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## ACTIVITY REPORT

### VIRTUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF F.B.E., March 19, 2021

The Commission of the Eastern Bars is currently involved in the following activities:

1. Continues to support the online platform project aimed to help foreign nationals in a Member State to identify lawyers in that State who speak their mother tongue or a common language and who are willing to provide their services. The pandemic has accentuated the use of technology in the promotion and practice of the legal profession, and due to the migration of workforce from Eastern European to Western Europe, many disputes are cross-border and Eastern European lawyers are assaulted with requests for lawyers from countries where the workforce is currently. An electronic platform that allows the identification of a lawyer according to criteria such as experience, specialization and languages spoken would currently help both citizens of Eastern European countries and lawyers involved in cross-border disputes. We recall that the company to which the Commission appealed for the implementation of the project maintains its offer of EUR 2,000, the amount to be subsequently recovered from the fees paid by the lawyers who will join the platform.

The pandemic proved that the existence of this platform would have facilitated the cross-border communication and the mutual support between lawyers from different European Member States, as well as between lawyers and their clients subject to restrictions in countries other than their home country.

In support of the creation of the platform, the Commission has requested a second offer of services which we attach to this report to be analysed alongside the first offer already submitted.

2. Analyzes solutions to combat the phenomenon of unfair competition towards the lawyers of the eastern bars made by non-lawyers.

3. Studies the effects that BREXIT can generate among the lawyers and the profession of lawyer of the eastern bars.

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