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FOREWORD

“To succeed as a lawyer, you’ve got to go the extra mile”. A piece of advice I got from one of my role models at law school. By saying this, he actually nudged me into mooting. And my life had changed irreversibly for the better. The 9th edition of the European Human Rights Moot Court Competition represented such an extra mile for its participants. It bore fruit in a number of ways which will – without exaggeration – turn the students into better lawyers.

Firstly, I actually think that the online format of the whole moot provided the students with an experience they will profit from extensively. I am certain that in future, online hearings will be the way all courts will naturally conduct their business. And unlike those, who will still have to learn how to be lawyers in online environment, participants of EHRMCC know already. Nothing will surprise them and they know what to expect, now. Including the possible technical hiccups which happen in real life, too. Lawyering on-line is a skill they have mastered successfully. And it puts them one step ahead of those who remain off-line.

Secondly, the merits of the case gave everyone an important lesson. The pandemic may be regarded as one of the highest threats to human rights in this century. New questions have arisen for everyone affected: governments, courts, and mainly, all of us as individuals. Answering them in time was not an easy task. Finding a balance between protection of health and protection of conflicting fundamental rights became a burdensome exercise. Yet, the participants managed to represent their client – be it Mr. Specter or Alethean Government – understanding the complexity of the situation many would consider unthinkable in the beginning of last year. Working with the European Convention on Human Rights in these circumstances and adopting new perspectives to it (including the case law of the European Court of Human Rights) will have novel repercussions for the evolution of the “Strasbourg law”. The students certainly developed high sensitivity to all this. They simply know the Convention better, now.

Thirdly, one may get pretty nervous just because of having to argue in a moot court. And now imagine that you get to argue before a panel composed of your legal heroes. Teams participating in the Final Oral Round appeared before a number of famous faces from the very European Court of Human Rights, that many consider as “Strasbourg celebrities”. Names you read about, such as the former Vice-President of the ECtHR Françoise Tulkens, former President of the ECtHR Sir Nicolas Bratza, or former President of the Court’s Fifth Section Mark Villiger, suddenly showed up on the students’ screens and their job was to persuade them. And they succeeded - they were simply brilliant.

The whole moot court competition and visible passion of the students warmed my heart. In times of the pandemic, I must admit that I was troubled by all the challenges to human rights standards we all took for granted earlier. But seeing the students fighting with the Convention as their weapon, and the level of their knowledge of Strasbourg case-law including their fondness for it made me assuredly tell myself: “It is going to be fine”.

For all these reasons, I salute and congratulate the students for taking part in the 9th edition of European Human Rights Moot Court Competition. They all rocked.

My gratitude, appreciation and congratulations go to ELSA International and Council of Europe, too. They did a tremendous job in organising the whole moot and securing comfort of everyone who participated in the regional rounds and the finals. Zuzana Kovalová and Slavica Cubrić wrote a perfect case bringing a lot of food for thought and argument. Without them, the very last edition of European Human Rights Moot Court Competition would not be such a success.

You may be thinking why did I just call the 9th EHRMCC “the very last” one? Do not worry, the moot will continue. But there will be a new name! From the 10th edition on, it will bear the name of the first woman judge of the European Court of Human Rights - Helga Pedersen. What a great move by the organisers!

Congratulations to everyone, again, and good luck in your (not only) legal lives. I hope to see you all in person during the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition next year!

Martin Kopa

Judge at the Brno Regional Court, the Czech Republic

Former Registry lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights



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OVERVIEW OF THE COMPETITION

The ninth European Human Rights Moot Court Competition (EHRMCC) was launched on the 11 September 2020. The very topical case was written by Zuzana Kovalova and Slavica Cubric, and concerned events surrounding an epidemic. The case of the 9th EHRMCC tackled issues of state emergency and emergency legislation, Criminal law and Privacy and Data Protection law. 81 team applied for the 9th Edition and 68 teams from 24 different countries were eligible to participate in the Competition.

Team registration was possible until 1 November 2020, after which the teams had the time to submit their clarification questions regarding the case until 1 November 2020.

Since 8th Edition of the EHRMCC, the competition has three stages: Written Round, Regional Rounds and the Final Oral Round. Firstly, during the Written Round, each team had to send in their Written Submissions for Applicant and Respondent parties until 13 December 2020. Each Written Submission was scored by two different human rights experts, making an average Written Submission score of 4 gradings (two scores for the Applicant Written Submission and two scores for the Respondent Written Submission), which was followed by the Penalty Scoring done by the International Organising Committee of the 9th EHRMCC.

Secondly, teams had the chance to practice their oral pleading skills during the Regional Round phase. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the three Regional Rounds of the 9th EHRMCC were held online, on Hopin platform, however, the Regional Rounds were organised by ELSA Maastricht and ELSA the Netherlands (Virtual Regional Round Maastricht), ELSA Portugal (Virtual Regional Round Lisbon) and ELSA Cluj-Napoca (Virtual Regional Round Cluj-Napoca), hence the academic quality was not endangered by the virtualisation of the competition. Each team had to plead twice during the assigned Regional Round – once on behalf of Applicant and once on behalf of the Respondent, and each pleading was observed and scored by the Bench consisting of three human rights experts serving as Judges. We would like to use this opportunity to thank the Organising Committees, supporters, judges and participants of the Virtual Regional Rounds for making them memorable events even in the digital format.





Finally, based on their Written Submissions and Regional Round scores, best 18 teams qualified to the Final Oral Round which was held virtually on Hopin, due to travel restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Final Oral Round took place between 17 and 21 May 2021 and was opened by the speech of the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative of Latvia Mr Jānis Kārklīņš, on behalf of the Winning team of the 8th Edition. Moreover, the order of the Preliminary Rounds was determined during the Opening Ceremony by the live streamed draw. The Opening Ceremony was followed by the Academic Programme – the Panel discussion on gender equality, women's rights and women's access to justice which was broadcasted on ELSA's Facebook page. Second and third day of the Final Oral Round were devoted to Preliminary Rounds, where all the teams pleaded twice – once on behalf of the Applicant party and once on behalf of the Respondent party, which lead to the announcement of the best 8 teams qualifying to the Quarter-Finals held on the fourth day. The announcement of the Semi-Finalists was held during the lunch break on the fourth day and the Semi-Finals took place on the afternoon the same day. Finally, the Grand Final and the Closing Ceremony took place on 21 May 2021.

WRITTEN ROUND

Written Round acts as the first phase of the Competition. In order to continue their participation in the Competition, each team had to send in their two Written Submissions for both parties – Applicant and Respondent. 66 teams sent in their Written Submissions within the deadline and secured their place in the second phase of the competition - Regional Rounds.

Each Written Submission was scored by two independent human rights experts. The scoring of Written Submissions was organised in two rounds – the first round of scoring was organised between 19 December and 9 January, while the second round of Written Submissions scoring took place between 20 January and 15 February.

53 human rights experts acted as Judges of the Written Round. We would like to thank Hasan Bakirci, Andrzej Mancewicz, Alexandra Suchkova, Tenzile Kocak, Simon Palmer, Anna Maralyan, Gaiane Nuridzhanian, Geanina Munteanu, Daniel Karsai, Daria Sartori, Diana Lupu, Kristaps Tamusz, Cristina Teleki, Mihail Stojanoski, Jan Kratochvil, Aleksandra Meżykowska, Günter Schirmer, Mark Clough, Rimantė Tamulytė, Victoria Prais, Slavica Cubric, Rachael Ita, Tigran Oganesian, Stéphanie Bourgeois, Agata Bzdyn, Inga Abramavičiūtė, Alexandra Dubova, Kamilė Michailovskytė, Jeremy McBride, Ada Paprocka, Matylda Pogorzelska, Martin Kopa, Andreea Maria Rosu, Marco Sassoli, Emiliya Ramazanova, Elena Yurkina, Dovilė Gailiūtė-Janušonė, Irina Chepaykina, Michelle Lafferty, Ayşe Dicle Ergin, Katerina Todorovska-Hummeler, Tomasz Kodrzycki, Lucja Miara, Kate Jones, Piers Gardner, Hendrik Vandekerckhove, Anton Giulio Lana, Julianne Kerr-Morrison, Julia Münzenmaier, Mykolas Cerniauskas, Claire Windsor, Philip Leach and Piotr Turek for the time put in the competition and their knowledge.

The Written Submissions were scored on four criteria each weighing 25% of the written submission score. These criteria were:

- i. **Identification of legal issues and relevant legal framework:** This ground sought to assess the team’s general understanding of the case and the issues it raises.
- ii. **Knowledge of ECHR and relevant caselaw:** This ground sought to judge the extent of the team’s technical ECHR knowledge.
- iii. **Quality of legal analysis and persuasiveness of arguments:** This ground concerned the overall persuasiveness of the team’s pleadings and legal analysis.
- iv. **Style:** This ground addressed issues of presentation and accessibility.

In addition to fulfilling the criteria set out above, teams also had to format the Written Submissions to comply with the criteria set out in the Rules of the 9th EHRMCC.



According to the Appendix A of the Rules of the 9th EHRMCC, the Written Submission Score is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\left(\frac{WSA1 + WSA2 - PA}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{WSR1 + WSR2 - PR}{2}\right)}{2}$$

Based on the scores, **Team 40 from National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece)** was awarded the prize for the **Best Applicant Written Submission**, while **Team 28 from Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” (Bulgaria)** was awarded the prize for the **Best Respondent Written Submission**.

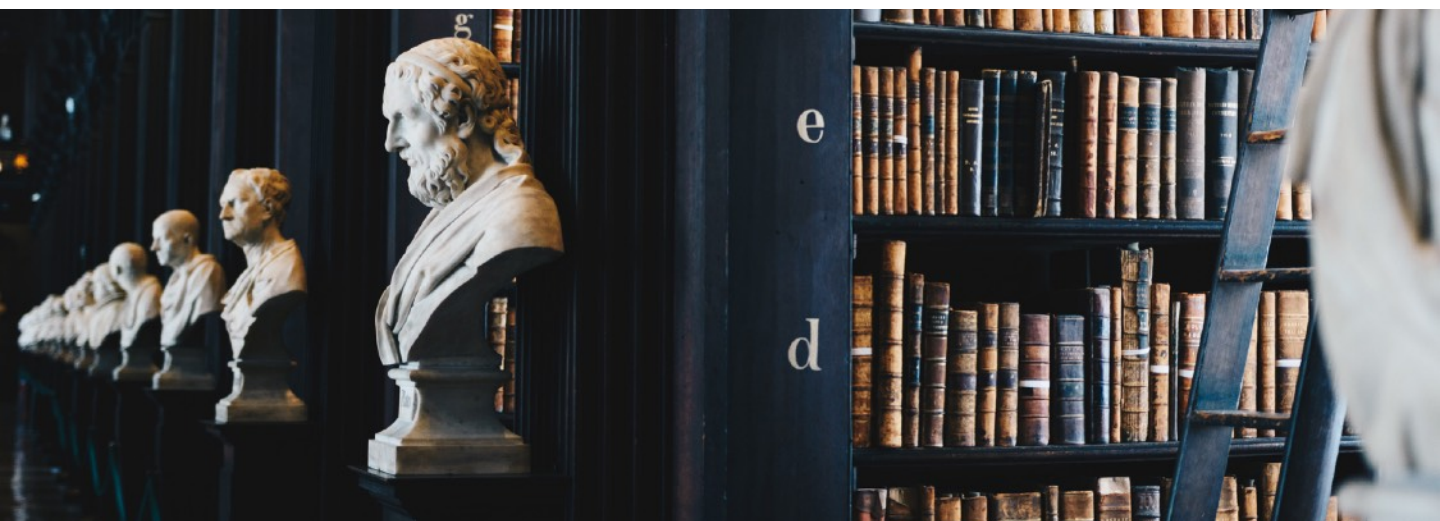
Please find all the Written Submission scores in the table below:

TEAM NUMBER	APPLICANT				RESPONDENT				TOTAL SCORE
	Judge 1	Judge 2	Penalty	Total	Judge 1	Judge 2	Penalty	Total	
1	33	22.25	1	28.625	33.5	32.75	1	32.625	30.625
2	24.75	21.25	2	22	35.25	30.5	2	31.875	26.94
3	29.5	32.25	4.5	28.625	37	36.5	4.5	34.5	31.56
4	25.75	33.75	0.5	29.5	33	26.5	0.5	29.5	29.5
5	24	20	6	19	23	24	6	20.5	19.75
6	36.5	29.5	0.5	32.75	28.75	29.75	1	28.75	30.75
7	35.75	24.25	1.5	29.25	33.25	28.75	1.5	30.25	29.75
8	32	29	0.5	30.25	33	33.75	0.5	33.125	31.69
9	28	33.25	0.5	30.375	26	18.75	0.5	22.125	26.25
10	35	38	0.5	36.25	38	22.25	0.5	29.875	33.06
11	20.5	30.5	0.5	25.25	23.25	13.5	0.5	18.125	21.69
12	31.5	31	0.5	31	27.5	28.75	0.5	27.875	29.44
13	23	36.25	3	28.125	25.75	20.5	2.5	21.875	25
14	36	35.25	1	35.125	24.5	35.5	1	29.5	32.31
16	23	34.5	1.5	28	24.25	27.25	1.5	25	26.5
17	36.75	26.25	1.5	30.75	32.5	31.25	0.5	31.625	31.19

18	34.75	32.5	1	33.125	19.5	35	1	26.75	29.94
19	33	34.75	3	32.375	29.25	16	3	21.125	26.75
20	23	29.75	0.5	26.125	27.75	35.25	0.5	31.25	28.69
21	31.25	31.5	1	30.875	34	25	1	29	29.94
22	28.5	30.5	1	29	34	36	1.5	34.25	31.625
23	29.5	24.25	1	26.375	38.75	33	2	34.875	30.62
24	27.5	30	1	28.25	30.75	37	2	32.875	30.56
25	18.25	19.75	4.5	16.75	23.75	22.5	2	22.125	19.44
26	30	34	0	32	28.25	35.75	0	32	32
28	23.75	28.25	0.5	25.75	35.25	37	0.5	35.875	30.81
29	32.5	20	0.5	26	31	34.25	0.5	32.375	29.19
30	31.5	31	1.5	30.5	36	34.25	1.5	34.375	32.44
31	11.75	3.75	4.5	5.5	17	18.75	4.5	15.625	10.56
32	20.25	27.5	2.5	22.625	26.25	22.5	4	22.375	22.5
33	27.5	40	1.5	33	28.5	28.5	1.5	27.75	30.37
34	25.5	27.75	1.5	25.875	33.75	25.5	1.5	28.875	27.375
35	36.25	37.5	1	36.375	32	36.5	1.5	33.5	34.94
36	31.25	28.75	1	29.5	36.75	35.25	1	30.5	30
37	29.75	29.25	2	28.5	28.75	24.75	2	25.75	27.12
38	8.5	10.25	4	7.375	30	15	5	20	13.69

39	10	37.25	0.5	23.375	21.25	13.75	0.5	17.25	20.31
40	36.75	38	0.5	37.125	22.5	23	0.5	22.5	29.81
41	16.25	31.75	1	23.5	35.25	33.75	2	33.5	28.5
42	18.75	13	0.5	15.625	5	14	0.5	9.25	12.44
43	34.25	35.5	0.5	34.625	27.5	27.25	1	27	30.81
44	32.25	30	1	30.625	30.25	18.75	1.5	23.75	27.19
45	21.5	24	0.5	22.5	30	25.5	0.5	27.5	25
46	33.75	34.25	1.5	33.25	24	36.75	1.5	29.625	31.44
47	17.5	20.25	4	16.875	29	22.5	3	24.25	20.56
48	31.75	33	0.5	32.125	11.5	28	0.5	19.5	25.81
49	28.5	29	1	28.25	23.5	33.25	1.5	27.625	27.94
50	33	21.25	2.5	25.875	29.75	25.5	2	26.625	26.25
51	21.5	13.75	1.5	16.875	35.75	26.25	1.5	30.25	23.56
52	23.5	30.5	1.5	26.25	28.75	21.25	1	24.25	25.37
53	17.75	21	1.5	18.625	30.25	21.25	2.5	24.5	21.56
54	30.25	26.25	3	26.75	37.5	15	4	24.25	25.5
56	14.75	12.5	2.5	12.375	39.5	18.5	2.5	27.75	20.06
57	10.5	23.5	2.5	15.75	33.5	22.5	2.5	26.75	21.25
58	15.25	10.5	1.5	12.125	22.75	28	2	24.375	18.25
59	38.25	36.75	1	37	25.25	28	1	26.125	31.56

61	37.5	36.75	3	35.6 25	32.75	30.5	3	30.1 25	32.87
62	29	19	2.5	22.7 5	15.5	11.5	3	12	17.37
65	18.5	26.5	1	22	22	19	1.5	19.7 5	20.87
66	31	27.75	0.5	29.12 5	20.5	31.75	0.5	25.8 75	27.5
71	32.7 5	37.5	1.5	34.3 75	34	31.25	1	32.1 25	33.25
73	26.2 5	14.25	1	19.75	24.75	21	1	22.3 75	21.06
76	11.2 5	22.5	3	28.7 5	31.25	24.5	3.5	26.1 25	27.44
77	31.2 5	38	0.5	34.3 75	37.75	34	1	35.3 75	34.87
78	34	20.5	2	26.2 5	23.25	35.75	3	28	27.12
79	7	21.25	5.5	11.37 5	21.25	22	3	20.1 25	15.75



REGIONAL ROUNDS

Regional Rounds represent the second stage of the competition since 8th Edition of the EHRMCC and are weighting 50% of the Qualification score.

65 teams participated in one of three Regional Rounds, randomly assigned. Each Regional Round took place over three days and consisted of the Opening Ceremony, Academic Programme on the first day, while two other days were reserved for oral pleadings. Finally, each Regional Round ended with an Awards Ceremony on the evening of the third and final day, during which we handed out the prizes for the Best Applicant, Best Respondent and the Best Orator of the Regional Round.

In October 2020, the a very important decision was made and communicated to participating teams via competition website – after numerous discussions with the EHRMCC Organising team, Regional Round Organisers and the International Board of ELSA, it was decided to convert Regional Rounds of the 9th EHRMCC to a fully virtual format. However, the Regional Rounds were still organised by ELSA Maastricht and ELSA the Netherlands (Virtual Regional Round Maastricht), ELSA Portugal (Virtual Regional Round Lisbon) and ELSA Cluj-Napoca (Virtual Regional Round Cluj-Napoca), hence the academic quality was not endangered by the virtualisation of the competition. All Virtual Regional Rounds were held on Hopin platform for virtual events.

Each team participating in the Regional Rounds had the chance of pleading twice – once on behalf of the Applicant party and once on behalf of the Respondent party and were scored on four criteria, namely:

1. **Identification of legal issues and relevant legal framework:** This ground sought to assess the team’s general understanding of the case and the issues it raises.
2. **Knowledge of ECHR and relevant caselaw:** This ground sought to judge the extent of the team’s technical ECHR knowledge.
3. **Quality of legal analysis and persuasiveness of arguments:** This ground concerned the overall persuasiveness of the team’s pleadings and legal analysis.
4. **Style:** This ground addressed issues of presentation and accessibility.

According to the Appendix A of the Rules of the 9th EHRMCC, the Regional Round Score is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\left(\frac{A1 + A2 + A3}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{R1 + R2 + R3}{3}\right)}{2}$$

Virtual Regional Round Maastricht



The first Virtual Regional Round of the 9th EHRMCC took place in virtually in Maastricht, the Netherlands, from 5 to 7 February 2021. 21 team from following universities participated in this Regional Round: Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (Ukraine), Saint-Petersburg State University (Russia), Utrecht University (the Netherlands), Universidad Pontificia Comillas (Spain), Ural State Law University (Russia), Durham University (United Kingdom), University of Antwerp (Belgium), Bahcesehir University (Turkey), City, University of London (United Kingdom), University of Dundee (United Kingdom), Universidad Ramon Llull, ESADE Law School (Spain), Masaryk University Brno (Czech Republic), Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg (Germany), Université de Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (France), University of Southampton (United Kingdom), Trnava University (Slovak Republic), Leiden University (the Netherlands), The Honourable Society of Inner Temple (United Kingdom), Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece), Universitat Abat Oliba CEU (Spain) and Radboud University (the Netherlands).

Virtual Regional Round Maastricht was judged by 23 judges and we would like to use this opportunity to thank Sarah Thin, Machiko Kanetake, Lisa Waddington, Jackson Oldfield, Roman Teshome, Sarah McGibbon, Antenor Hallo de Wolf, Stephanie Blom, Radina Ugrinova, Rick Lawson, John Morijn, Jindan-Karena Mann, Panos Merkouris, Dorris de Vocht, Aikaterini Tsampi, Darinka Piqani, Dovilė Gailiūtė-Janušonė, Mihail Stojanoski, Daniel Karsai, James Sweeney, Martin Kopa, Leena Grover, Rimantė Tamulytė and Maša Galič for accepting the invitation to judge this Regional Round.

An organiser's perspective

The EHRMCC Regional Round in Maastricht was a joint project of ELSA The Netherlands and ELSA Maastricht. The Organising Committee consisted of Charlotte Holderied, the Vice President in charge of Moot Court Competitions of ELSA The Netherlands, Carina Schallhofer, Vice President in charge of Moot Court Competitions of ELSA Maastricht and National Director for the EHRMCC, and numerous ELSA Maastricht members. In addition, the Academic Programme was put together by Maija Maunu, the Vice President in charge of Academic Activities of ELSA The Netherlands.

We began working in July 2020, initially planning to host the rounds physically in Maastricht. However, realising that it would not be feasible to physically welcome international guests to Maastricht in February, the decision to go online was made in late October 2020. Between then and the end of January, we focussed on finding judges and academic speakers for the weekend of the Regional Round. Despite a rather slow start, and with the help of the international organisers, we were able to find 25 human rights scholars to judge the Regional Rounds.

Next to the quest for judges, a significant amount of time was spent communicating with participants, which we did through a number of newsletters, and planning the online environment. Since this was the first regional round of the year, and the first one using Hopin, we conducted a significant amount of research enabling us to make use of the full potential of the platform. Additionally, we recorded videos and put together documents to distribute to participants and judges in which we outlined the functionalities of Hopin.



On 5 February 2021, we finally welcomed all participants of the Maastricht Regional Round. While we would have wished to show everyone around the historical city of Maastricht, we opened the event on the virtual platform Hopin instead. Here, the organisers introduced the Organising Committee, talked everyone through the structure of the weekend and addressed remaining questions. We further had the honour to have the Dean of the Maastricht Faculty of Law, Prof. dr. Jan Smits, to speak some warm words of welcome and wish everyone the best of luck for the competition.

After a lunch break, the participants joined us in the outstanding Academic Programme 'Human Rights in Action'. Firstly, Prof. Dr. Helen Duffy, an experienced practicing human rights lawyer and professor of human rights and humanitarian law, shared her experiences with her own international practice 'Human Rights in Practice', which specialises in strategic litigation before regional and international human rights courts and bodies. Subsequently, Dr. Bahia Tahzib-Lie, the Human Rights Ambassador of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Ms. Nadja Houben, one of the founders of Human Rights in the Picture, delved into the State of Trans-Rights in the Global Scale which involved the screening of a documentary as well as a subsequent lively discussion.

On Saturday and Sunday, 6 and 7 February 2021, each of the participating teams then conducted two virtual pleading sessions. Each session was monitored by a timekeeper who assisted with any technical or other issues. All teams delivered amazing performances and many judges have highlighted the high quality of many pleadings.

On Sunday evening, the closing and Award Ceremony took place. On a virtual stage, the organisers announced the Best Oralist, as well as the Best Applicant and the Best Respondent of the Regional Round. Afterwards, we ended the evening and the Regional Round with an informal round of Scribble.io where participants and organizers could get to know each other.

Congratulations again to all participating teams. You did a great job!

Written by Charlotte Holderied, Vice President in charge of Moot Court Competitions, ELSA the Netherlands 2020/2021 and Carina Schalhofner, Vice President in Charge of Moot Court Competitions, ELSA Maastricht 2020/2021.

Results



Team Scores

The teams got the chance to plead twice - once as Applicant and once as Respondent. They were scored on their overall performance as a team, by three independent human rights experts. The Regional Round scoring formula can be found in the Appendix A of the Rules of the 9th EHRMCC as well as in the Chapter 4 of this Report. Please find the Team scores in the table below:

Team	Applicant				Respondent				Total
	J1	J2	J3	AVG	J1	J2	J3	AVG	Total
1	36.5	36.75	32.5	35.25	28	26.25	31.25	28.5	31.87

5	21.25	24.5	31.25	25.67	18.75	14.25		16.5	21.08
8	37.75	34.75		36.25	32.75	36.75	34.75	34.75	35.5
9	34.75	39.75	36.5	37	25.5	28.75	35	29.75	33.37
12	25.75	28.75	35.5	30	30.25	34.5	23.5	29.42	29.71
16	37.25	37.5	32.25	35.67	32.5	34.75	38.25	35.17	35.42
20	35.5	33.25	36.25	35	35.25	39.75	37.5	37.5	36.25
25	24.5	23.75	23	23.75	7.5	18.75	21.25	22.5	23.12
30	34.5	38.5		36.5	40	38.75	35.25	38	37.25
32	40	33.75	34	35.92	36	38	34.5	36.17	36.04
39	30.5	30	29.75	30.08	32.75	29.5	32	31.42	30.75
43	27.5	23	29	26.5	29	32.5		30.75	28.62
45	26.25	26.25	24	25.5	31.75	25.5	28.25	28.5	27
49	31.25	24.25	31	28.83	29.25	33.75	35.75	32.92	30.87
50	14.75	18.75	20.25	17.92	15	15.25	16	15.42	16.67
54	24	21.75		22.87	27.25	27.5	30.75	28.5	25.68
58	27.25	22.25	20.25	23.25	17.5	18.25	20.75	18.83	21.04
66	30	28.75	32.5	30.42	34.5	34	33	33.83	32.12
73	26.25	27.5	30	27.92	23.5	22	25.5	23.67	25.79
76	30.5	26.75	31.75	29.67	29.5	30		29.75	29.71
78	26.25	15	22.5	21.25	5.25	20	21.25	15.5	18.37

Based on the Regional Round scores, **Team 9 from Universidad Pontificia Comillas (Spain)** got awarded the **Best Applicant** of the Virtual Regional Round Maastricht, while **Team 30 from City, University London (United Kingdom)** got awarded the **Best Respondent** prize of the Virtual Regional Round Maastricht.

Individual Scores

	APPLICANT				RESPONDENT				TOTAL AVG
	J1	J2	J3	AVG	J1	J2	J3	AVG	
Team 1									
Daryna Liudvyk	36	37	31.25	34.75	30	27	27	28	31.37
Anna Madei	37	38	31.25	35.42	31.25	25	31.75	29.33	32.37
Oleksandra Azizova	33.5	37	35.25	35.25	30	22.5	26.75	26.42	30.83
Team 9									
Monica Rashed	35.75	40	37	37.58	25	35	25.25	28.42	33
Juliet Byula Jung	33	36	39.25	36.08	27.5	35	24	28.83	32.45
Paula Maria Wignall Gonzalez	34	35.75	39	36.25	28.75	35	25.5	29.75	33
Team 16									
Katie Tooley	36.5	27	36.5	33.33	34.75	38.25	34.5	35.83	34.58
Dara Foody	38.75	33.25	39.5	37.17	35	39	31.25	35.08	36.125
Team 25									
Alp SÜNBL	23.5	23.25	21.75	22.83	23.75	28	18.75	23.5	23.165
Salih Orkun Koca	24.75	25.5	25	25.08	17.5	26.25	18.75	20.83	22.955
Team 32									
Dimitris Vidakis	40	33.5	33.75	35.75	39	34.5	36.25	36.58	36.165
Team 45									
Henrike Cremer	26	26.5	23.5	25.33	28.75	26	30	28.25	26.79
Leah Muders	25.75	24.75	22.5	24.33	26.5	27.5	32	28.67	26.5
Alexis Reimann	28.75	26.25	31.5	28.83	25.25	27.25	29.25	27.25	28.04
Team 54									

Diego Sanchez Borjas	23.7 5	23		23.37	36.7 5	25.7 5	30	30.83	27.1
Laia Lázaro Soto	24.5	23		23.75	32.2 5	22.5	21.5	25.42	24.585
Miguel Amoros Fuster-Fabra	29.2 5	23		26.12	33.2 5	28	34.2 5	31.83	28.975
Team 58									
Adriana Slezakova	30	22.2 5	26	26.08	18.7 5	19.5	21.5	19.92	23
Sabina Hutova	25	20.2 5	16.75	20.67	18	18.2 5	18	18.08	19.375
Team 73									
Ananda Steinmetz	26.2 5	31.2 5	25.75	27.75	22	27.5	21.5	23.67	25.71
Zuleyha Dogan	30	22.5	26.25	27.25	21.5	24.2 5	20.5	22.08	24.665
Maxime van Schaijk	23.7 5	30	25	26.25	20.7 5	24	20.5	21.75	24
Team 76									
Alexa Thompson	26.5	32.7 5		29.62	28.7 5	31	26.7 5	28.83	29.225
Maria Goptareva	33	34.7 5		33.87	29.7 5	31.2 5	22.7 5	27.92	30.895
Team 78									
Olga Irimi Vomvarda	25.7 5	18.5	22.12 5	22.125	5.75	19.2 5	16.5	13.83	17.98
Dimitra Panopoulou	25	26.7 5	16.25	22.67	4	20.5	16.2 5	13.58	18.125

In addition to being scored as a team, each pleader was scored individually under the same criteria as referenced in the Chapter 4. Only team members who plead as both Applicant and Respondent had the chance to compete for the prize of the Best Orator of the Virtual Regional Round Maastricht. 26 pleaders qualified for the Best Orator prize and their ranking may be found in the table above. Based on the scores, **Dimitris Vidakis** from **Team 32** from **University of Dundee (United Kingdom)** was awarded the prize for the Best Orator.

Virtual Regional Round Lisbon



The second Virtual Regional Round of the 9th EHRMCC took place in virtually in Lisbon, Portugal, from 5 to 7 March 2021. 22 team from following universities participated in this Regional Round: Babes-Bolyai University (Romania), University of Lucerne (Switzerland), University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), Maastricht University (the Netherlands), National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" (Ukraine), Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest (Hungary), University of Graz (Austria), Kutafin Moscow State Law University (Russia), Faculty of Law of the University Grenoble Alpes (France), Northumbria University (United Kingdom), University of Passau (Germany), Universidad del País Vasco (UPV/EHU) (Spain), University of Exeter (United Kingdom), IE University (Spain), Marmara University (Turkey), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece), BPP University (United Kingdom), Université Saint-Louis-Bruxelles (Belgium), Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" (Bulgaria), Jagiellonian University Krakow (Poland), The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn (United Kingdom) and University of Bristol (United Kingdom).

Virtual Regional Round Lisbon was judged by 23 judges and we would like to use this opportunity to thank José Abrantes, Suzana Silva, José Andrade, Mariana Canotilho, Gonçalo Ribeiro, Ana Gil, Athina Sachoulidou, Benedita Urbano, Marisa Araújo, Ana Campina, Mário Monte, André Matos, Andreia Oliveira, Joana Anjos, João Pinto Monteiro, André Pereira, Ana Gaudêncio, Luís Vale, Dulce Lopes, Francisco Coutinho, Nevin Alija, Pedro Morais and Tiago Lopes for accepting the invitation to judge this Regional Round.

An organiser's perspective

During the weekend of 5-7 March 2021, ELSA Portugal organised the Second Regional Round of the 9th European Human Right Moot Court Competition. Like the other two, this Regional Round was held online, counting with the participation of 22 teams from all over Europe.

On the first day, we held the Opening Ceremony, coordinated by Maja Rajić, Vice President in charge of Academic Activities of the International Board of ELSA, as well as the Co-Heads of the Organising Committee, André Cordeiro and myself. Professor Mariza Araújo, a fundamental support to us during the entire process, welcomed the participants and shared a few inspiring words with them. Subsequently, it was time to do the “drawing of lots” and determine the pleading order for the Regional Round.

After that, it was time for the Academic Programme, which was divided into two parts. Firstly, a presentation by Professor Benedita Queiroz about the ECHR in our days as well as the challenges it currently faces. Secondly, and with the support of Professor Francisco Pereira Coutinho and Professor Nevin Alija, the participants had the opportunity to get some tips and tricks on mooting, as well as the opportunity to ask their questions about dos and don'ts regarding the art of mooting.



The pleadings started Saturday, distributed in three rounds with three to four sessions each. To support and bring the Regional Round to a high standard, we counted on the support of 23 judges from all over Portugal, who develop their career on human rights, whether on the highest court instances of Portugal, by being Law Professors or renowned legal practitioners. Thanks to the support of our judges, as well as of our timekeepers, the Virtual Regional Round Lisbon ran smoothly, for which we own them our deepest gratitude.

After two days of pleadings, it was time to announce the prizes. Thus, at the Closing Ceremony on Sunday evening, Team 71 was awarded the Best Applicant and Team 35 was awarded the Best Respondent. Lastly, Eirini Vyzirgiannaki, from Team 40, was announced as the Best Oralist.

ELSA Portugal could not be prouder of having organised one of the Virtual Regional Rounds of the European Human Rights Moot Court Competition. Nevertheless, this project could not have been accomplished without the support of the International Board and especially Maja Rajić, the Vice President in charge of Academic Activities of the International Board of ELSA, who accompanied us every step of the way. Secondly, we have to thank our judges, who stayed with us during the weekend, hearing and asking questions to the participants, making sure that their positions and arguments were tested throughout the Regional Round. Last, but not least, we would like to thank all the participants for taking this challenge and participating in our Regional Round. We feel extremely honoured for receiving them and we hope that we matched their expectations.

Written by Francico Arga e Lima, President of ELSA Portugal 2020/2021

Results



Team Scores

The teams got the chance to plead twice during the weekend - once representing the Applicant and once representing the Respondent. They were scored on their overall performance as a team, by three independent human rights experts. The Regional Round scoring formula can be found in the Appendix A of the Rules of the 9th EHRMCC as well as in the Chapter 4 of this Report. The team scores can be found in the table below.

Team	Applicant				Respondent				Total
	J1	J2	J3	AVG	J1	J2	J3	AVG	Total
2	21.5	22.5	21.75	21.92	30.75	31.25	28	30	25.96
3	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	32.5	32	33	32.5	30
4	35	32	35	34	35	36.5	35.75	35.75	34.87
7	33.5	33.5	33.5	33.5	30.5	32.25	36.5	33.08	33.29
14	32.25	30	32	31.42	35.5	35.75	37.25	36.17	33.79
17	30.5	30	30	30.17	33.5	35.75	34.5	34.58	32.37
21	32.25	31.75	32.5	32.17	35	37	35	35.67	33.92
22	32.5	32.5	32.5	32.5	35.75	34.5	35.25	35.17	33.83
23	32.75	33.75	33.25	33.25	37.5	37.25	38	37.58	35.41
24	34.75	34.75	35	34.83	33.5	33.5	33.5	33.5	34.16
26	35	36	32.5	34.5	37	37	37	37	35.75
29	33	32.75	27.5	31.08	31.25	31.25	31.25	31.25	31.16
31	18.5	18.5	21.25	19.42	25	31.25	30.25	28.83	24.12
35	36.25	35.25	35.75	35.75	38.75	38.5	38	38.42	37.08
36	30	34	34	32.67	27.5	27.5	28.5	27.83	30.25
40	35	37.25	35.25	36.17	36.5	37	37	36.83	36.5
41	33.75	34	35	34.25	25	25.5	28	26.17	30.21
46	36.5	36.25	36	36.25	28	28	28	28	32.12
48	23.75	23.75	23.75	23.75	29.5	28.5	30	29.33	26.54
57	35.5	35.75	34.25	35.17	31.75	31.5	32.25	31.83	33.5
59	30.75	31.25	31.5	31.17	36.25	35.75	36	36	33.58
71	37.5	38.75	38	38.08	35.75	35.75	35	35.5	36.79

Based on the Regional Round scores, **Team 71 from University of Bristol (United Kingdom)** got awarded the **Best Applicant** of the Virtual Regional Round Lisbon, while **Team 35 from IE University (Spain)** got awarded the **Best Respondent** prize of the Virtual Regional Round Lisbon.

Individual Scores

In addition to being scored as a team, each pleader was scored individually under the same criteria as referenced in the Chapter 4. Only team members who plead as both Applicant and Respondent had the chance to compete for the prize of the Best Orator of the Virtual Regional Round Lisbon. 28 students qualified for the Best Orator prize and their ranking may be found in the table below. Based on the scores, **Eirini Vyzirgiannaki, Team 40 from National and Kapodistiran University of Athens (Greece)** was awarded the prize for the Best Orator of the Virtual Regional Round Lisbon.

	APPLICANT				RESPONDENT				TOTAL AVG
	J1	J2	J3	AVG	J1	J2	J3	AVG	
Team 4									
Nika Podakar	32.5	31	33	32.17	36.5	35.75	33.75	35.33	33.75
Katja Kreft	34.5	32.75	30	32.42	36.5	30	35.75	34.08	33.25
Karin Ravnak	35.5	35.75	33	34.83	35.25	36.5	38.25	36.67	35.75
Ana Pejic	34.5	32.75	32	33.08	35.75	36.5	34.5	35.58	34.33
Team 3									
Salome Rebekka Hunkeler	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	32.5	33.5	33	33	30.25
Adrian Adan Podadera Garcia	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	32.5	31.75	31	31.75	29.625
Team 14									
Anna Liudva	32.5	32.75	31	32.08	35	36	33.5	34.83	33.455
Team 17									
Ruben D. Aczelvari	31.75	31.25	33.75	32.25	33.5	36.25	30.75	33.5	32.875
Fanni Antreter	29.5	30	27.5	29	32	33.5	35.75	33.75	31.375
Dora Kisszabo	30.5	31.25	28.75	30.17	33.5	35.5	31.25	33.42	31.795
Team 22									
Yulia Moskalets	35.25	35.25	35.25	35.25	31.5	34	31	32.17	33.71
Polina Lukyanchikova	35.5	35.5	35.5	35.5	34.5	32.5	33	33.33	34.415
Ekaterina Cheldieva	32.5	32.5	32.5	32.5	35.75	34	34.5	34.75	33.625
Team 23									

Victoria Nasso	32	32.5	33.25	32.58	36.25	35.25	38	36.5	34.54
Islam Shalik	34	33.75	35	34.25	37.25	38	38	37.75	36
Team 24									
Lucy Crabtree	34.75	35	34.75	34.83	34.5	34.5	34.5	34.5	34.665
Team 26									
Elena Lorenz	35	35	34	34.67	37	37	37	37	35.835
Team 29									
Borja Diaz Landa	32.75	33	25	30.25	33.75	33.75	33.75	33.75	32
Miguel Recio Arcanz	31.5	33	27.5	30.67	34.25	34.25	34.25	34.25	32.46
Team 36									
Gamze Abuzar	34.25	33.25	37	34.83	28.75	35.25	30	31.33	33.08
E. Beyza Sariz	31.25	34.75	34	33.33	25.25	30	27	27.42	30.375
Team 40									
Faidra Skliri	35	35.25	37	35.75	36.25	35.25	38	36.5	36.125
Eirini Vyzirgiannaki	34.75	35	37.25	35.67	36	37.25	38	37.08	36.375
Team 48									
Antony Gatov	27.5	27.5	28.75	27.92	30	30.75	29.75	30.17	29.045
Team 57									
Zuzanna Maszniew	32.5	34.5	31.25	32.75	34.5	35	36	35.17	33.96
Dominika Kopacz	38.5	36.75	32.25	35.83	29.5	30.25	30	29.92	32.875
Team 71									
Love Engman	38.5	38	35.75	37.42	35	35	35	35	36.21
Macy Kaliari	38.5	38	37.5	38	35	35.75	21.25	30.67	34.335

Virtual Regional Round Cluj-Napoca



The third and final Virtual Regional Round of the 9th EHRMCC took place in virtually in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, from 19 to 21 March 2021. 22 team from following universities participated in this Regional Round: Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University (Ukraine), University of Tirana (Albania), University of Birmingham (United Kingdom), University of Trieste (Italy), Galatasaray University (Turkey), Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" (Bulgaria), University of Oxford (United Kingdom), Université du Luxembourg (Luxembourg), Democritus University of Thrace (Greece), TALTECH University (Estonia), Baku State University (Azerbaijan), Sumy National Agrarian University (Ukraine), University of Law (United Kingdom), University of Coimbra (Portugal), Comenius University in Bratislava (Slovakia), University of Warsaw (Poland), National Research University "Higher School of Economics" (Russia), University of Jean Moulin Lyon III (France), University of Cambridge (United Kingdom), King's College London (United Kingdom), Università degli Studi di Milano + Università degli Studi di Milano Bicocca (Italy) and West University of Timișoara (Romania).

Virtual Regional Round Cluj-Napoca was judged by 25 judges and we would like to use this opportunity to thank George Zlati, Lucian Criste, Cristina Tomuleț, Toader Mirel, Adina Ionescu, Cristian Ioan, Bianca Pantea, Alexandru Rîșniță, Ionuț Borlan, Mihnea Novac, Tatiana Lăcrămioara Șoldănescu, Raul Claudiu Focșan, Cristina Maria Badea, Nicoleta Popescu, Ronald Elek, Andreea Verteș-Olteanu, Lucian Bojin, Graziela Bârlă, Dan Moroșan, Cristian Roman, Andrei Iordăchescu, Florin Roman, Alexandra Suchkova, Alexandra Tomuța, Mihai Suian and Ciprian Grumaz for accepting the invitation to judge this Regional Round.

An organiser's perspective

Between 19 and 21 March 2021, ELSA Cluj-Napoca had the opportunity to host the third Virtual Regional Round of the 9th European Human Rights Moot Court Competition (EHRMCC). We, as the Organising Committee, were honoured that we could be a part of this competition, given the fact that ELSA Cluj-Napoca is a quite small Local Group of ELSA with not that large experience in organising these kinds of international events.

During the three days of the competition, there were 22 participating teams, from countries and universities all over Europe, who virtually gathered on the Hopin platform and plead exceptionally in order to win both the judges' trust and their place in the Final Oral Round of this Moot Court Competition.

Behind these days of concrete unfolding of the event, the organisers alongside ELSA International put in great effort in order for everything to run as smoothly as possible for the pleading teams and the judges. Therefore, fortunately we did not encounter too many technical difficulties, so the pleadings went according to the agenda we prepared in the beginning.



On the first day, the Opening Ceremony and Academic Programme took place and we were thrilled to see the involvement of the participants when it came to asking questions for the speaker about the pleading style they should approach during this competition. On the following days of the event (20 and 21 March), the oral pleadings materialised in 11 pleadings a day, with each team pleading on one day as Applicant and on the other as Respondent, according to the order established by the draw that took place at the end of the Opening Ceremony.

Since we initially planned this event to take place physically in Cluj-Napoca, but the pandemic conditions occurred unexpectedly, we wanted the participants to have as much as possible the full experience of a normal Regional Round, hence we established a virtual social programme where everyone was invited to join the organising committee in order to get to know each other and exchange their experiences.

All in all, even though the effort behind this Regional Round was way greater than expected, given the fact that it was virtual, we were amazed to see how beautifully everything came around in the end. ELSA Cluj-Napoca is eternally thankful for the opportunity given by ELSA International to be a part of this Moot Court Competition, we have enjoyed every bit of the organising process and we hope that in the future we will be involved in many more events as great as this one.

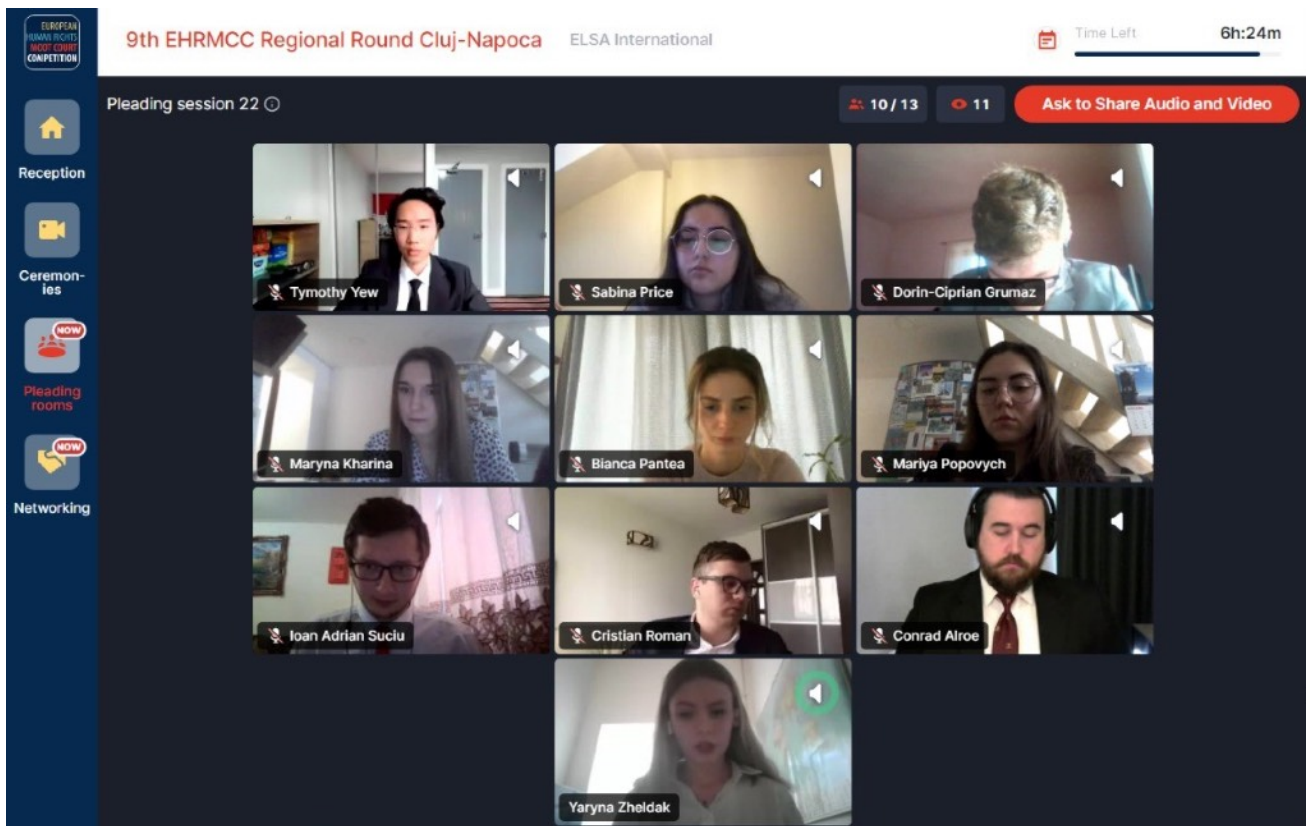
To sum up, we would like to offer a piece of advice for future organisers of the Regional Rounds: it takes a great deal of effort and time in order for everything to match the agenda you initially planned, but the whole experience is completely worth it and we would do it again anytime.

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Cluj-Napoca*

Results

Team Scores

The teams got the chance to plead twice during the weekend - once on behalf of the Applicant and once on behalf of the Respondent. They were scored on their overall performance as a team, by three independent human rights experts. The Regional Round scoring formula can be found in the Appendix A of the Rules of the 9th EHRMCC as well as in the Chapter 4 of this Report. The team scores can be found in the table below.



Team	Applicant				Respondent				Total
	J1	J2	J3	AVG	J1	J2	J3	AVG	Total
6	35	34	34.75	34.58	32.75	33	34.25	33.33	33.95
10	37.5	36.25	37.75	37.17	24.25	24.25	30.5	26.33	31.75
11	23	23.75	31.25	26	33.25	27.25	17.25	25.92	25.96
13	32.25	35.5	36	34.58	38.5	36.75	35.75	37	35.79
18	37	37.5	35.25	36.58	36.75	36.75	35.5	36.33	36.45
19	12.75	22	31.25	22	33.5	30.5	34.75	32.92	27.46
28	39	35.5	33.5	36	34	34.25	35.5	34.58	35.29
33	40	39	40	39.67	40	40	40	40	39.83
34	36.75	36	35	35.92	34.5	38.5	35.25	36.08	36
37	32.75	30.25	32.5	31.83	25.75	27.5	32.5	28.58	30.20
38	17.5	16	23	18.83	8	21.25	5.25	11.5	14.91
42	27.75	31.75	27.75	29.08	34.5	30	30.75	31.75	30.41
44	33	30.5	34	32.5	18.5	22.5	28.25	23.08	27.79
47	32	30.75	33.25	32	36.5	33.5	37.25	35.75	33.87
51	30.5	25	27.5	27.67	32.5	25.25	32.25	30	28.78
52	31.5	28.75	31.5	30.58	20.25	28	30.5	26.25	28.41
53	34.25	35.75	23	31	39	35	34	36	33.5
56	38.25	29.25	37.5	35	35.75	37	34	35.58	35.29
61	33.75	36	25.75	31.83	34.75	35.5	32.25	34.17	33
65	27.25	27	30.5	28.25	33.75	34.75	27.25	31.92	30.08
77	37.75	38	39.75	38.5	39.5	40	38	39.17	38.83
79	39.25	39.5	34.5	37.75	32.75	36.25	36.5	35.17	36.46

Based on the Regional Round scores, **Team 33 from University of Oxford (United Kingdom)** got awarded the **Best Applicant and the Best Respondent** prize of the Virtual Regional Round Cluj-Napoca.

Individual Scores

In addition to being scored as a team, each pleader was scored individually under the same criteria as referenced in the Chapter 4. Only team members who plead as both Applicant and Respondent during this Regional Round had the chance to compete for the prize of the Best Orator of the Virtual Regional Round Cluj-Napoca. 35 students qualified for the Best Orator prize and their ranking may be found in the table below. Based on the scores, **Goh Han Yang, Team 77 from University of Cambridge (United Kingdom)** was awarded the prize for the Best Orator of the Virtual Regional Round Cluj-Napoca.

	APPLICANT				RESPONDENT				TOTAL AVG
	J1	J2	J3	AVG	J1	J2	J3	AVG	
Team 6									
Maryna Kharina	33.75	37.75	34.5	35.33	35	34.75	33.5	34.42	34.875
Mariia Popovych	32.25	33.75	34.5	33.5	31.25	30.75	31.5	31.17	32.335
Yaryna Zheldak	34.25	35	34.75	34.67	33.75	33.25	37	34.67	34.67
Team 13									
Sabina Price	33.75	36	27	32.25	34.5	38.25	35.75	36.17	34.21
Tymothy Yew	37	37.25	36.5	36.92	35.25	38.5	35.75	36.5	36.71
Conrad Alroe	26.75	33.75	37	32.5	37.25	38.5	36.25	37.33	34.915
Team 18									
Catherina Luzzi Conti	30.5	36.5	32.5	33.17	35.75	36.5	35.5	35.92	34.545
Elisa Bisi	33	39	37.75	36.58	36.25	36.75	35	36	36.29
Riccardo Formisano	35.5	37.25	31.25	34.67	37.5	37	37.5	37.33	36
Ilaria Cappelletti	27.75	31.75	28.75	29.42	34.75	30.75	36.75	34.08	31.75
Team 19									
Hikmet Orhun Alalay	30	12.5	18.75	20.42	30.75	32.5	33.75	32.33	26.375
Betul Kahraman	30.5	12.5	23.75	22.25	28.75	30.5	34.5	31.25	26.75

Hasan Semih Oz	32	13	23.2 5	22.75	29.5	31.5	33.2 5	31.42	27.085
Team 34									
Flora Jung	35.7 5	36.5	35.2 5	35.83	35.5	34.7 5	38.7 5	36.33	36.08
Victor Hilbertz	35.7 5	35.5	37	36.08	33.7 5	34.2 5	38.2 5	35.42	35.75
Team 37									
Christina Paradeli	31	30	27.2 5	29.42	26.7 5	31.7 5	25	27.83	28.625
Eirini Tzavella	34.7 5	36.2 5	30.7 5	33.92	31.2 5	29.5	30	30.25	32.085
Olga Kampouraki	32.5	31	31.2 5	31.58	26.2 5	30.7 5	28.7 5	28.58	30.08
Team 51									
Martina Casilini	19.2 5	26	29.5	24.92	31.2 5	30	32.2 5	31.17	28.045
Greta Maiallaro	32.7 5	35.5	33.5	33.92	26.2 5	22.2 5	32.5	27	30.46
Alessia Bertolini	29	22.5	31.5	27.67	25	26	32.2 5	27.75	27.71
Carlo Mondani	29.7 5	31.2 5	33.5	31.5	31.2 5	36	34.2 5	33.83	32.665
Team 52									
Filipe Ferreira	31.2 5	30	35	32.08	20.5	33.2 5	30.5	28.08	30.08
Team 53									
Daniel Bdzoch	23.7 5	34	31.2 5	29.66	38.2 5	34.2 5	35	35.83	32.745
Team 56									
Marek Kaczmarczyk	32	37.7 5	37.5	35.75	39.2 5	36.5	36.5	37.42	36.585
Olga Szkodzinska	32.5	38.7 5	38.2 5	36.5	36.2 5	39.2 5	36.5	37.33	36.915
Szymon Gasz	31.7 5	36.7 5	34	34.17	32.5	35.2 5	36	34.58	34.375

Kaya Stelmaszewska	28	35.2 5	29.5	30.92	32.5	32.2 5	34	32.92	31.92
Team 61									
Varvara Lantukh	24.2 5	32.5	34.7 5	30.5	35	34	31.5	33.5	32
Melanya Maslova	28	35	35	32.67	34	33	31.2 5	32.75	32.71
Olga Radchenko	27.5	33.7 5	35.7 5	32.33	31.2 5	33.7 5	32.5	32.5	32.415
Team 65									
Amina Rabi	36.2 5	27.7 5	28.5	30.83	28.2 5	35	34.2 5	32.5	31.665
Muhammed Canpolat	30	26.5	26	27.5	34.2 5	27.5	34.7 5	32.17	29.835
Team 77									
Goh Han Yang	39.7 5	39	38.2 5	39	40	38	40	39.33	39.165
Georgina Pressdee	37	37.2 5	39.7 5	38	36	37.7 5	39.2 5	37.67	37.835



Qualification scores

Based on their scores in the Written Submissions and the Regional Rounds, each weighting 50% of the Qualification Score, 18 teams were selected for the Final Oral Round. As precised in the Appendix A of the Rules of the 9th EHRMCC, the number of Teams qualifying from each Regional Round will correspond to the number of Teams at that Regional Round as a percentage of the overall number of teams participating in Regional Rounds, thus best six teams from each Regional Round secured their place in the Final Oral Round, based on their scores from first two phases of the competition.

Due to the withdraw of the Team 77 from the University of Cambridge, Team 22 from Kutafin Moscow State Law University (Russia) was invited to the Final Oral Round, as 19th ranked team in the overall rank. Please find qualification scores in the table below.

Qualification Score was calculated according to the formula in the Appendix A of the Rules of the 9th EHRMCC:

$$\frac{WSS + RRS}{2}$$



Qualification rang	Team number	University	WS score	Regional Round score	Regional Round	Qualification score
1	77	University of Cambridge, United Kingdom	34.87	38.83	Cluj-Napoca	36.85
2	35	IE University, Spain	34.94	37.08	Lisbon	36.01
3	33	University of Oxford, United Kingdom	30.37	39.83	Cluj-Napoca	35.1
4	71	University of Bristol, United Kingdom	33.25	36.79	Lisbon	35.02
5	30	City, University of London, United Kingdom	32.44	37.25	Maastricht	34.845
6	26	University of Passau, Germany	32	35.75	Lisbon	33.875
7	8	Utrecht University, the Netherlands	31.69	35.5	Maastricht	33.595
8	18	University of Trieste, Italy	29.94	36.45	Cluj-Napoca	33.195
9	40	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece	29.81	36.5	Lisbon	33.155
10	14	National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy", Ukraine	32.31	33.79	Lisbon	33.05
11	28	Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria	30.81	35.29	Cluj-Napoca	33.05
12	23	University Grenoble Alpes, France	30.62	35.41	Lisbon	33.015

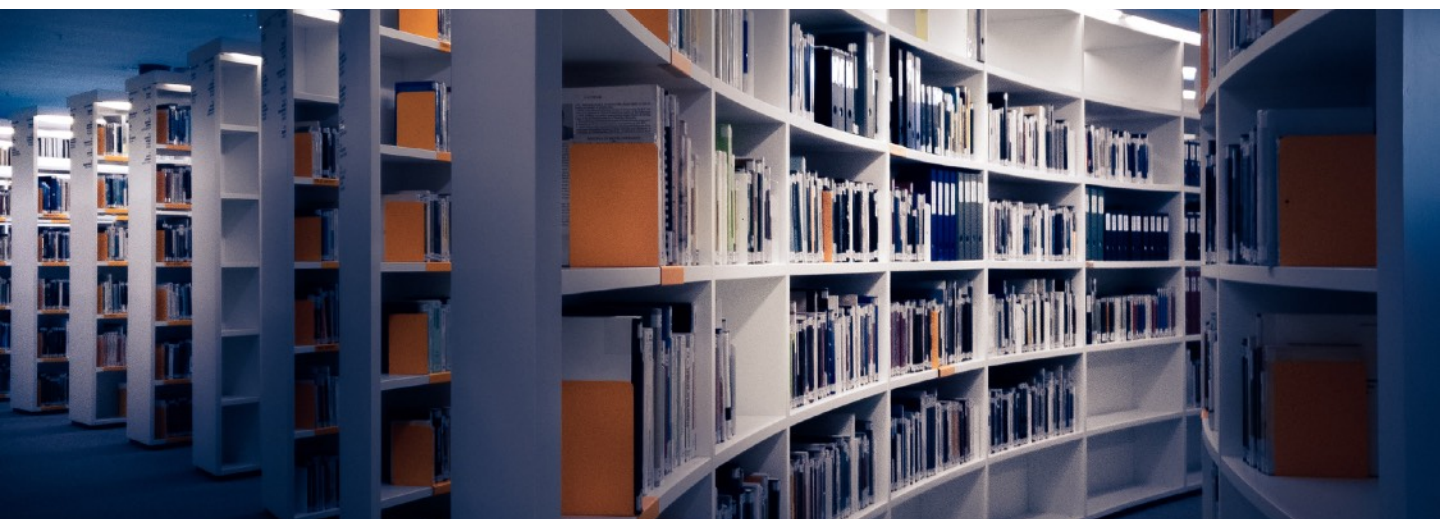
13	61	National Research University "Higher School of Economics", Russia	32.87	33	Cluj-Napoca	32.935
14	20	University of Antwerp, Belgium	28.69	36.25	Maastricht	32.47
15	10	West University of Timișoara, Romania	33.06	31.75	Cluj-Napoca	32.405
16	1	Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine	30.625	31.87	Maastricht	31.25
17	16	Durham University, United Kingdom	26.5	35.42	Maastricht	30.96
18	9	University "Pontificia Comillas", Spain	26.25	33.37	Maastricht	29.81
19	22	Kutafin Moscow State Law University, Russia	31.625	33.83	Lisbon	32.73
20	59	The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, United Kingdom	31.56	33.58	Lisbon	32.57
21	24	Northumbria University, United Kingdom	30.56	34.16	Lisbon	32.36
22	6	"Yaroslav Mudryi" National University, International Law Faculty, Ukraine	30.75	33.95	Cluj-Napoca	32.35

23	4	University of Ljubljana, Slovenia	29.5	34.87	Lisbon	32.185
24	21	University of Graz, Austria	29.94	33.92	Lisbon	31.93
25	17	Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary	31.19	32.37	Lisbon	31.78
26	46	University Saint-Louis-Bruxelles, Belgium	31.44	32.12	Lisbon	31.78
27	34	University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg	27.375	36	Cluj-Napoca	31.69
28	7	Maastricht University, the Netherlands	29.75	33.29	Lisbon	31.52
29	3	University of Lucerne, Switzerland	31.56	30	Lisbon	30.78
30	13	University of Birmingham, United Kingdom	25	35.75	Cluj-Napoca	30.375
31	29	Universidad del Pais Vasco, Spain	29.19	31.16	Lisbon	30.175
32	36	Marmara University, Turkey	30	30.25	Lisbon	30.125
33	66	Leiden University, the Netherlands	27.5	31.12	Maastricht	29.81
34	43	Masaryk University Brno, Czech Republic	30.81	28.62	Maastricht	29.715
35	12	Ural State Law University, Russia	29.44	29.71	Maastricht	29.575
36	49	Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, France	27.94	30.87	Maastricht	29.405

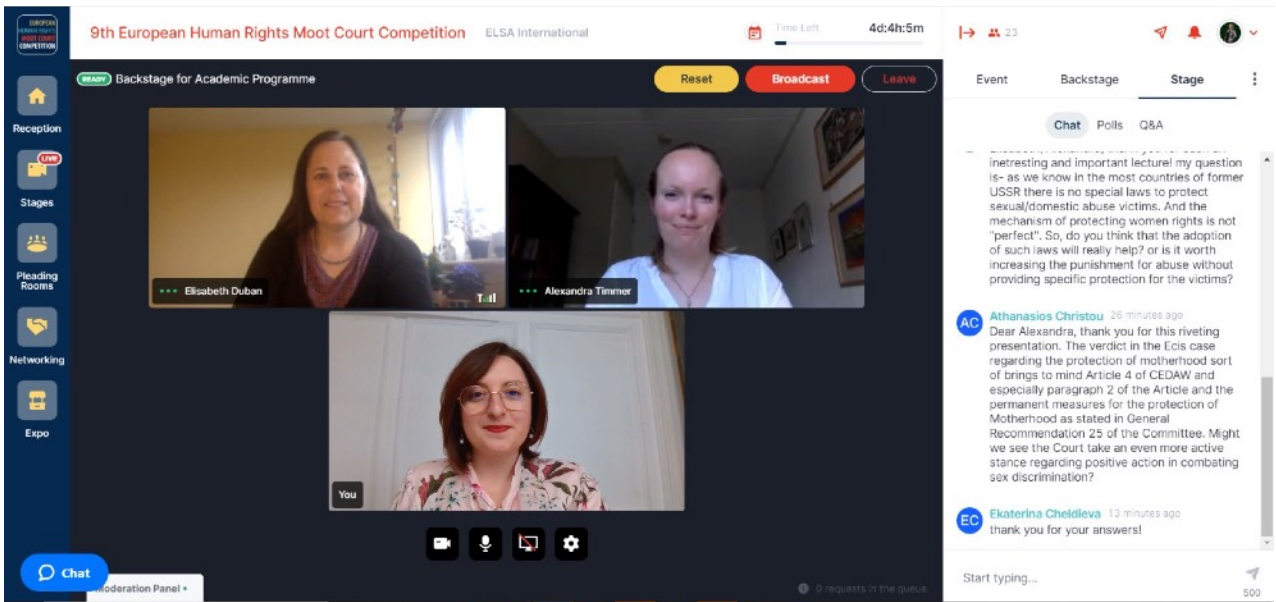
37	41	BPP University, U n i t e d Kingdom	28.5	30.21	Lisbon	29.355
38	32	University of Dundee, United Kingdom	22.5	36.04	Maastricht	29.27
39	37	Democritus University of Thrace, Greece	27.12	30.2	Cluj- Napoca	28.66
40	76	The Honourable Society of Inner Temple, United Kingdom	27.44	29.71	Maastricht	28.575
41	56	University of Warsaw, Poland	20.06	35.29	Cluj- Napoca	27.675
42	53	C o m e n i u s University in Bratislava, Slovak Republic	21.56	33.5	Cluj- Napoca	27.53
43	44	Sumy National A g r a r i a n University, Ukraine	27.19	27.79	Cluj- Napoca	27.49
44	57	Jagiellonian University Krakow, Poland	21.25	33.5	Lisbon	27.375
45	47	University of Law, United Kingdom	20.56	33.87	Cluj- Napoca	27.215
46	19	Galatasaray University, Turkey	26.75	27.46	Cluj- Napoca	27.105
47	52	University of C o i m b r a , Portugal	25.37	28.41	Cluj- Napoca	26.89
48	2	Babes-Bolyai University, Romania	26.94	25.96	Lisbon	26.45
49	48	P l o v d i v University “ P a i s s i i Hilendarski”	25.81	26.54	Lisbon	26.175

50	51	Università degli Studi di Milano and Università degli Studi di Milano Bicocca, Italy	23.56	28.78	Cluj-Napoca	26.17
51	79	King's College London, United Kingdom	15.75	36.46	Cluj-Napoca	26.105
52	45	Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Germany	25	27	Maastricht	26
53	54	Universitat Abat Oliba CEU, Spain	25.5	25.68	Maastricht	25.59
54	39	Universidad Ramon Llull, ESADE Law School, Spain	20.31	30.75	Maastricht	25.53
55	65	Université Lyon III "Jean Moulin", France	20.87	30.08	Cluj-Napoca	25.475
56	11	University of Tirana, Albania	21.69	25.96	Cluj-Napoca	23.825
57	73	Radboud University, the Netherlands	21.06	25.79	Maastricht	23.425
58	78	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece	27.12	18.37	Maastricht	22.745
59	50	University of Southampton, United Kingdom	26.25	16.67	Maastricht	21.46
60	42	Baku State University, Azerbaijan	12.44	30.41	Cluj-Napoca	21.425
61	25	Bahcesehir University, Turkey	19.44	23.12	Maastricht	21.28

62	5	Saint-Petersburg State University, Russia	19.75	21.08	Maastricht	20.415
63	58	T r n a v a University, Slovak Republic	18.25	21.04	Maastricht	19.645
64	31	University of Exeter, United Kingdom	10.56	24.12	Lisbon	17.34
65	38	T A L T E C H University, Estonia	13.69	14.91	Cluj-Napoca	14.3



Final Oral Round



Based on their Qualification scores, as explained in the Chapter 5 of this Report, the best 18 teams had the unique opportunity to take part in the Final Oral Round, which took place online on Hopin platform from 17 to 21 May 2021. The Final Oral Round took place virtually, instead of the Palais de l'Europe and the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

The Opening Ceremony was followed by the Academic Programme – the Panel discussion on gender equality, women's rights and women's access to justice which was broadcasted on ELSA's Facebook page. The panel consisted of **Dr. Alexandra Timmer** - Associate Professor, Utrecht University School of Law, the Netherlands and a specialist co-ordinator gender equality of the European network of legal experts in gender equality and non-discrimination and **Elisabeth Duban** - a lawyer specializing in gender issues and human rights, working on a consultancy basis for the Council of Europe, the Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe and UN Women.

Following the pleading order determined on the Opening Ceremony, 18 and 19 May were reserved for the Preliminary Rounds, where all teams were pleading twice, once again, on behalf of Applicant and on behalf of the Respondent. Bench consisted of three independent human rights experts, acting as judges.

The 8 teams with the highest score in the Preliminary Rounds qualified for the 4 Quarter Finals, taking place on the morning of 20 May, before a Bench consisting of 4 Judges.

The Preliminary Round Score was calculated according to the formula from the Appendix A of the Rules of the 9th EHRMCC:

$$\frac{\left(\frac{A1+A2+A3}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{R1+R2+R3}{3}\right)}{2}$$

The winning teams of each Quarter Final qualified for the Semi-Finals, that took place on the afternoon of the 20 May, before the Bench consisting of 6 esteemed Judges. The winners of each Semi Final competed against each other in the Grand Final, before a Bench of 8 Judges, consisting of human rights experts from all over Europe and the previous Judges of the European Court of Human Rights. The Grand Final Bench consisted of Mark Villiger, Zuzana Kovalova, Slavica Cubric, Jeremy McBride, Martin Kopa, Nicolas Bratza, James Sweeney and was presided by Françoise Tulkens, previous Judge and the Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights until 2011.

The Judges score the teams on the basis of 4 individual criteria in all the phases of the Final Oral Round, each weighting equally:

1. **Command of the issues:** recognition, displaying, weighing and proper analysis of legal issues.
2. **Argumentation:** logic, reasoning, persuasiveness of arguments; ability to analogise with legal or general scenarios; rebuttal/sur-rebuttal is correctly utilised.
3. **Legal analysis:** identification, knowledge, understanding, analysis of the applicable treaties/law and jurisprudence.
4. **Style:** organisation and structure of arguments; response to Judges' questions; eloquence and clarity of presentation; teamwork, time management.

The possible scores ranged between 0 (the lowest) and 40 (the highest) for each criterion. The Applicant/Respondent score of each Judge was calculated by adding up the points for each criterion and dividing them by 4.

32 judges acted as Judges of the Final Oral Round and we would like to use this opportunity to thank Zuzana Kovalova, Slavica Cubric, Anna Maralyan, Geanina Munteanu, Mihail Stojanoski, Victoria Preis, James Sweeney, Martin Kopa, Dmytro Tretyakov, Inga Abramavičiūtė, Guenter Schirmer, Piers Gardner, Kristaps Tamusz, Hendrik Vandekerckhove, Hanneke Palm, Ada Paprocka, Marco Sassoli, Alexandra Suchkova, Dovilė Gailiūtė-Janušonė, Marc-Oliver Heidkamp, Sarka Duškova, Kate Jones, Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou, Rachel Ita, Simona Florescu, Marc Clough, Daniel Karsai, Mamuka Jgenti, Mark Villiger, Françoise Tulkens, Nicolas Bratza and Jeremy McBride for the time, support and their knowledge.

Team Scores

Preliminary rounds

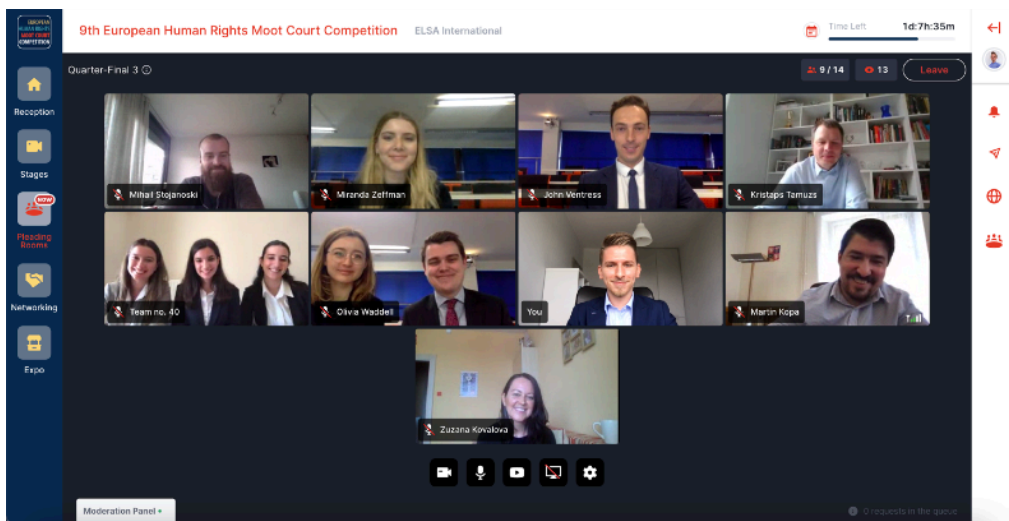
8 Teams qualifying for the Quarter-Finals are marked green in the table below.

Team	Applicant				Respondent				Total
	J1	J2	J3	AVG	J1	J2	J3	AVG	Total
1	31	12.5	18.75	20.75	31.5	28.25	24.5	28.08	24.41
8	25	30.5	33.25	29.58	25.75	22.5	30.75	26.33	27.95
9	28.75	30.5	19	26.08	24.5	24.25	21.75	23.5	24.79
10	32.5	29.5	33.25	31.75	31.25	30.25	29.5	30.33	31.04
14	35.75	28	31	31.5	27.75	34.5	26.25	29.5	30.5
16	34.75	32.5	36	34.42	38	34.75	31.25	34.67	34.54
18	30	29.25	30.5	29.92	29.5	33.5	24.5	29.17	29.54
20	38.75	36	35.5	36.75	25.5	32.5	35.75	31.25	34
22	34.25	29.75	22.5	28.83	18.5	17.5	30.5	22.17	25.5
23	24.25	25.75	35	28.33	28.75	30.5	26	28.42	28.37
26	28.5	23.75	32.75	28.33	33	29.25	33	31.75	30.04
28	33.5	32		32.75	33.25	26.5	32	30.58	31.66
30	30.75	28.5	24	31.08	30.5	31.5	32.5	31.5	31.29
33	31.75	31.5	29.5	30.92	30.75	30.5	33.5	31.58	31.25
35	30.5	27	34.25	30.58	33.75	31.25		32.5	31.54
40	29.25	37	25.75	30.67	34.5	32.25	35.75	34.17	32.42
61	26.75	26.5	30.75	28	30	32.25	20	27.42	27.71
71	19.5	16.25	17.5	17.75	33.5	26.75	26.5	28.92	23.33

Quarter-Finals

4 Teams qualifying for the Semi-Finals are marked green in the table below. The Quarter-Final 4 was judged by a Bench of three Judges due to the technical difficulties of one of the members of the Bench.

	J1	J2	J3	J4	AVG
Quarter-Final 1					
Team 10	32.5	27	34	35.25	32.19
Team 16	27	25	32.5	35.5	30
Quarter-Final 2					
Team 20	32.5	35.5	31.25	35.5	33.69
Team 33	31	34.75	32.5	36	33.56
Quarter-Final 3					
Team 30	35.5	34	37.5	33.75	35.19
Team 40	34	31.5	35.75	31.5	33.19
Quarter-Final 4					
Team 35	39.5	35	36		36.83
Team 28	34	32.75	33		33.25



Semi-Finals

Teams qualifying for the Grand Final of the 9th EHRMCC are marked green in the table below.

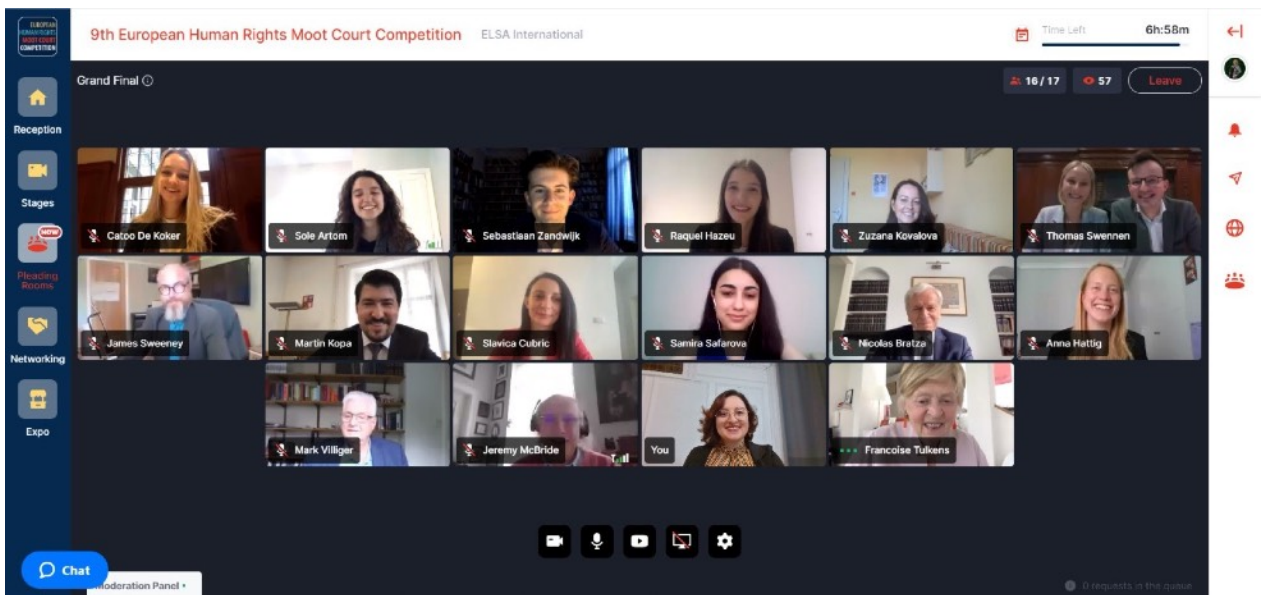
	J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	J6	AVG
Semi-Final 1							
Team 10	31.75	31.75	34.25	28.25	32	32.5	31.75
Team 35	35.25	33.5	33.75	34.25	37	35	34.79
Semi-Final 2							
Team 30	33	32	34.25	32	32	33	32.71
Team 20	38.75	38	38.5	37.75	38.75	36.5	38.04



The Grand Final

Based on the scores of 8 judges, **Team 35 from IE University (Spain)** was announced **Winner of the 9th European Human Rights Moot Court Competition (EHRMCC)** and **Team 20 from University of Antwerp (Belgium)** was announced the **Runner-Up** during the Award Ceremony on 21 May 2021.

	J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	J6	J7	J8	AVG
Team 35	37.5	39	38.25	39	38	38.25	38.5	38	38.31
Team 20	37	37	37	36.5	37	36.25	37.5	37	36.91



Winners perspective

Our journey started in September 2020, when the four of us, alongside a larger group of students, enrolled in our university's moot court elective. Up until that moment, the Council of Europe had been just another institution that we had heard about in our courses. For the next year, it would be a recurrent topic of conversation and we would be the ones clarifying to our family and friends the fundamental role that the European Court of Human Rights plays in upholding fundamental rights. Throughout this learning journey, we would be accompanied by our two coaches, Alice Thomas and Amaya Ubeda. Week after week, we had to figure out on our own how each Article of the European Convention on Human Rights works and hand in an assignment providing arguments for the State and the Applicant. Then, each Monday morning, our coaches would explain the articles we had been working on, allowing us to verify whether our understanding was correct and to improve our legal reasoning. They instructed us in the basic principles of the European Convention on Human Rights and gave us the first glimpses into the workings of the Court.

By the end of the semester, the best Christmas gift was receiving the news that the four of us would be representing IE University in the competition. With finals week approaching, we worked hard to prepare both Written Submissions, dividing the work and supporting each other with any case law or useful information we could find.

With the New Year, the time came to prepare for the oral pleadings of the Regional Rounds. With a mixture of excitement and nervousness, we braced ourselves for hours of practice. Guided by our two skilled coaches, we once again dove into the case of *Specter v. Alethea*, uncovering new arguments, case law and theories on a daily basis. Another large portion of time was invested in improving our oral pleading skills: weekly sessions in Zoom defending both sides of the case and responding to our coaches' complicated questions, built our confidence and flexibility, and gave us fun plans for Pandemic-friendly Friday evenings.

*“To succeed as a lawyer,
you’ve got to go the extra
mile”*



The Regional Round arrived, and we waited impatiently at the Opening Ceremony to hear at what time we would be pleading. Two of us represented the Applicant on the first day, and the other two represented the Respondent on the last slot of the second day. We initially feared that at that time the judges would be exhausted from hearing so many pleadings, yet we were surprised with the award of Best Respondent.

Ranking second in the Regional Rounds, we were thrilled to discover that we had qualified for the Final Rounds and we would have the chance to plead in *virtual* Strasbourg. Reaching that stage was already a huge accomplishment for us. The level of the teams and the intensity of the pleadings grew as we approached the Grand Final. It was a privilege to have experts in the field giving us feedback and helping us improve our oral skills in each round.

The European Human Rights Moot Court Competition gave us the opportunity to pursue our passion for human rights and to grow both personally and professionally. Winning the competition was such an honour because it allows us to continue this journey with the internship at the European Court of Human Rights and to build our career as future human rights lawyers.

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Individual Scores

Preliminary Rounds

	APPLICANT				RESPONDENT				TOTAL AVG
	J1	J2	J3	AVG	J1	J2	J3	AVG	
Team 1									
Anna Madci	12.5	30.5	20	21	28.25	28.25	23.5	26.67	23.83
Olkesandra Sizova	17.5	12	29.25	19.58	27.5	20	26.75	24.75	22.16
Daryna Liudviyk	18.75	28	10.75	19.17	27.5	29.5	23.5	26.83	23
Team 9									
Monica Rashed	28.25	15.75	30	24.67	23.25	21.5	21.75	22.17	23.42
Paula Wignall	14.25	30	31.25	25.17	18.25	26.75	21.25	22.17	23.67
Juliet Jung	20	29.75	30.5	26.75	19.25	22	18.75	20	23.37
Team 16									
Katie Tooley	38	27.5	33.75	33.08	34.75	32	39	35.25	34.16
Dara Foody	30	29.5	34.5	31.17	35	30.5	38	34.5	32.83
Team 18									
Caterina Luzzi Conti	24.5	27.75	27.75	26.67	17.5	26.5	23.75	22.58	24.42
Elisa Bisi	35	31	31	32.33	25	39	36.75	33.58	32.95
Riccardo Formisano	29	29	30.5	29.5	19.5	34.25	32	28.58	24.04
Ilaria Cappelletti	24.75	27.25	27.25	26.42	20	30.5	30.5	27	26.71
Team 22									
Yulia Moskalets	31.75	22.5	29.25	27.83	18.5	17	30	21.83	24.83
Polina Lukyanchikova	20	30.75	26.75	25.83	18.5	18	29.25	21.92	23.87

Ekaterina Cheldieva	19.5	29	25	24.5	18.5	19	29.2 5	22.25	23.37
Team 23									
Victoria Nasso	33.2 5	23.2 5	25	27.17	31	25.2 5	32.5	29.58	28.37
Islam Shalik	25.7 5	26.2 5	35.2 5	29.08	30.7 5	26.5	26.2 5	27.83	28.45
Team 26									
Elena Lorenz	33.5	26.7 5	27.5	29.25	33.5	32.2 5	28.5	31.42	30.33
Team 35									
Anna Lotta Hattig	30.7 5	25	35	30.25	31	33.7 5		32.75	31.31
Raquel Hazeau	30	25.5	35.2 5	30.25	31	34.7 5		32.87	31.56
Team 40									
Aikaterini Rippi	24.5	29	39	30.83	22.2 5	31.5	36.7 5	30.17	30.5
Eirini Vyzirgiannaki	25.7 5	28.2 5	38.5	30.83	34	36.2 5	34.2 5	34.83	32.83
Team 61									
Varvara Lantukh	24.2 5	23.5	28.2 5	25.33	30	28.2 5	15	24.42	24.87
Melanya Maslova	26.5	20.5	25.7 5	24.25	32.5	29.7 5	15.5	25.92	25.08
Olga Radchenko	25.2 5	20.5	25.5	23.75	31.7 5	31	15.2 5	26	24.87
Team 71									
Love Engman	13	24.2 5	24.7 5	20.67	24.7 5	26.5	29	26.75	23.71
Macy Kalirai	14.7 5	17.5	28.5	20.25	28.5	26.5	34.7 5	29.92	25.08

Each orator received individual scores based on the same scoring criteria as used for the team score. In order to compete for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds award, the orator had to plead for both Applicant and Respondent and the following table gives an overview of each of 28 orators eligible to compete for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds award.

Based on their scores during Preliminary Rounds, **Katie Tooley** from **Team 16** from **Durham University (United Kingdom)** was awarded the prize **Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds**.

Quarter-Finals

As opposed to the Preliminary Rounds, the Quarter Finals only let teams plead on behalf of one party (Applicant or Respondent). Therefore, all the team members pleading during the Quarter-Finals were eligible for the Best Orator of the Quarter-Finals award.

	J1	J2	J3	J4	AVG
Team 10					
Nichici Slaven-Miroslav	33.25	35.75	26.5	32.5	32
Iulia-Georgiana Ungureanu	29	35	25	35.5	31.21
Team 16					
Katie Tooley	25	32.5	35.25	26.25	29.75
Dara Foody	26.25	32.75	35.25	31	31.31
Team 20					
Catoo de Koker	34.25	31.25	32.5	31.25	32.13
Sebastian Zandwijk	33.5	35.75	37.75	31.25	34.56
Team 33					
Olivia Railton	37.75	36.75	34.25	35	35.94
Alvin Cheung	32.5	28	28.25	33.5	30.56
Team 30					
Daniel Henderson	34	35.75	39	38.25	36.75
Olivia Waddell	32.25	33.75	32	33.25	32.81
Team 40					
Fotoula Mantzouni	35	30.75	31	35	32.19
Eirini Vyzirgiannaki	32.75	36.25	33.5	35.25	34.44
Aikaterini Rippi	29	27.75	32.25	34.5	30.87
Team 35					
Anna Lotta Hatting	39.25	34.25	36		36.5
Raquel Hazeu	39	35	36.5		36.83
Team 28					
Maria Zhelyazakova	34	32.75	33.5		33.42
Ana Komsalova	35.75	33.25	32.5		33.83

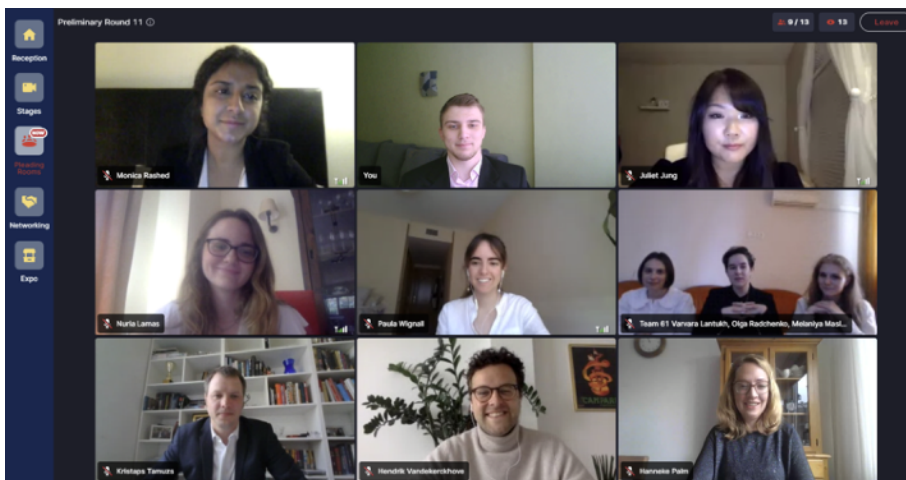
Based on their scores during Quarter-Finals, **Raquel Hazeu** from **Team 35** from **IE University (Spain)** was awarded the prize **Best Orator of the Quarter-Finals**.

Semi-Finals

Semi-Finals only let teams plead on behalf of one party (Applicant or Respondent), as it was the case in the Quarter-Finals. Therefore, all the team members pleading during the Semi-Finals were eligible for the Best Orator of the Semi-Finals award.

	J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	J6	AVG
Team 10							
Slaven-Miroslav Nichici	32	31	25.5	33	33.75	31	31.04
Iulia-Georgiana Ungureanu	35	31.5	28	34.25	34	32.5	32.54
Team 35							
Anna Lotta Hattig	36	35	32.75	30.75	32.75	33.75	33.5
Raquel Hazeu	37	36	33.5	35	35.25	36.5	35.54
Team 30							
Daniel Henderson	36.25	31.5	37.5	39	37.25	39.25	36.79
Olivia Waddell	33.75	28	28	30	29.5	29	29.71
Team 20							
Aline Grossen	34.75	36	34.75	37	37.5	37.75	36.29
Thomas Swennen	36	39	36	39.5	37.25	38	37.62

Based on their scores during Semi-Finals, **Thomas Swennen** from **Team 20** from **University of Antwerp (Belgium)** was awarded the prize **Best Orator of the Semi-Finals**.

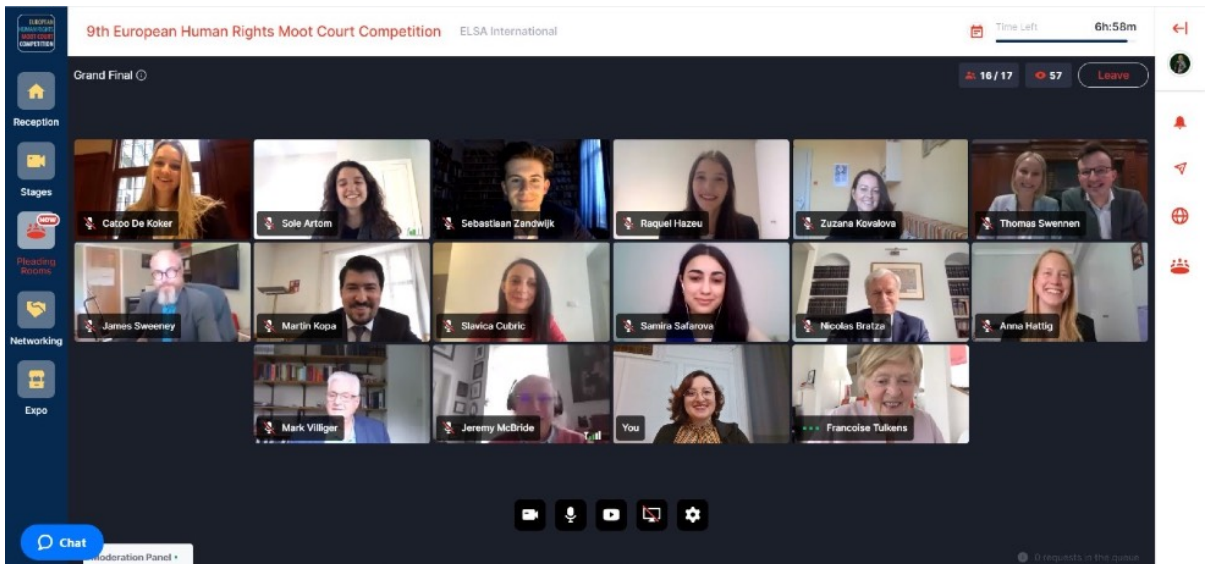


The Grand Final

Similar to the Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals, all the team members pleading during the Grand Final were eligible for the Best Orator of the Grand Final award.

	J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	J6	J7	J8	AVG
Team 35									
Anna Lotta Hattig	36.75	38	38.75	35	36	35	37	37.75	36.78
Raquel Hazcu	37	38.5	38.5	37	37.25	38	37	38.25	37.69
Team 20									
Aline Grossen	35.75	36	37.5	34.5	36	35	36	36.75	35.94
Thomas Swennen	39.25	39.5	37.5	38	38.5	38.5	40	38.5	38.72

Based on their scores in the Grand Final, **Thomas Swennen** from **Team 20** from **University of Antwerp (Belgium)** was awarded the prize **Best Orator of the Grand Final**.



The International Team and International Organising Committee

The EHRMCC ELSA International Team also deserves a mention in the Final Report of the Competition and a big thanks, as they have helped me through the most difficult times, working even during holiday periods and overcoming difficulties of a high-level online event:

- Yana Lysak, Director for the EHRMCC,
- Clara Debono, Assistant for Judges in the EHRMCC,
- Aušra Abraitytė, Assistant for Regional Rounds,
- Pauline Amice, Assistant for Teams.

The International Organising Committee (IOC) of the Final Oral Round comprised of 13 individuals, representing the EHRMCC team, International Board of ELSA and the ELSA Network. We could have never achieved as much as we have without you and I owe my greatest appreciation and sincere gratitude to all of you, for accepting the invitation to join us on the ride of the 9th European Human Rights Moot Court Competition:

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- Sina Gertsch (Secretary General of the International Board of ELSA)
- Clara Debono (Assistant for Judges in the EHRMCC)
- Aušra Abraitytė (Assistant for Regional Rounds in the EHRMCC)
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Concluding Remarks

With the publication of this Report, the 9th Edition of the European Human Rights Moot Court Competition (EHRMCC) has come to its end.

The European Law Students' Association (ELSA) is the world's largest independent, non-profit, non-political association run by and for law students and young lawyers and contributing to legal education and promoting Human Rights awareness are among our central aims. Subsequently, ELSA provides opportunities for law students and young lawyers to apply theory in practice and to learn about other legal systems and the EHRMCC is definitely one of those opportunities. The European Human Rights Moot Court Competition is the largest English-speaking, human rights oriented moot court in the world and it attracts hundreds of law students from all around Europe every year. The Competition provides a unique opportunity for students to experience the principle and implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights firsthand, and gain valuable and practical experience.

The aims of the European Human Rights Moot Court Competition are: firstly, to encourage law students to develop their legal skills; secondly, to develop law students' knowledge and to raise their awareness on Human Rights; and thirdly, to contribute to the on-going discussion regarding Human Rights. I allow myself to state that all of the above is even more important now when we cannot meet the way we want, when we are adjusting to the new normal and when numerous human rights are being violated on a daily basis.

We are grateful to all of our partners and supporters and especially to the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights who are supporting the competition for the past 9 years, and specifically Ms Barbara Orkwiszewska and Ms Sophie Lobey for their help, assistance and guidance throughout the entirety of the 9th Edition of the EHRMCC. The Council of Europe takes a proactive role in encouraging the understanding and application of the Convention and of the Court's case law throughout Europe and one of the main missions of ELSA are indeed human rights and we are, together, working towards a mutual goal – a just world.

Furthermore, we would like to use this opportunity to deeply thank to Permanent Representations of Ireland, Switzerland, Germany and the Netherlands to the Council of Europe for their contributions, which are genuinely appreciated during those difficult times. We also wish to express thanks to the Council of Europe, and specifically Ms Barbara Orkwiszewska and Ms Sophie Lobey for their help, assistance and guidance throughout the entirety of the 9th Edition of the EHRMCC.



In addition, I need to mention our dearest members of the Academic Board and this year's Case Authors, to whom I am deeply grateful for their time, energy and knowledge. Moreover, I would like to express my gratitude to my EHRMCC team who worked tirelessly on this competition since early September 2020, helping me to make the 9th EHRMCC a reality, and, of course, to our participants – we hope that those first steps into your human rights journey that you made this year would be an experience and memories you will cherish.

Finally, after being involved in the EHRMCC for the past three years myself, it fills my heart with joy to witness its evolution and welcome the 10th Edition under the new name – Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition, once again showing what we as ELSA, together with the Council of Europe stand for.

For the very last time,

Best wishes,

Maja Rajić,
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Vice President in charge of Academic Activities
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