

FEDERATION DES BARREAUX D'EUROPE EUROPEAN BARS FEDERATION VERBAND EUROPÄISCHER RECHTSANWALTSKAMMERN FEDERACION DE LOS COLEGIOS DE ABOGADOS DE EUROPA FEDERAZIONE DEGLI ORDINI FORENSI D'EUROPA

Ethics Commission London, 9th November 2017



MEMBERS PRESENT:

- <u>President of the Commission</u>: Michael Auer (Wien)
- <u>Vice-President of the Commission</u>: Rod Mole (Devon&Somerset)
- <u>Secretary of the Commission</u>: Nazario Oleaga (Bilbao-Biscay)
- Nicolettá Capone (Padova)
- Kinga Konopka (Krakow)
- Józef Fox (Katowice)
- Michael Cosgrave (Devon&Somerset)
- Maria Begoña Angulo (Bilbao-Biscay)

1.- Actualization and increasing of the members of the Commission.

In the meeting was actualized the list of members of our Commission.

<u>FBE contact in each country</u>: The Secretary will invite other Bar Associations members of the FBE to participate in the meetings and activities of our Commission. And the Secretary will also invite other Bar Associations to become members of the FBE and to participate in the meetings and activities of our Commission in order to have one or two Bars members in each country, so that they are notifying us both legislative developments that may arise in each country in terms of Ethics, to try to establish, as far as possible, common guidelines.

2.- Discussion on the future work of the Commission.

- Independence of Lawyers (situation in every UE Country)
 - Professional secrecy/confidentiality (situation in every country)
- Professional self-administration and professional selfregulation (PANA Committee of the European Parliament, Committee of Inquiry into Money Laundering, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion recommends a separate and independent national regulator/supervisor to control self-regulated professions...)

3.- Attendance to the Congresses. Agenda.

According to FBE Agenda we could meet in Barcelona, 22-24 February 2018 for "Festivitat de Sant Raimon de Penyafort". Many members of this Commission will attend Barcelona's Festivitat de Sant Raimon de Penyafort, and it will be a good occasion to meet and discuss on the work of the Commission.

Therefore, every member of the Commission is asked to report about the regulation and situation of Independence of Lawyers and Professional Secrecy-Confidentiality in his/her country) before the end of January 2018. In Barcelona we will also discuss and work on the final decisions of PANA Committee affecting our profession.

After Barcelona, we will meet in Bologna, 17-19 May, with occasion of the General Congress of the FBE.

