



Team from the University of Copenhagen wins 2024 Trans-European Moot Court competition

Faculty-of-law students from Club “Lannung” from Copenhagen have been declared the winners of the 2024 Trans-European Moot Court competition for human rights law students after beating their rivals from Club “Henrik Steska” from Ljubljana.

This was the 11th Trans-European Moot Court competition, which brings together the winners of the Regional Moot Court Competition for Southeast Europe¹ and the winners of the Nordic Moot Court competition² to face off in a trans-European final. The competition is organised annually by the Human Rights organisation [Civil Rights Defenders](#). The proceedings in the final are conducted in English.

After months of hard work and preparation, the two regional winners met in Strasbourg on 22 November 2024 before judges of the European Court of Human Rights to present a mock case in a real court setting.

This year’s case was dedicated to the imaginary country of Freelandia, which has seen a surge of criminal activity, in particular shootings and drug trafficking, and a sharp increase in the number of young offenders apparently being recruited by organised criminals to carry out criminal activities on their behalf. The authorities have responded to a public outcry and have enacted new legislation making it possible for landlords to terminate rental lease agreements if the tenant, or the tenant’s children, have been involved in disturbances in their neighbourhood, even if they have not been criminally convicted, and allowing social services to impose curfews on minors and make certain children wear an electronic ankle tag in order to monitor their whereabouts.

After competing in two rounds, during which each team had a chance to perform as both an applicant and a respondent State, the judges announced this year’s winner to be Club “Lannung” from Copenhagen.

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¹ [Regional Moot Court Competition for Southeast Europe](#): involves law students from the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, and Slovenia).

² [Nordic Moot Court competition](#): involves law students from Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland and Iceland.

The European Court of Human Rights was set up in Strasbourg by the Council of Europe member States in 1959 to deal with alleged violations of the 1950 European Convention on Human Rights.