

International Law in Domestic Courts (ILDC)

COST Action IS0602

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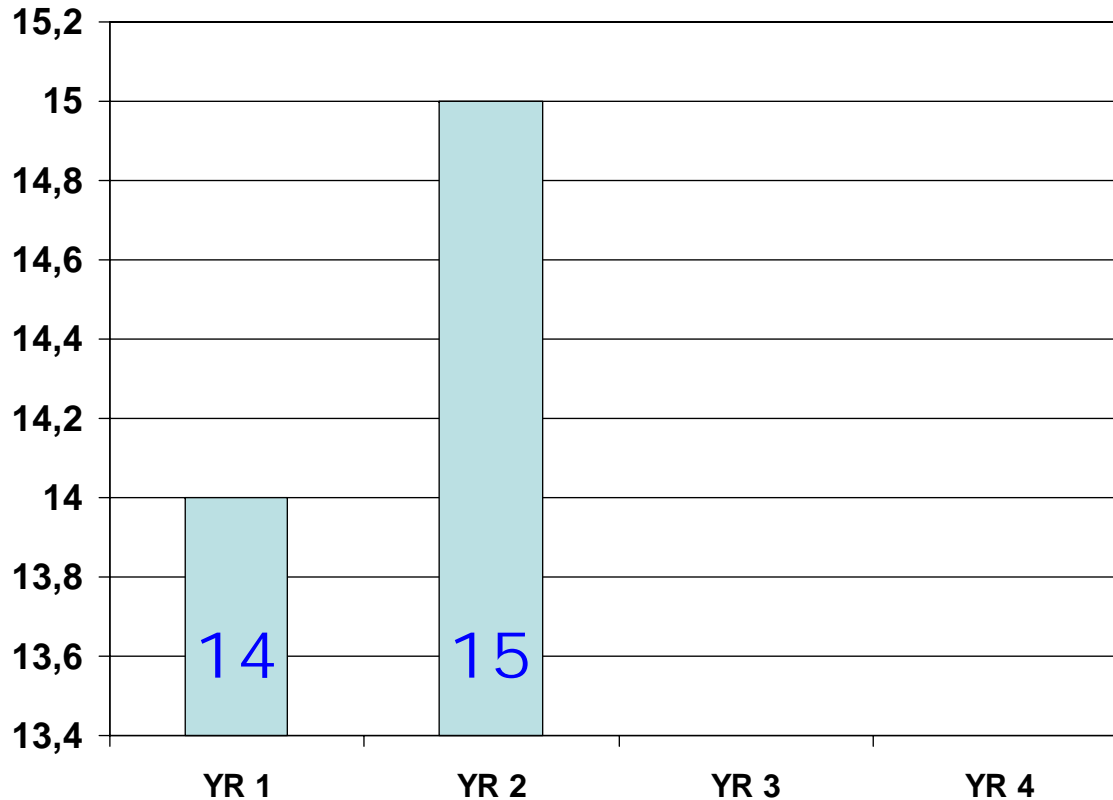
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Action Parties



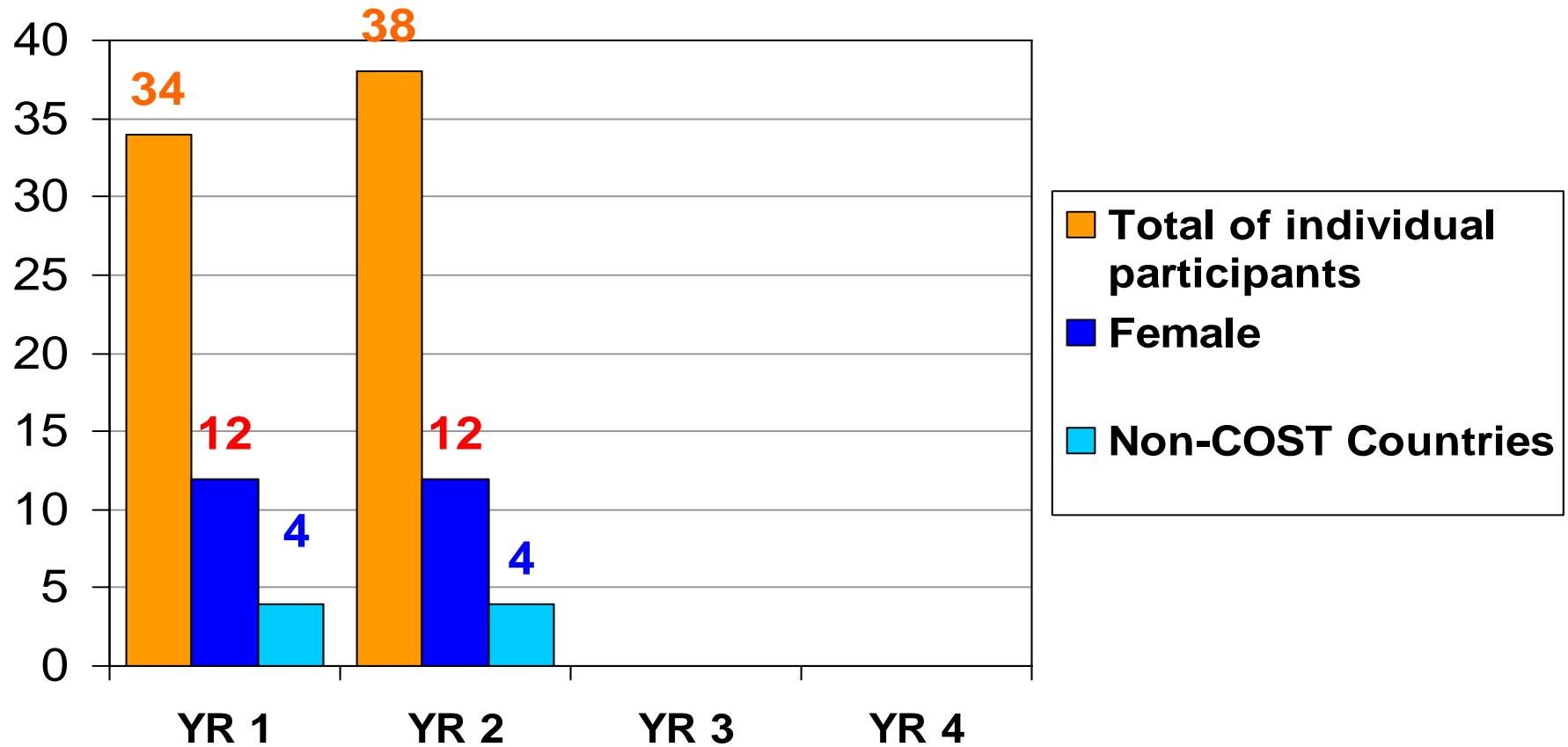
Parties: 15

AT/BE/CH/CY/DE/
DK/FI/HR/IC/IE/IL/
IT/NL/NO/UK

2 parties to be
confirmed

Non-cost parties: 4

Action participants



Use of COST instruments

	YR 1	YR 2	YR 3	YR 4
No. of MC / WG meetings	4	6		
No. of STSMs	0	2		
No. of workshops / conferences	1	2		
No. of joint publications	1	2 (to be finalized)		
No. of training schools	1	1		
GASG (activities)		Website, conferences, Management support	Website, conferences, Management support	

Scientific context and objectives (1/2)

- **Background / Problem statement:**

ILDC seeks to enhance understanding of the practice of domestic in the application of international law and its contribution to the effectiveness of international law, as well as the risks it brings in terms of fragmentation of international law

- **Brief reminder of MoU objectives:**

- 1) Make available judgments of domestic courts on matters of international law, translate these judgments to English and explain the domestic legal frameworks that produced them.
- 2) Feature in-depth commentaries written by a network of legal experts.
- 3) Explore fundamental legal questions raised by the interaction between national and international law.
- 4) Disseminate information to a wider audience, including judges, lawyers and policy makers.

Scientific context and objectives (2/2)

Research directions:

- Creation of reporter network, including criteria for selection of reporters and procedures for assessing their work
- Publication of data
- Formulation of research hypothesis – fundamental research in the areas of the working groups, based on call for papers and/or selected contributors

Working groups

1. **Working group – Editorial Board ILDC**
2. **Working group – the International Rule of Law**
3. **Working group – Hierarchy in International Law**
4. **(Working group – Refugee law)**

Results vs. Objectives

- The volume and quality of the cases reported has significantly improved
- Procedures for selecting reporters and reviewing cases, as well as work-flow system have been improved
- Training schools
- Certain substantive research projects selected and in movement: rule of law in international law; review of acts of international institutions; hierarchy
- 3 major conferences convened.
- Submission Dialogues project FP7; link to Domac and Hill

Challenges

- Ensuring participation of members in MC that have affinity with the project (whereas election of members is beyond the control of the chair)
- Extension of membership
- Moving from data gathering to completion of substantive work of working groups
- Publication of data in conformity with open-access requirement
- Administrative burdens
- Geographic isolation