



Eastern European Foreign Investment Moot Court Competition

## Rules of EEFI Moot Court

### Preamble

1. EEFI Moot Court is a student competition that has incorporated the best practices of the most successful moot courts and had them targeted at the experience and interests of the Eastern European region. EEFI Moot Court is set on historical facts and is based in wider Eastern Europe. The case-study is based on a real historic situation from the Eastern European region, and is adapted to the contemporary legal framework and problems facing the dispute resolution community.
2. EEFI Moot Court aims at uniting students from the wider Eastern European region, from the Balkans in the west to Georgia in the east, and from Estonia in the north to Turkey in the south. Divided between the east and the west, the region has unique governance and legislative experience that, we believe, puts us in a position that is ripe for discussion to shape a vision for the future of investment protection and dispute resolution.
3. Our motto is *“the society is an arena, but it ought to be a forum”*.

### A. Teams

#### 1. Team Eligibility

4. All law schools worldwide are eligible to participate in the competition. Any restrictions due to Covid-19 pandemic or sanctions apply as per laws of the country hosting the oral rounds.
5. Students must be enrolled full-time, part-time or on an exchange study in a program leading to the obtainment of a degree in law at a university recognized by a state it is in.
6. Students of all levels of studies, including PhD studies, are eligible.
7. Students who are or were ever registered in a bar association are not eligible.

## **2. Composition of a team**

1. A team may consist of a minimum of two and a maximum of five student team members.
2. The number of coaches per team is not limited.
3. Only registered team members may participate in oral rounds as speakers. The team coach is allowed to be present at the hearings but is not allowed to intervene in the pleadings.
4. At least two of the team members have to plead in each pleading.
5. The Eastern European Foreign Investment Moot Court Competition organizers do not provide coaches for the participating teams. EEFI Moot Court will organize “practice sessions” for the teams and will invite specialists in the field of arbitration. Upon registration, every team will receive the invitation links for the prospective “practice sessions”. Every team member will be able to join such sessions via that link and will be able to listen to those specialists and ask them questions.

## **4. Registration**

1. Each team shall register by the deadline specified on the official homepage of the competition at [EEFI mootcourt.org](http://EEFI mootcourt.org).
2. In addition, each Team shall designate a Coach. If a Team wishes to participate without a Coach, it has to designate a Team Lead that will be responsible for all communication between the Team and Organization Committee of the Moot.
3. Each University may register as many teams as it wishes.
4. The overall number of participating teams is limited to 45 teams. The first 45 teams, which will register via our mail, will be accepted.
5. Each team must submit its full details and composition for registration via email at [eefi@eefimootcourt.org](mailto:eefi@eefimootcourt.org)

## **B. Skeleton Arguments and Oral Hearings**

# 1. Skeleton Arguments

## 1. 1. *Submission of Skeleton Arguments*

1. Each team participating in the competition shall prepare two Skeleton Arguments (Claimant and Respondent).
2. Each team shall submit one copy of its Skeleton Arguments via email to [eefi@eefimootcourt.org](mailto:eefi@eefimootcourt.org) on the date specified on the official homepage of the competition at [EEFIMootCourt.org](http://EEFIMootCourt.org).

## 1. 2. *Format of Skeleton Arguments*

1. The font and size of the text of the Skeleton Arguments shall be Times New Roman 12-points, 1,5 spaced.

## 1. 3. *Length*

1. The Skeleton Arguments may not be longer than 25 pages for each party (Claimant or Respondent). Footnotes are not included in the count.

## 1. 4. *Information Contained on the Skeleton Arguments Cover*

1. The first page of the Skeleton Argument shall indicate the following:

- the name of the university and the team
- the names of the team members
- the text “Eastern European Foreign Investment Moot Court Competition” with an indication of the year of the competition
- whether it is submitted on behalf of Claimant or Respondent.

# 2. Rules for the Hearing

## 2. 1. *General Procedures*

1. Each hearing will have a duration of about sixty (60) minutes, which includes questions from the Tribunal. Each party (Claimant and Respondent) will have thirty (30) minutes for its presentation.
2. Prior to the beginning of each hearing each party must determine how it wishes to allocate the thirty minutes among its speakers and how many of these thirty minutes it wishes to set aside for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.
3. At least two members from each team shall make oral presentations during each oral hearing. The Tribunal may extend the time allocated to each party beyond the thirty (30) minute allocation, with due regard to the equality of the parties.

## 2. 2. *Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals*

1. Each Hearing of Quarter-Finals will have a duration of about sixty (60) minutes. Each party will have thirty (30) minutes for its presentation. Each Hearing of Semi-Finals and Finals will have a duration of about ninety (90) minutes. Each party will have forty-five (45) minutes for its presentation.

### **3. Competition Scoring**

#### **3.1. Scoring**

1. Scoring is made on the basis of the oral hearings. The arbitrators will grade the teams on the basis of the advocates' knowledge of law, their command of the facts as well as their advocacy skills.
2. In each pleading each team can receive up to 25 points.
3. The teams to proceed into the Quarter-Finals are the best 8 teams according to their rating in the General Rounds.
4. In the Quarter-Finals and in the Final, the winner is decided on the win-lose principle.
5. In the Semi-Finals the winner is decided based on the overall rating.

#### **3.2. Winning Team**

1. The Winning Team is the team that wins in the Final.
2. The Runner-Up Team is the Team that is next to it on the rating.

#### **3.3. Best Oralist**

1. The Best Oralist will be selected by the person designated by the organisers. The selection of the Best Advocate will be made on the basis of the advocate's knowledge of law, command of the facts and advocacy skills by the vote of arbitrators.

#### **3.4. Spirit of the EEFI Award**

1. This award is given at the discretion of the organizers

#### **3.5. Announcement of Awards**

1. All awards will be announced after the finals and also published on the website

## **C. Deadlines & Fees**

### **5. Deadlines**

1. Team registration is open until 31 December of each year.
2. Skeleton arguments shall be submitted to the Organizing Committee via email to [eeffi@eefimootcourt.org](mailto:eeffi@eefimootcourt.org) by 25 February the year of the oral rounds.

## **6. Fees**

1. No fees are charged for participation as a team in the competition.