



European Law Moot Court



Annual Report 2013-2014



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

The 2013-2014 season of the biggest Moot Court in the field of EU Law has been a very good year.

First of all, we've had four Regional Finals of exceptional level thanks to the participating team's quality and to the great organization of the hosting Universities: the Comenius University Law Faculty (Bratislava, Slovakia), the Aix en Provence Law Faculty (Aix -Marseille University, France), the Minho University (Braga, Portugal), and Torino University (Italy) and their local organizing teams, have done a great work and managed to showcase the best of their respective cities & Law Schools.

The 2015 Regional Finals will take place at New York (Columbia University), Pisa (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna), Prague (Charles University) and Bremen.

Secondly, the Society managed to reestablish itself in Madrid as a Spanish Non-Profit Association. Previously our Society was legally based where our previous host University of Lisbon was located. Our host University being Madrid's San Pablo CEU we decided to base all our managing and coordinating activities in Spain.

Thirdly, we are honored and happy to continue our cooperation with San Pablo CEU for the next five years as our Host University which provides us our central Organizing Team and welcomes our Autumn meeting with the Regional Masters of the Moot.

We're eager of meeting you all next February and are working -almost- as hard as you till then!

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





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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 1500 Mooties-Friends are gathered, a network of the best students, Professors, Lawyers & Judges passionate about EU Law.

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.

Faithfully,

[Georges VALLINDAS](#)

President, European Law Moot Court Society



Summary of the 2013-2014 *European Law Moot Court*

The case, as every year, was published on our website on September 1st, 2014.

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 the number of our Moot Judges who have carried out the double marking of the pleadings. The results of this written phase have been published on our web site on the 15th January 2014.

Like every year, 48 teams -12 per Regional Final-, composed by 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 Bratislava, Aix-en-Provence, Braga & Torino over the four weekends of February. From Thursday afternoon to Sunday morning, students from dozens of nationalities faced constant questions of our Judges. 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 28th 2014. The competition ended in style with a big dinner & our traditional song competition.

Here are the results of the All-European Final!





ELMC European Final Court of Justice of the European Union Luxembourg, 27 & 28 of March 2014

The European Final was honoured to be held in front of Seven (7) Judges of the Court of Justice, the General Court and the Civil Service Tribunal.



European Law Moot Court 2013-2014 Winning Team:

Maastricht U.

Winning Advocate General: CoE Bruges

Winning Commission Representative: Turku U.



Finalist team: Lund U.

Semi-Finalists: CU Leuven & Michigan U.

Semi-Finalist AG: UL Brussels

Semi-Finalist CR: Maastricht U



And here there is a brief summary of the program of our European Final:

Thursday: visit to the Court of Justice, followed by a hearing and presentation of the institution by référendaires.

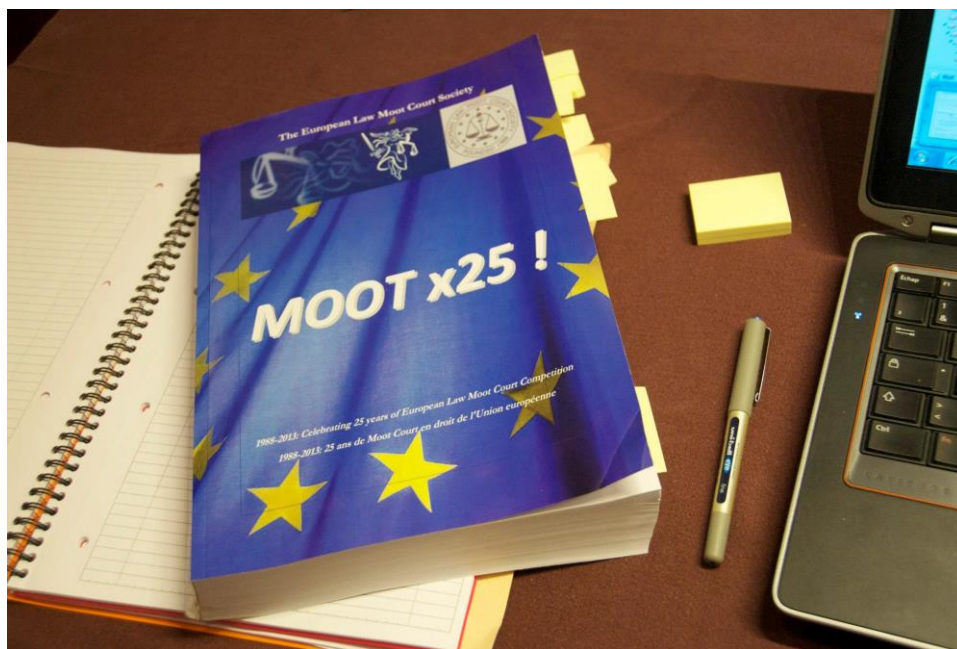
Friday: pleadings in front of the Court of Justice of the European Union, drink offered by the Court, presentation of the book, Gala Dinner celebrating the end of this season's *European Law Moot Court* and our traditional singing contest.



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 several countries 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 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 Moot 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 student team usually consisting of LLM students (3rd to 5th year of law studies in the EU).
- 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 on the 15th of January. 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 paid by your University, as well as the travelling expenses. Your team is of course free to find other sponsors.

This organisation allows the numerous 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 North American 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 select 12 teams that will participate in your Regional Final. 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, Publishing Companies, 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).

An official welcome reception must be planned on Thursday evening (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 you must 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 announcement of the Winning Team, Best Commission Representative / Advocate General and a Prize Awards Ceremony.

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 4-5 invited judges and the 4 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, 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 every year. 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 the best universities worldwide. Our sponsors are present on our website, Facebook page, case, annual report, four regional finals booklet 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, in direct contact with the students which could be their next trainees.

