

# Economic, Legal, and Social Innovation in V4 Countries

Essay and Multimedia Competition for University Students in the V4 Countries

**Do you have an idea for an innovative and viable project addressing a societal, legal, economical, or environmental issue?**

Share it with us and be chosen to present your project to leading legal professionals for potential implementation at the **2020 PILnet Global Forum in Dublin (19-21 October)**.

PILnet, alongside with our Partners invites students of various disciplines such as Law, Political Science, Business and Economics, Communications, Social Sciences, and IT studies to submit an essay or media presentation that conveys a well-grounded solution to address a pressing societal, legal, economical, or environmental issue in V4 countries /Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia/ and the business case for a proposed idea.

Your idea must fall into at least of the one of the following categories:

**1. Strengthening the impact of civil society organizations and/or social entrepreneurs in helping vulnerable individuals or communities** either locally, regionally, nationally, or across the borders in the V4 countries.

**2. Building a bridge between the business sector and civil society sector** by innovative means for higher social impact to address societal, organizational, or individual needs locally, regionally, nationally, or in multiple V4 countries.

Under category A and B, projects may or may not utilize information technology to address the selected problem.

**3. Utilizing Information Technology** by creating new applications or transforming/extending already existing applications, platforms, or other IT tools for enabling higher quality solutions to address societal, organizational, or individual needs locally, regionally, nationally, or in multiple V4 countries.

**SUBMISSION FORMAT:** Submissions can be in the form of an essay, a video presentation, or video animation. Suggested structure of submission as follows:

- 1. Description of problem supported by research analysis**
- 2. Recommended solution, exhibiting clear line of thought and convincing arguments**
- 3. Viability of the proposed idea, such as workability, sustainability, financial, or other investment needs**

Entries must be no longer than 1500 words for essays or no more than 4 minutes for videos and animations. Submissions should be sent to [competition@pilnet.org](mailto:competition@pilnet.org), with subject line "V4 Essay/Multimedia Competition," no later than 20 May 2020.

## PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

The individual or team with the winning project will be invited to share their ideas at the 2020 PILnet Global Forum, 19-21 October in Dublin, Ireland, where legal professionals, corporate leaders, leading academics, public interest law champions, and activists from around the world convene as a global network, to reclaim law as a force for good and find ways to collaborate in making law work for all. The winning individual or team will be provided funds to travel and participate in the Forum including flight, meals, and accommodation.\*

Furthermore, PILnet may assist winner(s) to partner with law firms and/or corporations to realize the project in the given country/countries.



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## Deadline for Submissions:

**31 May 2020**

## ELIGIBILITY:

Participants must have valid student status at any university in the V4 countries. Submissions can be made by either an individual or a team with a maximum of two students. Students may only make one submission (either as an individual or as a team).



## COMMITTEE:

Submissions will be reviewed by a selection committee comprised of leading legal professionals.

This committee will choose the winning project based on the project's feasibility, creative approach, and the size of the expected impact of the envisioned activity.

For further questions and re-posting inquiries please also contact: [zsszekely@pilnet.org](mailto:zsszekely@pilnet.org)

\*Note that realization of PILnet's Annual Forum is dependent on the pandemic / possible travel bans in effect. Currently, PILnet is inclined to organize the event, we might need to make necessary adjustments with time, such as going online or otherwise realize the expected outcomes. In case such an incident arises, winners will be offered an alternative award, that shall represent a similar professional value.

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