

Riga Stradins University International Student Conference 2026 Moot Court Competition on European Union Law Rules and Regulations

1. General provisions

- 1.1. The European Union Law Moot Court Competition (hereinafter - the Competition) is an academic simulation of judicial proceedings organized within the framework of the RSU International Student Conference 2026.
- 1.2. The purpose of the Competition is to promote students' knowledge of European Union law and to develop practical legal reasoning, advocacy, and argumentation skills.
- 1.3. The Competition is conducted in the form of a simulated judicial proceeding based on a legal case concerning the application of European Union law.
- 1.4. The Competition consists of two stages:
 - 1.4.1. a written round;
 - 1.4.2. an oral round.
- 1.5. The official working language of the Competition is English.

2. Organizer

- 2.1. The Competition is organized by the ISC Organising Committee in cooperation with Riga Stradins University academic staff and invited experts in European Union law.

3. Judges

- 3.1. The Competition shall be adjudicated by judges appointed by the Organizer.
- 3.2. Judges may include:
 - 3.2.1. Riga Stradiņš University academic staff;
 - 3.2.2. practitioners in European Union law;
 - 3.2.3. academics and other invited experts.
- 3.3. The judicial panel shall consist of an odd number of judges:
 - 3.3.1. three judges in the preliminary rounds;
 - 3.3.2. five judges in the final round.
- 3.4. Each judicial panel shall elect a presiding judge from among its members.
- 3.5. If the panel fails to reach an agreement, the presiding judge shall be appointed by the Organizer.
- 3.6. Judges shall disclose any potential conflict of interest. The Organizer shall ensure impartial evaluation.

4. Participants

- 4.1. The Competition is open to teams composed of two or three students from any accredited higher education institution.
- 4.2. Eligible participants include students enrolled in:

- 4.2.1. first- and second-level professional higher education programmes;
 - 4.2.2. bachelor's study programmes;
 - 4.2.3. master's study programmes;
 - 4.2.4. academic leave.
- 4.3. Individuals serving as judges or involved in drafting the case shall not participate in the Competition as competitors.
- 4.4. Teams shall independently conduct legal research and prepare all written and oral submissions.

5. Team coaches

- 5.1. Each team may have one coach.
- 5.2. The coach may provide methodological guidance and feedback but shall not prepare arguments or submissions on behalf of the team.
- 5.3. A coach may not simultaneously serve as a judge or be involved in drafting the case.

6. The case

- 6.1. The case for the Competition shall be prepared by the Organizer in cooperation with experts in European Union law.
- 6.2. Competition participants and coaches shall not be involved in drafting or evaluating the case.
- 6.3. The case shall be published through the official ISC communication channels.

7. Registration

- 7.1. Teams shall register for participation by completing the application form within the deadline specified by the Organizer.
- 7.2. All official communication with the Organizer shall be conducted through the team captain.

8. Written round

- 8.1. Each team shall prepare written submissions for both parties to the proceedings:
 - 8.1.1. the applicant;
 - 8.1.2. the respondent.
- 8.2. Written submissions shall be prepared in English and comply with academic writing standards.
- 8.3. Each written submission shall include:
 - 8.3.1. a cover page;
 - 8.3.2. a statement of facts;
 - 8.3.3. legal analysis;
 - 8.3.4. conclusions and requests to the Court;
 - 8.3.5. a list of sources.
- 8.4. The length of one written submission shall not exceed 20 pages.
- 8.5. Written submissions shall be submitted in PDF format within the deadline specified by the Organizer.

9. Oral round

- 9.1. Teams achieving the highest scores in the written round shall qualify for the oral round.
- 9.2. The oral round is scheduled to take place on **26 March 2026** at Riga Stradiņš University.
- 9.3. Each party will be allocated a fixed amount of time for:
 - 9.3.1. presentation of arguments;
 - 9.3.2. answering questions from the judges;
 - 9.3.3. rebuttals.

10. Evaluation

- 10.1. Written submissions shall be evaluated based on:
 - 10.1.1. structure and formal compliance;
 - 10.1.2. legal content and accuracy;
 - 10.1.3. logical coherence of arguments;
 - 10.1.4. use of legal sources.
- 10.2. Oral performances shall be evaluated based on:
 - 10.2.1. clarity and quality of presentation;
 - 10.2.2. legal precision;
 - 10.2.3. ability to respond to judges' questions.
- 10.3. In the event of a tie, the higher score in the oral round shall determine the ranking.

11. Disqualification

- 11.1. Failure to comply with these Regulations may result in disqualification from the Competition.

12. Awards

- 12.1. All Competition participants shall receive certificates of participation.
- 12.2. The 3 best teams and 3 best individual speakers shall be awarded.

13. Final provisions

- 13.1. Decisions of the judges and the Organizer shall be final and not subject to appeal.
- 13.2. The Organizer reserves the right to amend these Regulations where necessary, informing participants in a timely manner.
- 13.3. The Organizer reserves the right to modify the format, schedule, or venue of the Competition due to circumstances beyond its control.