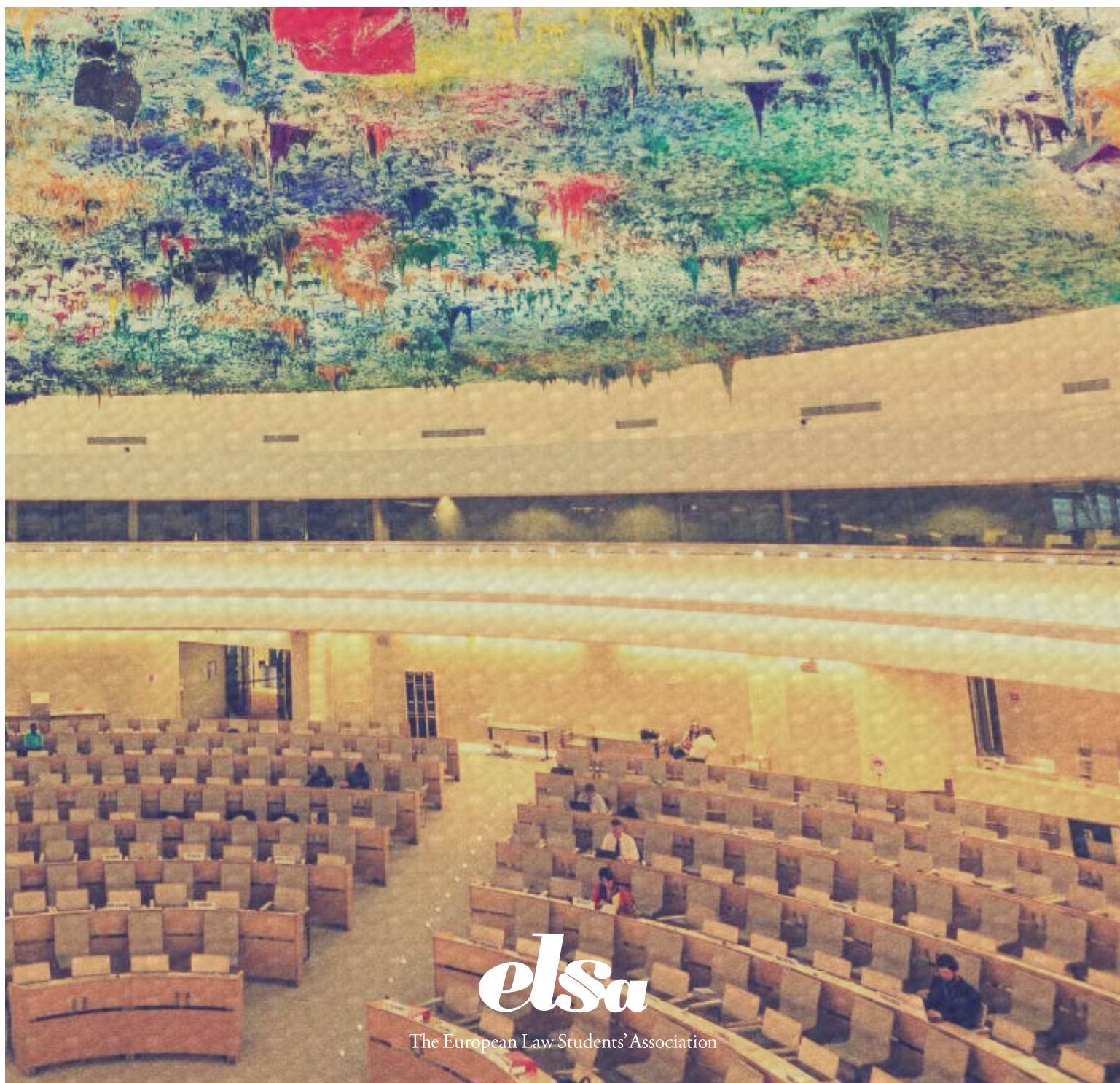




# ELSA DELEGATIONS

## Selection Criteria



## SELECTION CRITERIA – ELSA DELEGATIONS

*An application for ELSA Delegations consists of the applicant's personal information, personal resume, ELSA resume and a Letter of Motivation. The purpose of this document is to give interested applicants a few general guidelines on how to fulfil the application and an insight in which criteria we use when we evaluate the applications submitted.*

### FORMAL CRITERIA

Meet the **deadline**: Applications submitted after the deadline will not be evaluated.

**Language**: The questionnaire and motivation letter must be written in English. This will be the working language of the sessions you can apply to participate in.

If you **apply for several sessions**, please state clearly your preference if selected for more than one meeting. Do not state that you wish to attend several sessions if you only intend to participate in one delegation.

**All fields** of the application have to be fulfilled.

### YOUR MOTIVATION LETTER

Your motivation letter is an important part of your application, please invest sufficient time and work on it. Your letter should express clearly why you are suited to represent ELSA in no more than 500 words. The most important factors to express through your motivation letter are;

- (1) why you are motivated to go to this specific meeting,
- (2) why you should be selected in terms of willingness and ability to represent ELSA, and
- (3) what kind of relevant academic and/or practical experience you have within the topics being discussed and how this supports your motivation and ability to represent ELSA

Be focused and precise. Please don't copy & paste your motivation letter if you are applying for several delegations of different types. The motivation letter has to be session specific.

Your motivation letter should include aspects of...

**a) WHY YOU ARE MOTIVATED TO GO TO THIS SPECIFIC MEETING**

It is important to us that our delegates are interested in the specific meeting they are attending - the desire to go as a delegate in general will not be enough. Please explain clearly why this meeting interests you, and why you believe your participation will benefit you in your future studies or work.

**b) WHY YOU SHOULD BE SELECTED IN TERMS OF WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY TO REPRESENT ELSA**

Please keep in mind that our delegates represent our organisation when they attend the meetings. This means that ELSA experience will be part of the evaluation. However, a delegation may consist of people with a different level of experience. A high motivation could compensate for lack of ELSA experience, if you express why you believe you should be appointed.

If you have little or no prior ELSA experience you should express how you will be able to represent the organization and how you will gain the necessary knowledge on ELSA prior to your participation.

It is also important for us to send delegates who are able to represent ELSA in a professional manner.

**c) ACADEMIC AND/OR PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE YOU HAVE WITHIN THE TOPICS BEING DISCUSSED AND HOW THIS SUPPORTS YOUR MOTIVATION AND ABILITY TO REPRESENT ELSA**

Point out your academic and/or professional experience (university courses, published essays or working papers, specialized internship, extra curricular activities etc.) that might be relevant in respect to the topic of the session you wish to attend. It helps us to understand whether you will be capable of following the sessions. Future career plans should also be included if applicable.

You should be able to demonstrate how your experience supports your motivation and ability to represent ELSA.

Some sessions may require delegates with a specific academic background. If so, this will be stated in the application form.

## Other information

Be aware that we are **non-political** and **non-party**. Highly disputed topics may be discussed during sessions of our international partner institutions, and our delegates must not make political statements.

Delegates will have a first hand experience of policy making on an international level. To be able to completely follow the meeting a **sufficient academic preparation** is of high importance. Therefore, we expect our delegates to prepare properly for their respective meetings. Please do not apply if you are not willing to make the necessary academic preparations. Delegates are required to attend **the whole meeting**, i.e. from the opening session to the closing session.

It is possible to **apply for several sessions**. If you do so, please state in which order you wish to attend the meetings and if you wish to attend several meetings if selected. Please only state that you are willing to go as a delegate to several sessions if you are 100 % sure that this is the case. If you withdraw after the selection, this could result in you taking up a spot in a delegation on someone else's expense.

If you apply and realize before the deadline that you will **no longer be able to attend** the session, let us know immediately – don't wait for the results. Applicants who withdraw without a valid reason will not be able to go as an ELSA delegate in the future.

## What are your chances?

In each selection process, we see many good applications from our members. However, our spots are limited and we can select only a few delegates each time. A rejection does not mean that you are not eligible to attend other meetings in the future.

If not selected, you are welcome to submit a new application at our next call or choose to apply for another delegation. If you think your experience might not be enough to be chosen as a delegate, try to enhance first before you re-apply.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Delegations Team if you have any further questions regarding the application process or the opportunity to go as an ELSA Delegate.

Give yourself the opportunity to work with the world's greatest policy makers and apply for ELSA Delegations!

All the best,  
The Delegations Team