

# The EUROPA Moot Court Competition

Óbidos Medieval Village

Portugal



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## THE COMPETITION: CONTENT & AIM

Between 2014 and 2018, the Research Centre Mohammed Ali held a European Union law moot court competition under the name “The EUROPA Moot Court Competition” in Kavala and Philippi (Greece).

This year the Competition will be hosted by the Lisbon Nova Law School and held at the Medieval Village of Óbidos in Portugal.

The Competition lasts two days. The first day is dedicated to the preliminary rounds, which will take place in three different museums at the Medieval Village of Óbidos. The second day is dedicated to the final rounds and ends with a gala dinner and award ceremony, which will take place at the History Man, a beautiful restaurant inside the castle walls that surrounds the village.



The aim of the competition is to promote the study of EU law and to encourage law students from diverse national and legal backgrounds to develop their oral advocacy skills.



## PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, 15/22 April 2019

- Arrival at Óbidos

Tuesday, 16/23 April 2019

- Preliminary rounds

Wednesday, 17/24 April 2019

- Grand & Small Final
- Gala Dinner & Award Ceremony

Thursday, 18/25 April 2018

- Peddy-paper and siteseeing on the Medieval Village

Friday, 19/26 April 2018

- Departure





## FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

Each participating university is required to form a team of 4 students who will argue a fictional reference for preliminary ruling raising important questions of European Union law before the Court of Justice of the European Union.

Two members will be required to argue in favour of the claimant in the main proceedings and the other two in favour of the respondent in the main proceedings or the Commission. The teams will not be required to submit written pleadings.

The language of the proceedings is English.

Universities include:

Hamad Bin Khalifa (Qatar)

Liège (B)

Nova de Lisboa (P)

IE Law School (E)

Lyon III Jean Moulin (F)

And others....



## PAST COMPETITION THEMES

2018: General Regulation on Data Protection

2017: Marriages of minors under Shariah law and EU-Turkey  
Migration policy

2016: EU intellectual property and competition law

2015: International investment arbitration and EU State aid law

2014: EU fundamental freedoms and direct taxation

## ORGANIZER



Jurisnova is the Lisbon Nova Law School Association and its activities started in 2003. It is a non-profit and private association with pedagogic and scientific objectives.

Jurisnova's objectives are the promotion of initiatives that lead to the development of the Lisbon Nova Law School while establishing and deepening the bond between the Law School and the legal community, the business world and public administration on legal research, education, training and dissemination of Law.

## LOCATION



The village was given as a marriage gift from D. Dinis to his wife, D. Isabel, known as the Holy Queen, and from then until 1834 was held by the House of the Queen of Portugal.

Since then, Óbidos has been the stage of important moments of the Portuguese history, such as the preparatory meeting for the Carnation Revolution.

Nowadays, Óbidos is most well-known and cherished Portuguese Medieval village.

Óbidos is an ancient village in the district of Leiria, Portugal.

Óbidos has been inhabited by the Celtiberians, the Phoenicians, the Romans, and the Moors.

In 1148, Óbidos was conquered by the first Portuguese king, Afonso Henriques.



