon Jean Moulin Paris I
Regional Final Judges

- Vassilios Christianos, Professor, Athens NKU
- Peter GJØRTLER, Professor, Riga
- Fabrice Picod, Professor, Paris II
- Santiago Soldevilla Fragoso, former Judge at the EU General Court, Audiencia Nacional, Madrid, Spain.
- Dieter Kraus, former chef de cabinet of CJEU President Skouris, Référendaire, CJEU
- Vassilios KONDYLIS, Professor, Athens NKU
- Julie Brohé, Référendaire, CJEU
- Bob Lane, Professor Edinburgh
- Roberto MASTROIANNI, Professor, Napoli

Master of the Moot
- Alezini Loxa, law student, Athens NKU

Executive secretaries
- William Valasidis
- Marta Andrés Vaquero
- Georges Vallindas (as President of the ELMCS)

OT members (Madrid San Pablo CEU)
- Laura Regás
- Claudia Fernández

Summary of the RF program

Thursday: welcome reception hosted by Athens Trade business association, with a welcome speech by representatives of the Association and by representatives of the University. A buffet walking dinner and drinks were provided.
Friday: the two Court rooms were located in one of the law faculty’s University building. The Judges had lunch at the restaurant of the law faculty in the main historic “Kostis Palamas” building of the faculty (200 metres away from the courts rooms). The announcement of the results was made by the mayor of Athens at the town hall, which was followed by a small reception.

![Image of a speech at a podium]

Saturday: semi-finals were held in the same court rooms in the law faculty. The lunch was also held at the same building as Friday. The final was held in the larger one of the two rooms.

Our traditional Farewell Dinner & singing contest took place at a rooftop loft right next to Syntagma Square, with an amazing view to the Acropolis and the city. Dinner was a walking dinner, and was followed by the song contest and the final party at the same location.
Regional Final Report
University of Fribourg
Switzerland, 25-28 February 2016

Winning team: Maastricht
Best AG: Edinburgh
Finalist Team: Edinburgh

Semi-Finalist AGs:
Riga (University of Latvia) – Berlin – Washington

Semi-Finalist teams:
Berlin – UL Brussels (best written pleadings award)

Other University teams qualified to the RF:
Kiev Budapest
Riga Göteborg
American U. (Washington) Naples
Valenciennes Utrecht

Regional Final Judges

- Eric Gippini-Fournier, Legal Service, European Commission,
- Martin Johansson, Partner, Vinge Advokaten
- Rosa Greaves, Professor, University of Glasgow
- Christa Tobler, Professor, Universities of Basel & Leiden
- Tobias Jaag, Professor
- Madalina Diaconu, Associate Prof., Neuchatel U.
- René Repasi, Heidelberg University
- Allan Tatham, Professor, Madrid San Pablo CEU
Masters of the Moot
- Dr. Benedikt Pirker
- Dr. Aladar Sebeni

Executive secretaries (ELMC Society)
- Sébastien Thomas
- Diego Rey

OT members (Madrid San Pablo CEU)
- Paul Torriglia de Altolaguirre
- Marina Lopez Lopez

Summary of the RF Program

Thursday: welcome reception hosted by the University of Fribourg at the Hall of Honour (Miséricorde building), with a welcome speech by a representative of the EU delegation in Switzerland.

Friday: the two Court rooms were located in the University building Pérolles. Judges had lunch at the Mensa of the University (like the students). Dinner took place at the Italian restaurant Bindella in the old centre.

Saturday: semi-finals were held in the same Pérolles building, with a larger auditorium being used for the final. Judges lunch was at café le Boulevard. Our traditional Farewell Dinner & singing contest took place at Restaurant Punkt Grenette, with a follow-up party in an Irish pub with disco on the second floor.
The European Law Moot Book

In April 2013, over 180 guests gathered in Luxembourg during our 25th Anniversary gala dinner. Former and current Mooties, coming from all over the world and with different backgrounds, shared fond Moot memories and assisted at our Moot Book launch event, a collective work spanning over the first 25 years of existence of the Society, supervised and edited by ELMC Board Member Michel Debroux. This book contains stories and anecdotes written by all the key actors of the European Law Moot Court and allows the readers to fully grasp the ELMC spirit. No doubt it will also become a priceless resource for all future ELMC participants, since it contains all past cases and many best written pleadings in English and French!

Every EU law library should have a copy on their shelves, as well as all future teams! You can contact us to order a copy!
Participate in the European Law Moot Court with a student team!

On average, more than 80 European and American Universities participate in the European Law Moot Court every year. Being part of it is very simple:

- You form a team of Law Students

- They draft a pleading for the applicant and a pleading for the defendant (in English or French, the Competition is bilingual) under supervision of a Coach (usually a PhD candidate) on the basis of a case published on the 1st September each year on our website www.europeanlawmootcourt.eu

- 4 students and a Coach register online by paying the fee of 100 Euros (usually paid by the Faculty of Law) and send us by e-mail, by the end of November, the two written pleadings.

- The results of the written phase are published online by 15th of January at the latest. 48 teams qualify for the oral rounds, the ELMC Regional Finals.

- The participation fees (250 Euros per student and 300 Euros per Coach) are paid to the organisers of each Regional Final and are usually covered by your University, as well as the travelling expenses. Your team is of course free to find other sponsors.

This organisation allows Universities to grade the students & the ELMC as a Seminar: usually the work invested in the preparation for the written phase is graded in the first semester and the work invested in the preparation of the oral pleadings is graded in the second semester.

The European Law Moot Court is a unique experience for the students, introducing them to research and bilingual work, but it also allows the Universities to establish a solid reputation amongst the best EU Law circles.

Around 80 European and US universities participate every year in the European Law Moot Court Competition.

Contact us for more information!
Organize a Regional Final at your University!

Many students or coaches, after participating in a Regional Final of the European Law Moot Court, ask us how they could organize such an event at their own University or Law School.

With the support of a Professor who will supervise the event, a student or PhD Candidate will build a local team that will organize the Regional Final. Along this process you will receive direct support from our side.

The ELMC Society will designate the 12 qualifying teams that will compete in your Regional Final. According to our official rules more than 12,000 Euros will be paid by the participating teams to the organizers of the Regional Final. Complementary funding might be provided by the Faculty, University, Local and Regional Authorities, Publishers, Law Firms and other possible private sponsors in order to cover the requirements of the overall budget of your Regional Final.

The event starts on Thursday afternoon with the teams’ arrival, the 5 Moot Court Judges appointed by the ELMC Society and the 4 representatives of the Society (2 OT Members that will support you with the students program and 2 Society Members who will supervise the Competition and resolve all issues related to Rules and Judges). 3 or 5 local Judges are appointed by the Organizing University, usually implying no additional cost.

An official welcome reception must be planned on Thursday evening (around 18h00). Concerning the venue for this event, there are many options: the Town Hall or the University Hall are usually the most reliable choices.

On Friday you must have 2 Court Rooms at your Faculty available from 8h30 to 18h30: 6 sessions will be carried out with 4 or 5 Judges in each court room. At the end of the day the Judges will announce which teams move forward to the semi-finals on the following day. For Friday evening
you must consider a place where the students can have dinner and organize a dinner for judges.

On Saturday, 2 court rooms will host the semi-finals from 09h30 to 12h30. Once these are finished the judges will announce the 2 finalist teams that will plead against each other in front of a bench of 8-10 judges from 15h00 to 17h00. After the Final there will be a deliberation period, followed by the ELMC Prize Awards Ceremony to the Winning Team and Best Commission Representative / Advocate General.

On Friday Night you are expected to organize a Farewell Dinner & Drinks and the traditional Moot Court Song Contest, during which the students will have the opportunity to mingle with the judges for the first time.

**Why should you organize a Regional Final of the European Law Moot Court?**

Because it’s a unique event that allows your University, Law School, EU Law Program, to be under great media exposure for a whole year!

A first level Media presence is assured by all communication means of the European Law Moot Court Society, as a leading and well-known competition around the world that will contribute to the promotion of your institution and programs. Our Society grants you 25 years of know-how and access to the greatest network of EU Law specialists.

Moreover, organizing a Regional Final allows you to welcome over 60 international students fully dedicated to EU Law, of many different nationalities and representing highly recognized Universities on an International level, as well as 5 invited judges and the Society representatives. The benefits of hosting such an event are highly effective and usually spread quickly on the next generations of students. Your guests will be your next Ambassadors.

**For further information please do not hesitate to contact us!**
Sponsor the *European Law Moot Court*

Since its foundation in 1988, the *European Law Moot Court* has consistently been sponsored by some of the finest law firms active in European law. Since President’s Ole DUE invitation, in the early 1990’s, we are officially supported by the EU Court of Justice, whose members compose the benches at the competition’s European Final, hosted by the Court in Luxembourg. Members of the Legal Service and other DG's of the European Commission also sit every year as Judges for the Regional Finals.

Without our sponsors’ support, nothing would be possible since the ELMC Society is organizing & coordinating the only decentralized global student competition in EU Law in 5 different countries, hosted by 4 new Universities each year and the EU Court of Justice in Luxembourg. All the members of the ELMC Society are unpaid volunteers and our budget is fully dedicated to the competition’s running.

Partnering with the *European Law Moot Court* allows our sponsors to increase their visibility towards the best EU law students among some of the best universities worldwide. Our sponsors are present on our website, Facebook page, case, annual report, four regional finals booklets and posters, and are systematically mentioned in all documents and presentation speeches during the competition. This highly focused communication provides our sponsors with a unique opportunity to establish strong links with the finest EU law circles and brightest students. Moreover one sponsor representative is invited to sit as judge at one of the ELMC Regional Finals and to watch the European Final at the EUCJ, with a possibility to interview the students which could be their next trainees and distribute marketing materials.