

– CEEMC 2024 (Prague) –

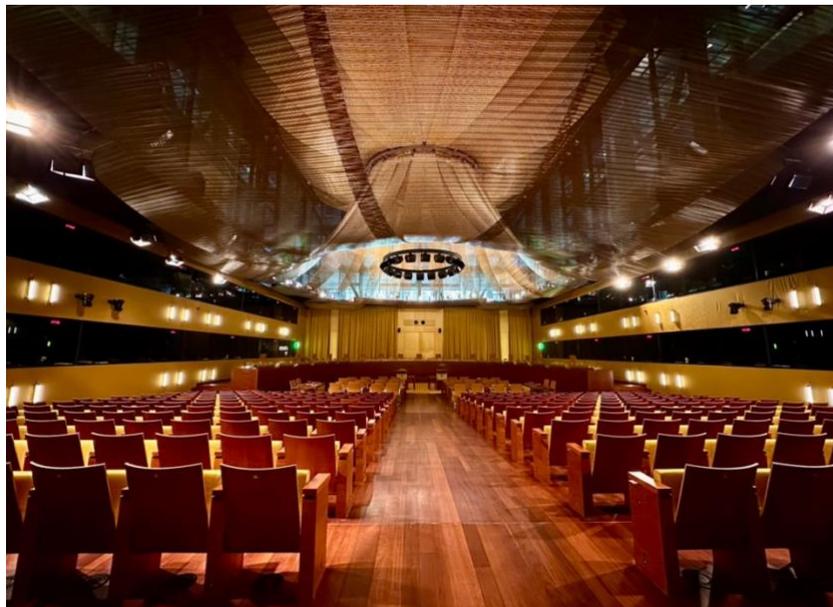
– Best Speaker Report (Mariam Jikia, Free University of Tbilisi) –

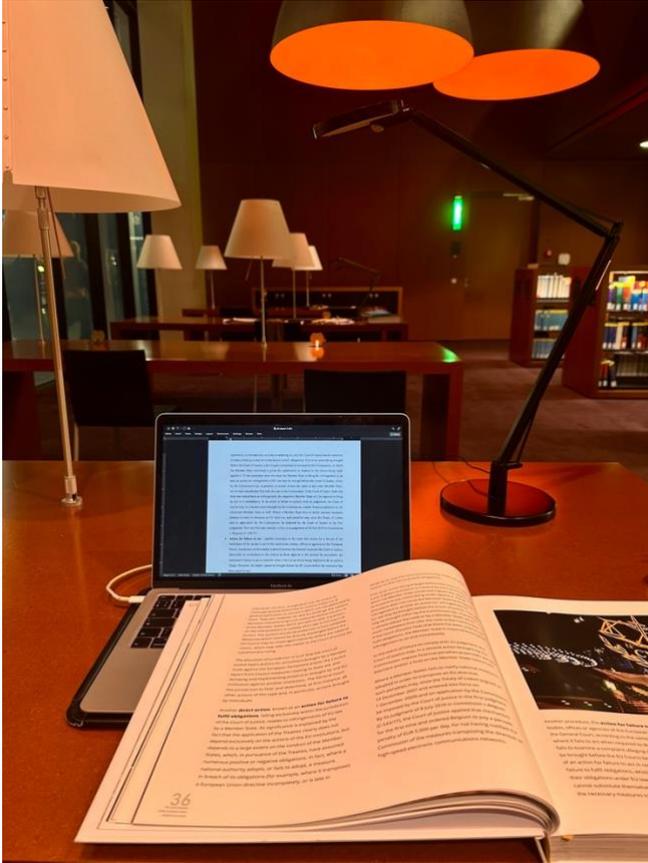
Even after finishing all my pleadings, before the announcements, I did not allow myself to think that I might win the Lord Slynn of Hadley Best Speaker Prize. I was focused purely on the experience – and on honoring the effort and support of my coach and teammate, without whom none of this would have been possible.

Winning the Lord Slynn of Hadley Best Speaker Prize opened the door for me to an unforgettable week at the Court of Justice of the European Union. It felt like one of those moments when a cartoon character opens a book – a law book, in this case – and suddenly the world within it comes to life, and she finds herself walking into that reality.

During the week, I had the absolute honor and privilege of being welcomed and guided by Judge Passer and his team, who gave me a tour of the building and explained the structure of the Court of Justice of the European Union. It was a priceless opportunity to hear answers directly from the judge himself and his brilliant team, enriched by their experience and knowledge.

I also had the chance to attend multiple hearings before the Court of Justice, where I witnessed the real action – the pleadings, the questions, the intricate process, the arguments being made, and the positions being challenged. Seeing and hearing it all first-hand is something that will remain one of my most treasured memories. To my great fortune, the cases heard that week covered a variety of matters, which made the experience even more rewarding.





Whenever I was not in hearings or discussions, I could be found in the immersive library, which holds an impressive collection of books that drew me in every single day of my visit. Being able to read and research there was truly an invaluable opportunity.

The week of my visit to the Court will always stay with me as an unbelievably enriching experience – a time of meeting new people, making connections, seeing law come to life, and learning lessons that will undoubtedly benefit my legal career. None of this would have been possible without the support of the Court of Justice of the European Union, Judge Passer and his team, and, of course, the organizers of the CEEMC – to all of whom I am sincerely grateful!