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Dear President,

Dear Bass,

We are pleased to inform you that the FBE Legal Education Commission (hereinafter “the Commission”) is working on the following projects, activities and initiatives:

➤ **FBE Internship Programme.**

This internship program has been created to be a key project for the future of the Commission and the whole FBE, through which is intended to have 15-20 young lawyers participating in the internships annually. The Commission has designed this program to be the “Erasmus +” of the FBE.

We are the moment calling for FBE bar members to participate and the Commission is determined to begin sending interns in January 2023. Indeed, some participating bars have started to promote the programme from their institutions for the benefit of their young members (i.e. <https://web.icam.es/se-abre-la-convocatoria-del-fbe-internship-program/>)

At the moment, the first edition counts on the support of the bar associations of the following cities: Warsaw, Verona, Palermo, Bilbao, Malaga, Brussels, Cluj, Lucca, Sofia, Ireland, Portugal, Bolzano and Madrid. Thus, the interns for the first edition could choose among the aforementioned destinations to do their internship period.

On the website of the FBE, bars which could be interested in participating in the program can find the main documentation regarding the program, which is the following:

- Call For Candidates
- Candidates Application Form
- Registration for Bar Associations
- Terms and Conditions


All this information can be found on the following link: <https://www.fbe.org/fbe-internship-programme/>

In parallel, we are currently exploring the possibility of obtaining funds to support the program. Thus, the internship expenses would be covered partially by the FBE members and partially by the aforementioned funds.



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➤ **2023 FBE International Competition.**

Similar to the 2022 FBE International Contract Competition recently celebrated in Bilbao, the 2023 FBE International Competition will be a legal competition especially designed for young lawyers coming from bar associations which are FBE members.

On this occasion, the 2023 FBE International Competition is being organized together with the FBE Arbitration Commission.

The competition will be held in Lisbon in the spring of 2023 and expect to receive participants from at least 8 bar associations members of the FBE.

The subject matter of the competition at hand will be sport arbitration.

➤ **Database of the European cities which provide “Know Your Rights Sessions”.**

The Commission is currently working on elaborating a database oriented to collect information about institutions of different nature across Europe, which are currently providing sessions for young people to get to know their rights.

In addition, the Commission has recently decided to extend the scope of the aforementioned database to also cover institutions which are currently providing sessions or lectures regarding the rule of law.

This program has been designed to mitigate the palpable disregard of rights by civil society, especially perceived in new generations, aside from the worrisome deterioration of the rule of law in many countries around the globe.

In accordance with the prior, the main objective of this database is to identify what European cities nowadays lack institutions providing these types of sessions. Thus, once these cities are identified, it is intended to structure and/or directly provide the aforementioned sessions in collaboration with the other institutions.

➤ **Academic event to analyze the main issues and difficulties faced in different jurisdictions regarding legal education.**


This proposal was made by the Commission during the last FBE General Congress celebrated in Sofia. The Commission is at the moment elaborating an event proposal to be presented to the FBE presidency in the following weeks.

The idea is to celebrate this in-person event in some of the cities of the members of the Commission. The panels will try to represent as many jurisdictions as possible to be able to identify the main issues and difficulties faced by lawyers in each jurisdiction.



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➤ **New members.**

The Commission has recently welcomed members from the following bars associations to join: Brussels Bar, Rome Bar, Málaga Bar, the Law Society of England and Wales, Paris Bar, Ordem dos Advogados de Portugal, Ireland Bar and Rotterdam Bar.

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