



UNIVERSITY OF LJUBLJANA
Faculty of Law



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REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA
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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

All European universities are invited to apply for the 11th edition of the

All-European International Humanitarian and Refugee Law Moot Court Competition,

to take place at the **Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)**

on November 24th – 27th 2026,

organised in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

EARLY BIRD APPLICATION DEADLINE: JULY 31st 2026¹

FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 21st 2026

Who may apply? All European universities, teaching international humanitarian and refugee law. Each university can apply only with one team, composed of a minimum of two and a maximum of three law students (1st or 2nd Bologna level or equivalent) and a coach or academic supervisor.

For this year's edition of the competition, each team must submit a memorandum answering the evaluation question indicated in this call. The memorandum must be sent by September 21st 2026. The organisers will assess the memoranda and, based on the overall score, select **the top 12 teams** for the oral part of the competition, which will take place in **Ljubljana, Slovenia**.

How to apply? Fill out the application form at <https://www.iilir-ljubljana.com/ihl-apply>.

Send a memorandum on the evaluation question posed to ihlrefugeemoot@pf.uni-lj.si (memorandum must be sent by September 21st 2026, regardless of the time of application).

The early bird application fee is 355 EUR per team. The regular application fee is 450 EUR per team.² Refreshments will be provided by the organisers. Other costs of participation are to be borne by the teams themselves.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/all-european-international-humanitarian-and-refugee-law-moot-court-competition/posts/?feedView=all>,
<https://www.facebook.com/ihlrefugeemoot/>, or <https://www.iilir-ljubljana.com/ihl-moot>.

¹ **Teams that apply on or before July 31st 2026**, are *also* eligible to apply for financial support of the ICRC to cover the costs of accommodation during the competition. Limited funds are available to support participating teams. Only applications sent to ihlrefugeemoot@pf.uni-lj.si, accompanied by (1) a letter from the university, stating that it cannot cover the costs of accommodation, and (2) a statement as to why the team cannot obtain financial support for the costs of accommodation from other sources, are to be considered. All submitted documents have to be in the English language. After the selection procedure, teams shall be notified of the outcome by September 25th 2026.

² Any costs of the wire transfer are to be borne by the applicants.

Evaluation Question (max. 3000 words, including footnotes)

You are military legal advisers. In light of preparations for a possible invasion, a target list is being drafted. Members of the targeting board are discussing whether to designate the adversary's petroleum industry infrastructure, including oil fields, offshore drilling platforms, pipelines, and refineries, as military objectives due to their contribution to the adversary's economy. They approach you with the question of whether objects that generate revenue on which a belligerent's military operations are substantially dependent qualify as legitimate military objectives under international humanitarian law.

If your answer is negative, what further nexus to military action would be necessary for such objects to become legitimate military objectives?

If your answer is affirmative, what consequences, if any, would this have for civilians employed in the industries concerned?