The word of the president of the European Law Moot Court Society

The 2016-2017 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: The Hague UAS, Paris II, Naples & Gothenburg. 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 long term 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!

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 2018 ELMC Regional Finals will take place at beautiful locations and Universities all over Europe. We’re eager to meet you all next season which will mark the 30th Anniversary of the European Law Moot Court Society, and are working -almost- as hard as you till then preparing a stimulating ELMC Case to be published on our website on September 1st and many exciting events!

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 3000
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 San Pablo CEU Organising Team in Madrid, 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 2016-2017 European Law Moot Court

The case, as every year, was published on our website on September 1st, 2016.

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 website on January 15th 2017.

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 The Hague UAS, Paris II, Napoli and Gothenburg 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, March 31st. The season ended in style with a big dinner & our traditional song competition.

Here are the results of the 2016-2017 European Law Moot Court!
ELMC European Final,
Court of Justice of the European Union
Luxembourg, 31st of March 2017

European Law Moot Court 2016-2017 Winning Team: City U. of London

Winning Commission Agent: Helsinki University

Winning Advocate General: HEC Paris

Best Written Pleading: Vienna U.

Finalist Team: Lund U.

Semi-Finalist Teams: Latvia U. & Maastricht U.

Finalist CA: Stockholm U.

Finalist AG: Aix-Marseille U.
The ELMC European Final was honoured to be held in front of 11 Judges and Advocate Generals of the EU Court of Justice and the General Court, 6 sitting in the Semi-Finals and 6 sitting in the Final.

Semi-Finals:
Advocate General Michal Bobek (Court of Justice)
Judge Peter George Xuereb (General Court)
Judge Ulf Christophe Öberg (General Court)
Judge Inga Reine (General Court)
Judge Maria José Costeira (General Court)
Judge Alexander Kornezov (General Court)

Final:
Vice-President of the CJEU, Judge Prof. Antonio Tizzano
Judge Marko Ilešić (President of the Second Chamber, Court of Justice)
Judge Bay Larsen (President of the Third Chamber, Court of Justice)
Advocate General Bobek (Court of Justice)
Judge Miro Prek (President of the Second Chamber, General Court)
Judge Ian Stewart Forrester (General Court)
The Hague University of Applied Sciences
ELMC Regional Final
The Netherlands, 2 – 5 February 2017

Winning Team: Lund U.
Best Commission Agent: Helsinki U.

Finalist Team: Bruges CoE
Semi-Finalist Teams: Athens NKU - Uppsala
Semi-Finalist CAs: Leiden - Turin - Lund

Other University Teams qualified to the RF:
- Heidelberg - Luzern
- Vilnius - Wien
- Lyon III

ELMC Judges:

- Kieran BRADLEY, EUCJ’s Brexit Advisor & former EU Judge at the Civil Service Tribunal.
- Jaap Willem de ZWAAN, former Dean of the Law School of Rotterdam University & EU Treaties Dutch negotiator.
- Edgar du PERRON, Judge at the Supreme Court of the Netherlands & Dean of the Law Faculty of Amsterdam U.
- Els de BUSSER, Senior Lecturer at The Hague University
- Tommy PETTERSSON, Partner at Mannheimer-Swartling, Sponsor of the ELMC, specialised in EU & competition law
- Frank EMMERT, Professor at Indiana University in Indianapolis, USA & international arbitrator.
- Martin JOHANSSON, Partner at Vinge, specialised in EU and competition law.
Masters of the Moot:
- Gabriela SZABOOVA & Marin BANKOV, International & European Law Program of The Hague University students
- Hesther CALIS, administrative coordinator.

Executive secretaries:
- Sina TANNEBAUM, ELMC Society member & Teaching assistant at Lucerne University
- Georges VALLINDAS, ELMC Society president & Référendaire at the EUCJ

OT members:
Claudia FERNÁNDEZ & Patricia GUTIERREZ DE CABIEDES, students at Madrid CEU San Pablo, Host University of the ELMC Society

Brief summary of the program of the Regional Final:

Thursday: welcome reception at Speaker’s Corner in the main building of the Hague University of Applied Sciences

Friday: Court Rooms located at the main building of the University

Saturday: semi & final at the Hoge Raad, the Netherlands Supreme Court
University of Naples “Federico II”
ELMC Regional Final
Italy, 16-19 February 2017

Winning Team: Latvia
Best Commission Agent: Stockholm

Finalist Team: Stockholm
Semi-Finalist Teams: Nova de Lisboa - Ljubljana
Semi-Finalist CA: UL Brussels

Other University Teams qualified to the RF:
- Columbia - Belgrade
- King’s College London - Ljubljana
- Paris II - Boston College
- Utrecht - Amsterdam

ELMC Judges:
- Amedeo ARENA, Associate Professor of European Union Law at University of Naples “Federico II”.
- Fabrizio DI GIANNI, partner at Van Bael & Bellis, ELMC sponsor
- Marco D’OSTUNI, partner at Cleary Gottlieb (Rome).
- Peter GJÖRTLER, director of Lexnet European Information (Riga).
- Robert LANE, senior lecturer in the School of Law at the University of Edinburgh.
- Roberto MASTROIANNI, full Professor of European Union Law at University of Naples “Federico II”.
- Fernanda NICOLA, Professor of Law at the Washington College of Law, American University.
- Santiago SOLDEVILLA, former judge at the General Court of the European Union and currently judge at the Audiencia Nacional in Spain.
- Christa TOBLER, professor of European law at the Europa Institutes of the Universities of Basel (Switzerland) and Leiden (The Netherlands).
- Stefaan van den BOGAERT, professor of European Law and director of the Europa Institute at Leiden University.

Master of the Moot:

- Claudia MASSA, PHD student at Federico II University.
Executive secretaries:
- William VALASIDIS, Vice-President ELMC Society & Director of Communication at the Court of Justice of the European Union.
- Marta ANDRES, ELMC Society member & case handler at DG Competition
- Elske RAEDTS, ELMC Society members & lawyer at Freshfields

OT members:
Laura REGAS & Gabriela ARTILES, students at Madrid CEU San Pablo, Host University of the ELMC Society

Brief summary of the program of the Regional Final:

Thursday: welcome reception at Faculty of Law of University of Naples “Federico II”, (Aula Pessina)

Friday: court Rooms located at the main building of the Faculty of Law of the University Federico II.

Saturday: final held at Aula Pessina (main building of the Faculty of Law of the University)
Paris Panthéon-Assas University  
ELMC Regional Final  
France, 9 – 12 February 2017

Winning Team: City, University of London  
Best Advocate General: Aix-Marseille Université

Finalist Team: Aix-Marseille Université  
Semi-Finalist Teams: Leiden, Luxembourg  
Semi-Finalist AGs: Leiden, Luxembourg, City University

Other University Teams qualified to the RF:
- Padova  
- Vienna  
- Prague  
- CEU San Pablo  
- Gothenbourg  
- Utrecht  
- Tartu  
- Osnabrück
ELMC Judges:
- Rosa GREAVES, Professor University of Glasgow.
- Erik PIJNACKER HORDIJK, Partner of De Brauw Amsterdam.
- Hubert MONET, Head of the Legal Sector of the EACEA.
- Francesco MARTUCCI, Professor PAnthéon-Assas University.
- René REPASI, Professor University of Heidelberg.
- Claire VANNINI, Partner CMS – Bureau Francis Lefevre.
- Alain SCARAMUCCI, Référendaire General Court of the EU
- Michaël COUSIN, Competition and EU Law practice Partner Ashurst.
- Vassili CHRISTIANOS, Professor Athens University and Partner Vassili Christianos Law Firm.
- Sasa SEVER, Référendaire Court of Justice of the EU

Masters of the Moot:
- Délphine Strohl, lawyer, Paris
Executive secretaries:
- María ANDRES MORENO, ELMC Society member & Spanish State Agent
- Diego REY HERNÁNDEZ, ELMC Society member & Lawyer at Galhis Abogados Madrid.

OT members:
Marina López & Andrea Bravo González, students at Madrid CEU San Pablo, Host University of the ELMC Society

Brief summary of the program of the Regional Final:

Thursday: welcome reception and Lexis-Nexis-Jeantet Cocktail at Appartément Décanal

Friday: Court Rooms located at the main building of the University

Saturday: semi at the main building of the University & final at the Main Amphitheater
Gothenburg University,
ELMC Regional Final
Sweden, 23-26 February 2017

Winning team: Maastricht University
Best Advocate-General: HEC Paris (École des hautes études commerciales)

Finalist Team: The Hague University of Applied Sciences
Semi-Finalist Teams: Columbia University
HEC Paris
Semi-Finalist AGs: Maastricht University
The Hague University of Applied Sciences
Sofia University” St.Kliment Ohridski”

Other teams qualified to the RF:
- Kyiv
- Geneva
- Bocconi
- Panthéon-Assas (Paris 2)
- Bucharest
- Maribor
- Leibniz University Hanover
ELMC Judges
- Angelica Ericsson (Researcher at Law Faculty of the University of Lund & Référendaire at the EUCJ)
- Michael Honoré (Lawyer, expert in Competition Law)
- Tom Kennedy (former Head of the Legal Service of the European Court of Auditors)
- Prof. Dr. Jerónimo Maillo (full-time Professor of European Union Law at the Law School at CEU San Pablo University, Madrid)
- Aleksandra Melesko (Référendaire at the EU General Court).
- Julie Brohée (Référendaire at the EUCJ)
- Martin Mörk (Deputy Ombudsman and Head of Litigation for the Swedish Equality Ombudsman)
- Karin Wistrand (senior judge at the Svea Court of Appeal in Stockholm)
- Ola Zetterquist (judge of appeal at the Court of Appeal for Western Sweden)
Master of the moot
- Ms. Anna Wallerman (Assistant Professor, PhD Candidate)
- Mr. Johan Lindberg (Master student in EU Law)

Executive secretaries
- Javier Porras Belarra (Lecturer in EU Law at CEU San Pablo University, Madrid)
- Sébastien Thomas (Référendaire at the EUCJ)
- Thomas Biermeyer (Lawyer, Luxembourg)

OT members
Maria Peñarrubia-Bañón (PhD candidate) and Ignacio Corpas Linés (EU Law student) from Madrid CEU San Pablo, Host University of the ELMC Society

Brief summary of the program of the Regional Final:

Thursday: welcome reception in a historical building of the City of Gothenburg

Friday: Court Rooms located at the School of Business, Economics & Law

Saturday: semi at the same building & final at the Main Amphitheater. Farewell party took place at Villa Belparc.
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! Contact us to order one of the last copies of this edition!
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](http://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 15^{th} 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.

[Contact us for more information!](mailto:)
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 5 representatives of the Society (2 OT Members that will support you with the students program and 3 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) and usually takes place at the Town Hall or the University.

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 Saturday semi-finals. For Friday evening you must
propose 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 Agent / Advocate General.

On Saturday 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 chat with the Judges for the first time.

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

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 via all communication means of the European Law Moot Court Society, as a leading and well-known University competition around the world that will contribute to the promotion of your institution and programs. Our Society also grants you 30 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 top-level foreign students, 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 (3000+ followers), 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 distribute marketing materials and interview the students which could be their next trainees.