

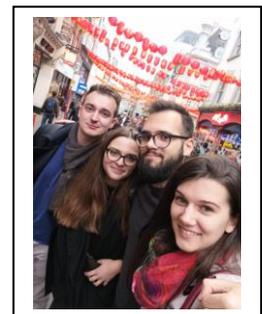


## 2019 CEEMC – Report of Winning Team (University of Zagreb)



Hello! We are the 2019 CEEMC winning moot team from the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb. As our prize for winning the CEEMC, we won a trip to London and Cambridge. The trip took place from the 10th to 17th of October. The moot itself was a fantastic experience – competing against teams from all across the CEE region and in front of judges and Advocates General from the Court of Justice of the EU was amazing, and winning the competition made all of our hard work seem even-more worthwhile.

We spent the first 3 days in London where we visited its famous sights, museums, galleries, but also enjoyed the social and cultural part of this lovely city by visiting its interesting neighbourhoods and pubs. Eager to see as much as we could of London, we knew our tourist instincts had to be tamed. We ended up seeing quite a lot. We visited Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, strolled through Camden Market, enjoyed drinks in Soho, enjoyed nice food in China Town, visited amazing exhibitions at Tate Modern Museum and the history-filled British Museum.



We also got the chance to visit the Supreme Court where we had a nice chat over tea with one of the court's 12 Justices (or "Law Lords"). Lord Sales told us how it really is pleading before the Court of Justice of the EU and compared it to pleadings before the British courts. Tea was followed by a tour of the Court, organised by Mr Daniel Waller who told us all about the court's history, adding some fun facts



into his storytelling. One evening, during our London visit, we found Trafalgar Square covered with tents of the Extinction Rebellion protesters where we had quite a sight to see - a skilled young lady playing a piano in the middle of the streets and a crowd around her singing "Imagine". A beautiful sight showing unity and solidarity coming together over a noble goal.

After London, we travelled by train to Cambridge University and were hosted by Gonville and Caius College in the centre of Cambridge. During our stay there, we got the opportunity to attend various lectures, both BA and LLM level, at the Faculty of Law of the University of Cambridge. We also had the pleasure to have lunch with Dr Jennifer Davies, who explained to us how the University is organised and briefed us about her work and Wolfson College. The day after we had morning tea with Dr Rumiana Yotova, a former CEEMC mooter and coach, with whom we shared moot court experiences. She gave us useful advice on LLM applications.

Cambridge is a charming little town and with all the students and professors walking around in robes during the matriculation week, it felt a bit like we walked into a Harry Potter movie. The surprise of the stay was a punting tour. We got the luck of having nice weather during our punting and our guide was full of interesting and funny stories of Cambridge, the river Cam, the colleges, courtyards etc. On the last evening of our stay in Cambridge we attended the Kings College Evensong and got a peak of the Kings College courtyards. All in all, a beautiful trip which made new memories for us as a "moot family".



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the British Law Centre, the University of Cambridge, Gonville and Caius College, Lord Sales, Mr Daniel Waller, Dr Jennifer Davies, Dr Rumiana Yotova, and Dr Steve Terrett for organising this visit for us. We will surely remember the CEEMC and this trip as one of the best experiences during our studies!

We would highly recommend that you form a team and take part in the CEEMC. We were especially fortunate to have won the competition and gone on this trip, but every team that participates will benefit from the experience of mooting in front of an incredible judicial panel, from competing against some remarkably talented law students from various countries and from making long-lasting friendships. Give it a try!