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RULEBOOK

CEE Competition Law Case Competition

1 General Rules

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 The name of the competition is “**CEE Competition Law Case Competition**” (shortened name: “**CEE CLCC**” or “**CLCC**”; hereinafter referred to as “**Competition**”), which is organized by European Law Students’ Association (hereinafter referred to as „**ELSA**”) Hungary and ELSA Budapest, with the cooperation of ELSA Bratislava, ELSA Slovakia, ELSA Prague and ELSA Czech Republic (hereinafter collectively referred to as “**ELSA**”).
- 1.1.2 The Competition and its organization are supported by Fehérváry Horányi Kovács Baker & McKenzie Law Firm (hereinafter referred to as “Baker McKenzie”, ELSA and Baker McKenzie collectively referred to as “**Organizers**”; ELSA Hungary, ELSA Budapest and Baker McKenzie hereinafter referred to as “**Main Organizers**”).
- 1.1.3 The Competition is centered on the practical application of EU competition and antitrust law.
- 1.1.4 The Competition is organized in Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland (hereinafter each referred to as “**Country**”).
- 1.1.5 The Organizers are committed to fostering an inclusive and diverse competition. If any competitor has accessibility needs, diversity-related considerations, or circumstances that may prevent them from travelling to or attending the Finals in person, they are encouraged to contact the Main Organizers via email at competitions@hu.elsa.org. The Organizers will make every reasonable effort to accommodate individual needs and ensure equal opportunity for all participants.

1.2 The right of modification

- 1.2.1 The Main Organizers reserve the right to amend these rules; they may update, supplement, or amend them at any time preceding the final round during the Competition.

1.3 The structure of the Competition

- 1.3.1 The Competition has three rounds:
- a) The first round is an **online multiple-choice and short-answer test** made available in each Country to select the participants of the second round. The Competitors can access and fill out online on the following link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/S4mVqPVzMn>;
 - b) The second round is an **online round which entails the solution of a complex legal case study**. The 2nd round case study will be available for the first ten Competitors per country of the first round;
 - c) The third and final round is an **international**, in person round, which entails the solution and oral presentation of a **complex legal case study that builds on the 2nd round case study**. The 3rd round will take place in Budapest, Hungary, at the offices of Baker McKenzie. The first three Competitors selected in the second round in each Country will advance to the final round.
- 1.3.2 The Competition is an individual competition and requires the competitors to solve the tasks in each round on their own, without any assistance from others.
- 1.3.3 The language of the Competition is English.

1.4 Location and dates

- 1.4.1 The **first online test** will be available between **25 February** and **15 March** 2026.

- 1.4.2 The list of those advancing to the second round in each Country will be announced in the week following March 15, 2026.
- 1.4.3 The **second, online legal case** will be published on or around **March 23, 2026** and the responses may be submitted until **April 5, 2026**, or as otherwise communicated at the publication of the second-round case study.
- 1.4.4 The list of those advancing to the second round in each Country will be announced in the week following April 5, 2026.
- 1.4.5 The **third round** will take place in **Budapest, Hungary**, at the offices of Baker McKenzie (1051 Budapest, Dorottya street 6) on **8 May 2026**. The exact time and schedule of the finals will be released for the Competitors who will participate in the third and final round.

2 The purpose of the Competition

- 2.1.1 The primary purpose of the Competition is to deepen the existing knowledge of the competitors in the field of EU antitrust and competition law based on feedback from practicing and academic competition law experts.
- 2.1.2 The purpose of the multiple-choice quiz in the first round is to assess and expand the Competitors existing knowledge and to develop their quick response and effective legal research skills.
- 2.1.3 The purpose of the complex legal case studies in the second and third rounds is to provide competitors with a real-life problem in the field of EU antitrust and competition law, which requires competitors to utilize their existing knowledge and skills, acquire new knowledge through legal research, legal reasoning and consideration of business aspects of each case, thus utilizing their creative problem-solving skills.
- 2.1.4 In addition to the above, another important further goal of the Organizers is to provide law students with opportunities for development in this area of law and to enable law firms with specialized expertise to discover talented individuals who may later become experts and specialists in competition law. The Competition also provides a unique opportunity for law students to socialize and network among peers in their Country and in countries in the CEE region, as well as to travel to Budapest and experience the environment in the offices of a leading international law firm.

3 Application

3.1 Requirements of application

- 3.1.1 Application for the Competition is **individual**. Applicants must be enrolled into undergraduate law studies at a university in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland or Slovakia, and must have active student status at their respective university. Applications from qualified lawyers will not be accepted. Applications from students enrolled into graduate legal studies, LLM courses or similar will be rejected.
- 3.1.2 Students from any year during their undergraduate studies may enter the Competition, as successful participation depends primarily on the skills of the competitors.

3.2 Application procedure

- 3.2.1 Registration for the Competition is completed by **completing the first-round online quiz and providing the information requested in the first round quiz**. Competitors must fill out the first round quiz until 11:59 p.m. on **March 15, 2026** to participate in the Competition.

3.2.2 Links to the first round test will be available during the specified time on the ELSA Hungary's website, and across the organizing ELSA organizations' social media platforms, and on other promotional platforms.

3.3 Withdrawal of application

3.3.1 Applications for the Competition may be withdrawn by sending an email to "competitions@hu.elsa.org" with the subject line "Withdrawal of entry – CEE CLCC" The email must include the competitor's name, the country where the competitor studies law, and the university's name.

4 The participants of the Competition

4.1 Competitors

4.1.1 Each student that validly applies to the Competition qualifies as a competitor ("Competitor") and must complete the competition tasks on their own without any outside personal help. This does not exclude the use of all materials available to the Competitor, whether online or offline.

4.2 Jury

4.2.1 The members of the jury ("Jury") will be appointed by the Main Organizers. In the third round, a jury consisting of **multiple members** will be appointed to evaluate the solutions in the third-round based on the oral presentations of the Competitors. The jury's task is to evaluate the Competitors' performance and select the winners. They cannot be instructed, obstructed, or influenced in their evaluation.

4.2.2 A person who is a close relative of a competitor may not be a member of the jury.

4.2.3 The evaluation criteria used by the jury are set out in *Annex no. 1*.

4.2.4 The members of the Jury will be appointed from the organizing ELSA countries, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary.

4.3 Organizers

4.3.1 The organizers are ELSA Hungary, ELSA Budapest, ELSA Czech Republic, ELSA Prague, ELSA Slovakia, and ELSA Bratislava's Vice Presidents of Competitions or Vice Presidents of Academic Activities and their Directors responsible for organizing the competition, as well as the President, Vice Presidents, and other members of ELSA Hungary who are present and have not registered for the competition as participants, as well as Baker McKenzie.

4.3.2 The Organizers are responsible for the smooth operation of the Competition, ensuring the time limits, and for answering any questions that arise during the Competition.

4.3.3 Organizers may not participate in the Competitions.

4.4 Sponsors

4.4.1 Wolters Kluwer Hungary Kft. is a sponsor of the Competition and provides professional and promotional support to the Competition as well as prizes to the Competitors.

5 The course of the Competition

5.1 General rules

5.1.1 The evaluation criteria for the second and third rounds are set out in *Annex 1*.

5.2 First round – Online Quiz

- 5.2.1 The quiz (“**Quiz**”) consists of 7 multiple-choice questions and 3 short answer questions, which can be completed online within **60 minutes** (+2 minutes for filling the requested data). To complete the Quiz validly, the Competitor must provide the personal data requested in the Quiz.
- 5.2.2 All sort of materials, in particular legal texts and commentaries, whether online or offline, may be used to complete the set of tasks.
- 5.2.3 The Quiz may be completed between **25 February 2026 and 11:59 p.m. on 15 March 2026**.
- 5.2.4 Those Competitors who are among the **top ten in each Country in terms of points will advance to the second round**. If there are several competitors with the same number of points in tenth place, the one who completed the task in the shortest time will advance.
- 5.2.5 Platform used to complete the task set: www.forms.office.com

5.3 Second round – Online Complex Legal Case Study

- 5.3.1 During the second, online round, participants will have to solve a complex legal case study, available between **23 March** and **5 April 2026**. The deadline to submit the response is 11:59 p.m. on 5 April 2026.
- 5.3.2 Form requirements for submitting the solutions in the second round are set out in *Annex no. 2*, in detail.
- 5.3.3 All sort of materials, in particular legal texts and commentaries, whether online or offline, may be used to complete the set of tasks.
- 5.3.4 The solutions for the second round will be evaluated by experts of Baker McKenzie.
- 5.3.5 Those Competitors who are among the **top three in each Country in terms of points will advance to the final, third-round**. In the case of a tie, the Competitor having achieved the higher scores in the first round will advance.

5.4 Third, final round – On-site Complex Legal Case

- 5.4.1 The third round is organized **on 8 May 2026, in Budapest, Hungary, at the offices of Baker McKenzie** (1051 Budapest, Dorottya u. 6).
- 5.4.2 During the third round, participants must solve a complex legal case study within an hour and a half. Each Competitor will then have 15 minutes to present their solutions orally to the Jury and answer questions of the Jury.
- 5.4.3 All sort of materials, in particular legal texts and commentaries, whether online or offline, may be used to complete the set of tasks.
- 5.4.4 Free internet access (Wi-Fi) and electricity are available at the venue for the third round, and upon prior request to the Organizers sent to the email address of the Organizers set out in *section 3.1.1.* above, notebooks may be provided
- 5.4.5 After their oral presentations, Competitors may not give advice to other Competitors or disclose any questions or comments that arose during their presentations until the last Competitor has finished their presentation.
- 5.4.6 After all oral presentations, the Jury will retire and deliberate the winners of the Competitors.

- 5.4.7 The third-round ends with a ceremonial announcement of the winners and the handing over of prizes for the first three Competitors.
- 5.4.8 Catering, including food, beverages and a lunch, will be provided during the third-round.
- 5.4.9 Competitors who advance to the final round in Budapest will receive (partial) funding from Baker McKenzie for both accommodation (for the night before the final round) and round-trip travel expenses. Travel contribution will vary depending on the distance from the Competitor's university.
- 5.4.10 The respective national ELSA organizations will provide all necessary information on accommodation and travel arrangements directly to qualifying international Competitors in their country.
- 5.4.11 A WhatsApp group will be created for the third-round Competitors to ensure direct and smooth communication flow.
- 5.4.12 A **gala reception dinner** will be held before the final round, which is funded by ELSA Hungary and ELSA Budapest.

6 Winners, prizes

- 6.1.1 The top three will receive the following prizes:
- a) **1st place:** EUR 750 cash prize, and other exclusive prizes provided by ELSA, Baker McKenzie and Wolters Kluwer;
 - b) **2nd place:** Prizes and professional resources provided by ELSA, Baker McKenzie and Wolters Kluwer;
 - c) **3rd place:** Prizes and professional resources provided by ELSA, Baker McKenzie and Wolters Kluwer.

7 Violation of rules, exclusion

7.1 Any Competitor may be immediately disqualified from the Competition if the Competitor:

- 7.1.1 breaches the interface managing the Quiz for the purposes of obtaining an unlawful advantage, or exploits any IT deficiencies, e.g. by attempting to complete the Quiz more times than permitted;
- 7.1.2 provides false or inaccurate information;
- 7.1.3 communicates with other Competitors, members of the Jury, or third parties during the Competition in a manner to gain an unlawful advantage;
- 7.1.4 behaves disrespectfully or offensively towards other Competitors, Judges, or Organizers ;
- 7.1.5 deliberately misleads or obstructs another Competitor;
- 7.1.6 engages in unfair conduct that influences the course of the Competition.

7.2 Any Jury member may be immediately excluded from the organization and judging of the Competition if the member:

- 7.2.1 does not comply with the conflict-of-interest rules set out in *section 4.2.2*;
- 7.2.2 publishes or makes available to the public, to any Competitor, the tasks ahead of time, or the answer keys and solutions;

- 7.2.3 provides information to any Competitor that gives them an unfair advantage;
- 7.2.4 scores points in a biased manner or intentionally in order to manipulate the results;
- 7.2.5 behaves disrespectfully or offensively towards other participants, Competitors, or the Organizers.

7.3 Any Organizer may be immediately excluded from organizing the Competition if the Organizer:

- 7.3.1 does not comply with the conflict-of-interest rule specified in *section 4.3.3*;
 - 7.3.2 publishes or makes available to the public, to any Competitor, the tasks ahead of time, or answer keys and solutions;
 - 7.3.3 provides information to any Competitor that gives them an unfair advantage;
 - 7.3.4 behaves disrespectfully or offensively towards other participants, Competitors, or members of the Jury.
- 7.4 Violation of any other laws, rules or regulations will result in disqualification.

8 Privacy policy

- 8.1 The Competition's privacy policy is included in *Annex no. 3*.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at competitions@hu.elsa.org!

ANNEXES

Annex no. 1. - Evaluation criteria for the second and third rounds

Facts	Legal knowledge	Problem-solving skills	Argumentation	Presentation (3rd round)
Appropriate synthesis of facts	Knowledge of relevant legal sources	Identifying potential problems	Coherence and logic	Coherence
Identification of relevant issues and problems	Use of legal, and academic sources	Identifying potential solutions	Being business oriented	Presentation and speaking style
		Selecting the appropriate solution	Preliminary rebuttal of counterarguments	Appropriate use of professional terminology
		Creativity		

Annex no. 2 – Form requirements for the second round

Each Competitor must submit a written legal memorandum detailing the solution of the second round case study.

Each submission must contain the following essential parts:

- Summary of facts (1 page),
- Argumentation consisting of the deliberation of potential issues and proposed solutions (maximum 5 pages),
- Table of references (all cases, books, articles and other legal sources must be cited).

All references to sources (cases, textbooks, articles, journals, etc.) in the Argumentation must be included in footnotes, and must be listed in alphabetical order in the Table of references.

Form requirements:

- All submissions must be submitted in WORD format.
- Font: Times New Roman, 11 pt font size, type face is 1,5 spaced (interlinear space), all margins must be 2 cm.
- Footnotes must be Times New Roman, 8 pt font size.
- Pages must be numbered.

Submissions must be made as communication to the Competitors participating in the second round at the time of publishing the second round case study.

Annex no. 3. – Privacy Policy

PRIVACY POLICY CEE Competition Law Case Competition

This privacy policy (hereinafter: the “**Privacy Policy**”) concerns the processing of the personal data (hereinafter: the “**Data**”) of individuals participating in the CEE Competition Law Case Competition (hereinafter: the “**Competition**”) as competitors (hereinafter: the “**Participant(s)**”) as data subjects. The Participant has reviewed this Privacy Policy prior to applying to the Competition and has accepted it by submitting the declaration of application.

1. Controller and persons involved in the processing

For the purposes of this Privacy Policy, the controller (hereinafter: the “**Controller**”) is the following organisation:

- Name of organisation: ELSA Hungary
- Represented by: Noémi Ecsedi, elected President, and András Zoltán Farkas, Executive President
- Address: H-1053 Budapest, Egyetem tér 1-3.
- Email address: info@hu.elsa.org

2. Persons involved in the processing

The persons involved in the processing are members, agents, employees, and volunteers of the Controller whom the Controller has instructed or appointed to organise and conduct the Competition.

The persons involved in the processing have, by making their declaration regarding their participation in organising the Competition, reviewed and accepted this Privacy Policy and have ensured that their members, agents, employees, and volunteers have reviewed and accepted it.

3. Legal bases

- The legal basis for recording the Participants’ facial likeness and voice, as well as any subsequent use of such recordings is the Participant’s freely given consent based on appropriate information, which the Participant may freely withdraw [Article 6 (1) a) of the GDPR].
- The legal basis for processing in connection with organising and conducting the Competition is the performance of a contract between the Controller and the Participant [Article 6 (1) b) of the GDPR].
- The legal basis for processing in connection with taxation and accounting obligations is compliance with a legal obligation [Article 6 (1) c) of the GDPR], based on Act CL of 2017 on the Order of Taxation and Act C of 2000 on Accounting.
- The legal basis for processing in connection with handling and investigating possible security incidents, as well as establishing, exercising, or defending possible legal claims is

the overriding legitimate interest of the Controller [Article 6 (1) f) of the GDPR] to preserve the integrity of the application process and to enable the Controller to maintain ELSA's good reputation. By performing a legitimate-interest balancing test, the Controller has determined that this processing does not disproportionately restrict the Participants' rights relating to the protection of their personal data, as the Participants themselves also expect the Controller to take all reasonable measures to detect potential fraud and abuse, which is likewise in the common interest of all Participants. To ensure the protection of the Participants' rights, the Controller provides the person affected by any such incident with the right to object and the right to defend themselves in relation to the handling and investigation of possible incidents, before such person may, based on the Controller's justified decision, be excluded from the application process.

4. Purpose of the processing

4.1. Organizing and conducting the Competition, including registration for the Competition, the (scoring-based) evaluation during the rounds of the Competition, and the publication of the Participants' names, higher education institution, city of residence, and achieved ranking in printed and online press outlet(s), on social media platforms, or by way of oral announcement.

4.2. Ensuring access to the prizes offered to the Participants by transferring the Participants' data to the organisation/institution offering the prize (e.g., internship placement, cash prize, or prize in kind), as well as compliance with the related taxation and accounting obligations.

4.3. Identification and inspection of possible security incidents.

4.4. Recording the Competition's award ceremony for promotional purposes, within the framework of which the Controller may make image, video and/or audio recordings at the venue of the Competition and may publish them in printed and online press outlet(s) and on social media platforms.

5. Duration of the processing

In view of the purposes set out in Section 4, the duration of the processing is 30 days after the end of the Competition, after which the Data will be permanently deleted without the possibility of restoration, except for the Data of the winners. The Data of the winners necessary for awarding the prizes will be processed for up to the civil law limitation period (generally 5 years) or the retention period required under Act C of 2000 on Accounting (i.e. 8 years from the date of the award). Data necessary for the establishment, exercise, or defence of legal claims will be processed until the final and binding closure of the administrative or judicial proceedings related to the legal claim, unless otherwise provided by law.

6. Transfer of the Data

For the performance of certain tasks, the Controller uses data processors, who process the Data in accordance with the Controller's instructions, in the manners and for the purposes set out in this policy. The Controller shall not transfer the Data to parties other than the designated data processors without the Participant's separate consent.

The data processors are also required to ensure appropriate technical and organisational measures for the security of the Data.

List of data processors:

Data Processor	Registered office
Google LLC	1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, California, 94043, United States of America
Canva Pty Ltd.	110 Kippax Street, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
Microsoft Corporation	US-9805 Washington, Redmond, One Microsoft Way, United States of America

The appropriate level of protection for Data transferred to third countries is ensured through the use of the Standard Contractual Clauses adopted by the European Commission, a copy of which will be made available to the Participant upon request if the Participant contacts the Controller using the Controller's contact details provided above. The Controller does not transfer the Data to third parties nor make it accessible to third parties, unless such transfer is necessary for the establishment, exercise, or defence of legal claims before an authority or a court.

7. Categories of Data processed

The Controller processes the following data of the Participants:

7.1. For the purpose identified in 4.1.:

- the Participant's name;
- the Participant's country of origin;
- the Participant's city of residence;
- the Participant's email address;
- the Participant's telephone number;
- the Participant's submissions related to the Competition;
- the name of the Participant's educational institution;
- the Participant's year of study and field/major;
- the fact of the Participant's participation in the Competition and the Participant's result achieved in the Competition; and
- the Participant's disability status.

7.2. For the purpose identified in 4.2.:

- the Participant's name;
- the Participant's email address; and
- the Participant's tax ID number.

7.3. For the purpose identified in 4.3:

- the Data listed in 7.1.; and
- the facts and circumstances of the security incident (suspicion of fraud or abuse) occurring in relation to the Competition and the Participant.

7.4. For the purpose identified in 4.4.:

- the Data listed in 7.1.; and

- image, video, and/or audio recording of the Participant.

8. Rights of Participants

The Participant has the following rights in relation to the processing of the Data.

8.1. Right of access

The Participant is entitled to receive feedback as to whether the processing of their personal data is ongoing and, if so, is entitled to access such data and the related information. This includes the purposes of the processing, the categories of personal data concerned, the period of storage, and the categories of recipients or intended recipients of the personal data. The Participant may request copies of such personal data. For any further copies requested by the Participant, the Controller may charge a reasonable fee based on administrative costs.

8.2. Right to rectification

If the Data processed by the Controller is inaccurate or incomplete, the Participant is entitled to request their rectification or completion.

8.3. Right to erasure (“right to be forgotten”)

The Participant may request the erasure of the Data if:

- the Data is no longer necessary for the purposes for which the Controller collected or otherwise processed it;
- the Participant withdraws the consent on which the processing is based and there is no other legal basis for the processing;
- the Participant objects to the processing and there are no overriding legal grounds for the processing; and/or
- the Controller processed the Data unlawfully.

However, in certain cases, the Controller may be unable to erase the Data due to legal obligations (e.g., accounting requirements).

8.4. Right to restriction of processing

The Participant may request that the Controller restrict the processing of the Data if:

- the Participant contests the accuracy of the Data (until the accuracy is verified);
- the processing is unlawful, but the Participant opposes the erasure of the Data and instead requests the restriction of its use;
- the Controller no longer needs the Data, but the Participant requires it for the establishment, exercise, or defence of legal claims; and/or
- the Participant has objected to the processing (pending the verification of whether the Controller’s legitimate grounds override the Participant’s legitimate interests).

8.5. Right to data portability

If the processing is based on the Participant's consent, the Participant is entitled to receive the Data in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format, and is entitled to transmit the Data to another controller, without hindrance from the Controller.

8.6. Right to object

The Participant is entitled to object at any time to the processing of the Data on the basis of legitimate interest. In such a case, the Controller will no longer process the Data, unless the Controller demonstrates compelling legitimate grounds for the processing that override the Participant's interests.

8.7. Right to withdraw consent

If the processing is based on consent, the Participant is entitled to withdraw their consent at any time by contacting the Controller at the contact details set out in Section 9. The withdrawal does not affect the lawfulness of processing carried out prior to the withdrawal.

To the extent necessary and proportionate, the Participant's above rights may be subject to restrictions for legitimate reasons, and requests to exercise those rights may be refused in justified cases (e.g. if their fulfilment would adversely affect the rights of others).

9. Contact

Participants may address inquiries regarding this Privacy Policy and its application to the Controller's following postal/email addresses/telephone number:

ELSA Hungary [H-1053 Budapest, Egyetem tér 1-3.; info@hu.elsa.org; tel.: 06309214724]

10. Dispute resolution

10.1. In the case of any dispute between the Controller and the Participant relating to the processing of the Data and this Privacy Policy, the Participant is requested to contact the Controller first, by way of a complaint sent to the contact details listed in Section 9.

10.2. The Participant may lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority.

The supervisory authority in Hungary is the National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information (NAIH), whose contact details are as follows:

- Address: H-1055 Budapest, Falk Miksa utca 9-11.
- Website: www.naih.hu
- Email: ugyfelszolgalat@naih.hu
- Telephone: +36 (1) 391-1400

10.3. Regardless of whether the Participant lodged a complaint as set out in Section 11.2., the Participant may also bring civil proceedings. As a general rule, the court according to the registered seat of the Controller has competence, but the Participant may bring civil proceedings before the court according to the Participant's domicile/residence, at the Participant's choice.