



Annual Conference of the
European Forum of the Legal Professions

Improving Justice through Innovation

From Challenges and Needs to Best Practices

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ABOUT THE STAKEHOLDERS:

The **European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ)** unites the national institutions in the Member States of the European Union which are independent of the executive and legislature, and which are responsible for the support of the Judiciaries in the independent delivery of justice.

The **Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)**, founded in 1960, is an international non-profit association which has been, since its creation, at the forefront of advancing the views of European lawyers and defending the legal principles upon which democracy and the rule of law are based.

The **European Association of Judges (EAJ)** is one of the four regional groups of the International Association of Judges. The IAJ was founded in Salzburg (Austria) in 1953. It is a professional, non-political, international organisation, bringing together national associations of judges, not individual judges, approved by the Central Council for admission to the Association.

The **Association of European Administrative Judges (AEA)** is an organisation founded in the year 2000. Its membership comprises national associations, representing administrative judges from Member States of the European Union and the Council of Europe and individual members, being administrative judges from those countries in which such associations do not exist.

ACA-Europe is a European association composed of the Court of Justice of the European Union as well as the Councils of State and the supreme administrative jurisdictions of each of the members of the European Union.

The **Network of the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the Member States** was formed in 2004. It provides a forum through which European institutions are given an opportunity to request the opinions of Supreme Courts and to bring them closer by encouraging discussion and the exchange of ideas.

The **European Union of Judicial Officers (UEHJ)** is an international association created in 2016 in close coordination with the International Union of Judicial Officers. UEHJ aims to represent, promote and ensure the interests of the judicial officers within the (candidate) member states of the European Union. The association includes 22 member and 2 observer member countries.

The **European Union of Rechtspfleger (EUR)** is an association of 14 professional organisations from 13 states of the European Union. The objective is to improve the effectiveness and proximity of justice and to harmonise legal systems. For this purpose, the EUR has developed a model of a European profession, which is based on the professions of Rechtspfleger that were originally created in Germany and Austria.

CONTENT

There is a constant need for innovation and modernisation in the justice sector as a whole; however, legal professions and national judiciaries seem to find their own ways to achieve better, faster, and more cost-efficient results individually.

This conference aims to gather the best practices of innovation introduced by the various legal professions in order to provide better access to justice for everyone, the delivery of justice of high quality in a reasonable time and efficient manner, and the better use of limited resources across the European Union. Aside from the technical innovation, such as digitalising procedures, videoconferencing, and AI, there are many organisational and legal innovations suited to achieving this goal.

The conference aims to chart the current experience with innovation and deliberate on the future needs and limitations that require attention.



EUROPEAN FORUM OF THE
LEGAL PROFESSIONS

ABOUT THE FORUM

The EU Forum of the Legal Professions is an initiative that aims to launch a structured dialogue among the representations of legal professions in Europe, where common challenges and concerns can be addressed and analysed, and a joint position can be formulated.

This is an inter-professional platform of exchange, a collaborative and evolving project between the legal professions, where the Academy of European Law plays the role of a facilitator. We aim to organise an event every year, where the latest trends and most relevant issues of common interest can be discussed by the members of the Forum.



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Friday, 8 November 2024

09:45 Opening

10:00 **Keynote speech: What will justice look like in 10 years and how could the legal professions innovate together?**

Francesco Depasquale, President of CEPEJ

I. STATE OF PLAY, CHALLENGES AND BEST PRACTICES

Moderated by

Jean-Philippe Rageade, Director of the Academy of European Law

10:30 **Organisational, legal and technical innovations from the perspective of Bars and Law Societies**

Christian Lemke, Chair of the CCBE Committee on the "Future of the Legal Profession and Legal Services"

11:15 Discussion

11:30 Coffee Break

12:00 **Organisational, legal and technical innovations in the judiciary**

Justice Brian O'Moore, Irish Council for the Judiciary

12:30 Discussion

12:45 **Organisational, legal and technical innovations in judicial enforcement**

Marc Schmitz, UEHJ President

13:15 Discussion

13:30 Lunch Break

II. EXPECTATIONS

14:30 **Roundtable discussion: what kind of innovations do people expect from the legal professions**

Moderated by

Simone Cuomo, CCBE secretary-general

Pauline McBride, Member of the CCBE Committee on the Future of the Legal Profession and Legal Services

Justice Brian O'Moore, Irish Council for the Judiciary

Sylvain Merenne, AEAJ President

Sabine Matejka, EAJ Vice-president

15:15 Q&A

15:30 Short break

15:45 **Roundtable discussion: what are the pressing needs of the legal professions, and what are the dangers and limits of the innovations?**

Moderated by

Patrick Gielen, UIHJ secretary-general

Alex Tallon, CCBE Vice-President

Edouard Rottier, Judge-referee and Head of the Open Data Unit of the French Cour de cassation

Wolfgang Lämmer, E.U.R. President

Lina Evaggeliou, Maître des requêtes at the Greek Council of State

16:30 Q&A

III. CLOSING REMARKS



16:45 Closing remarks

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Who should attend	Judges, prosecutors, court staff, private lawyers, EU officials, civil servants
Fee	Participation onsite (limited number of places): 125 EUR (incl. Catering) Participation online: 0 EUR
Language	English
Venue	L42 Business Center, Rue de la Loi 42, 1040 Brussels
Event Number	024D66
Hybrid format	Online participants can take the floor or address written questions to the panel through a live chat in Zoom. The link will be provided after registration.
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