



UNIVERSITY OF LJUBLJANA
Faculty of Law



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

All European universities are invited to apply for the 10th jubilee 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 18th – 21st 2025,

organised in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

EARLY BIRD APPLICATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 31st, 2025¹

FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30th, 2025

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 also submit a two-page memorandum answering the evaluation question indicated in this call. 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? Send an email to ihlrefugeemoot@pf.uni-lj.si with the following information:

- names and surnames of student competitors and their contact details (email);
- name and surname of a coach/an academic supervisor;
- university affiliation;
- a two-page memorandum on the evaluation question posed (**September 30th, 2025, for all teams!**).

The **early bird application fee** is **200 EUR per team**. The **regular application fee** is **300 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.facebook.com/ihlrefugeemoot/>, or <https://www.pf.uni-lj.si/en/beyond-the-classroom/moot-court-competitions>.

¹ Teams that apply on or before August 31st 2025, 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 in early September 2025.

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

Evaluation Question (max. 1500 words, including footnotes)

The President of the Republic of Ara has approached you, as her legal advisor, for a legal opinion concerning the planned use of a new artificial intelligence (AI) powered loitering munition by the Armed Forces of Ara in ongoing military operations between Ara and Rutania.

This newly developed AI technology was designed to autonomously distinguish between combatants of Aran and Rutanian ethnicity based on biometric, linguistic, and behavioural data. The aim of this technology is to identify and automatically target Rutanian forces on the battlefield.

Following reports that this AI technology might be utilised, a significant number of ethnic Rutanians fled Rutania and sought international protection in the neighbouring state of Icaria. Icaria has raised concerns regarding the status of those Rutanians, both civilians and deserters, fleeing from conflict.

Your memorandum will serve as the basis for the President's policy decision on the usage of this AI technology. Indicate whether the usage of the proposed AI technology is consistent with existing international humanitarian and refugee law. Please raise any additional legal concerns you deem relevant.