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Report on the activity of the Commission

(for the period between 23 June 2022 to 15 November 2022)

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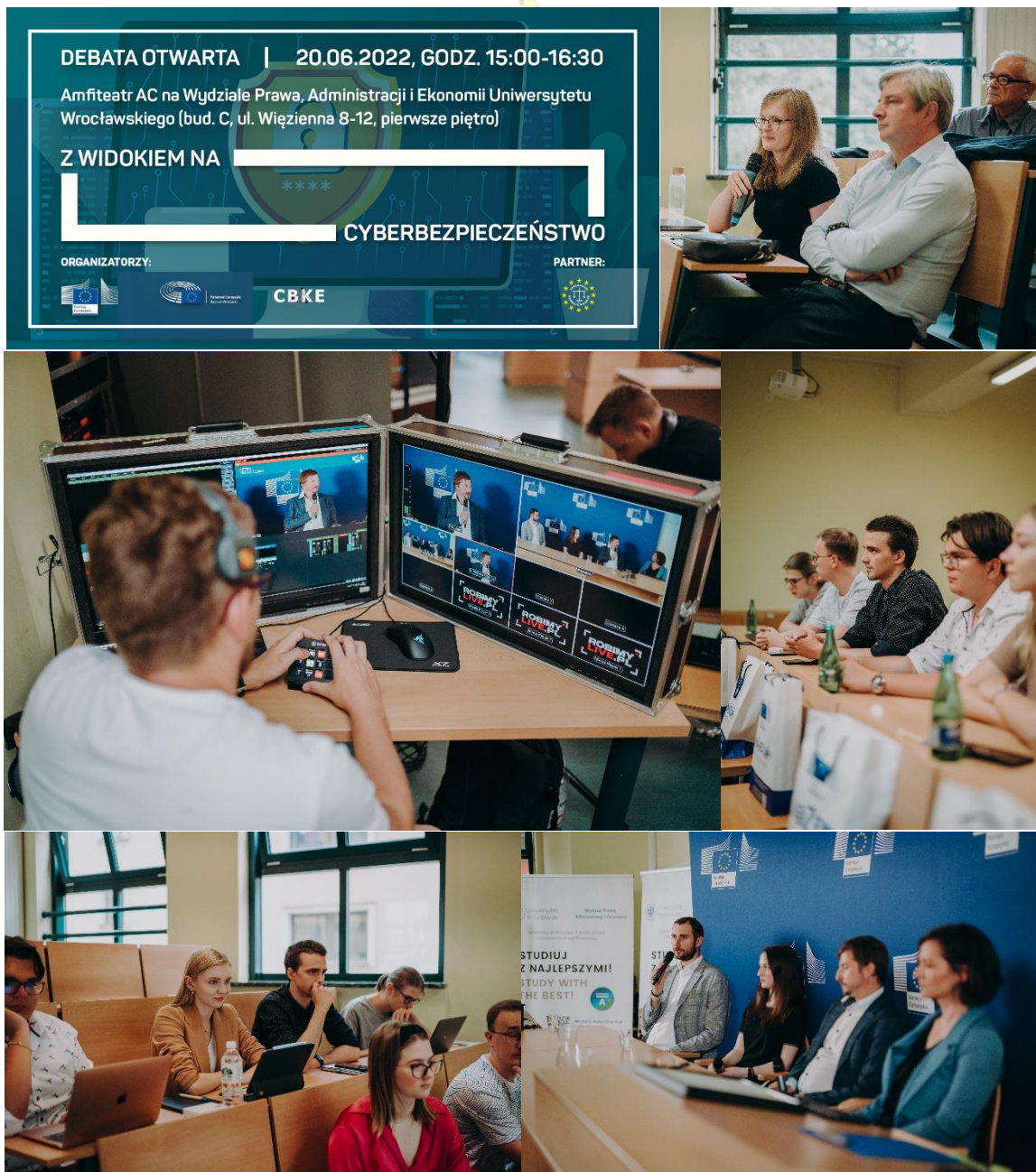
1. Hybrid meeting of the Commission in Sofia

During the Joint CCBE-FBE Congress in Sofia, on 23 June 2022 the NT Commission organized a meeting in a hybrid form, enabling all members of the Commission to participate in it. The meeting was devoted to the summary of the last activities of the Commission, i.e.:

- co-organization of two onsite events (together with the European Commission):
 - workshop on Digital Single Market [8/03/2022] - the workshop was co-organized by the Representative Office of the European Commission in Poland, the FBE and the University of Wrocław. It was focused on presenting the planned regulations on the EU digital market and its consequences for EU businesses. It discussed the assumptions and goals that the EC intends to achieve in the field of Digital Single Market and proposals of new laws such as: Digital Service Act, Digital Markets Act, Artificial Intelligence Act, as well as outline the directions of legislative works in the cybersecurity area. The full report on the workshop was published in "Przegląd Radcowski 34/2022".



- expert debate and workshop on cybersecurity [20/06/2022] - during the event, experts in the field of cybersecurity discussed the risks connected with cybersecurity and showed security measures that all of us should take as a part of our daily cyber hygiene. The main goal was to equip the participants with the knowledge and skills needed in order to maintain security while using the Internet. The goal of cyber hygiene is to keep our data secured (including data processed in law firms) and protect it from theft or attacks. The event was streaming online on the EC's YouTube channel.



- participation in CCBE/ELF AI4Lawyers project's meeting [31/03/2022] - during the event wide range of European experts in the field of artificial intelligence presented their thoughts on the digitalization of justice in Europe, challenges and opportunities of the digital transformation of law firms as well as the issue of AI-delivered justice. Particular attention was paid to the new EU proposal for Artificial Intelligence Act. The event was also focused on presentation of the Guide on the use of AI-based tools by lawyers and law firms in the EU (the initiative of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) and the European Lawyers Foundation (ELF) as part of the AI4Lawyers project.



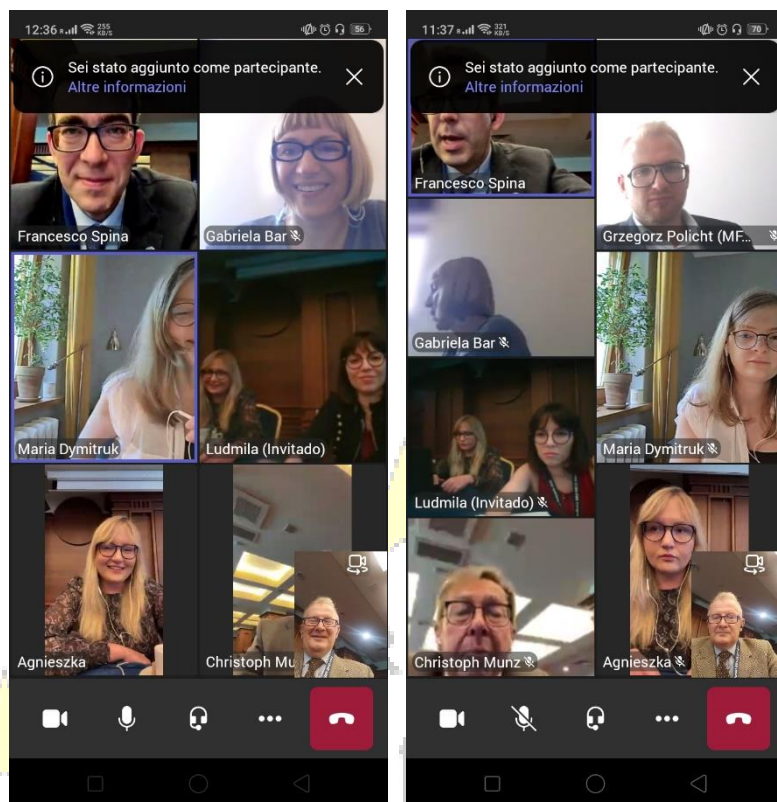
- organisation of the second edition of the International LegalTech Competition (*see point 2 below*),
- as well as future initiatives, i.e. activities planned in the CREA II and SCAN II projects (funded by the European Commission as part of JUSTICE Programme) and perhaps (if successful) DEUCE, DIKE and SPLIT projects (*see point 6 below*).

On 24 June 2022 r. the FBE General Assembly elected the board of the NT Commission for the 2022-2024 term:

- President, Maria Dymitruk (Poland),
- Vice-President, Francesco Tregnaghi (Italy),
- Secretary, Ludmila Glembotzky (Spain).

Photos from the Commission meeting:





2. Second edition of the International LegalTech Competition

At the Sofia Congress the second edition of the International LegalTech Competition “E-Access to Justice” took place. Its purpose was to promote the activities of the FBE and to encourage innovative thinking among lawyers through engaging them into implementation of modern technologies into the justice system to introduce innovative ways of functioning of the judicial and extrajudicial dispute resolution processes. Participants presented not only theoretical possibilities of the use of modern technology in justice but also practical – even technical – implementation opportunities in this field.

The participants had to be an individual or a team up to three persons. The individual or at least one person in the team had to be a lawyer representing a Bar Association associated in the FBE. There was no age limitation. The contest had two stages. During the first stage (online) participants had to submit a presentation/video. 14 participants took part in this stage of the Competition. The best three presentations got into finals:

1. Beatriz Juarrero Olaizola, «E-Justice and Blockchain in the Legal System» (Ilustre Colegio de la Abogacía de Bizkaia, Spain).
2. Daniel Woźniak, Rafał Wrzecionek, Mateusz Styburski, «StickLex – Digital platform that solves complex law problems» (Supreme Advocacy Council, Poland).
3. Yizhaq Kricheli, Maor Benzvi, Nikolay Marinov, «Making legal services transparent and accessible to all layers of society» (Barreau de Bruxelles, Belgium).



The second (hybrid) stage of the Competition took place on the 22nd of June 2022 at the Attorney's Training Centre in Sofia. The presentations were heard and assessed by the jury of international experts in the field of LegalTech: Bas Martens (FBE Presidency), Izabela Konopacka (FBE Presidency and Former President of the FBE NT Commission), Simone Cuomo (CCBE Secretary General), Martin Sacleux (CCBE IT Law Committee), and Agnieszka Poteralska (FBE NT Commission).

The winners of the International LegalTech Competition "E-Access to Justice" were: Yizhaq Kricheli, Maor Benzvi and Nikolay Marinov from Welexit representing the Barreau de Bruxelles [ordre français], Belgium, who spoke about "Making legal services transparent and accessible to all layers of society". They presented a self-created application that helps in finding a lawyer who specializes in the relevant branch of law and practices in the near vicinity. The second place was taken by Daniel Woźniak, Rafał Wrzecionek and Mateusz Styburski from StickLex, representing Supreme Advocacy Council, Poland. They presented their digital platform that supports solving complex legal problems. The application helps clients in specialized cases on the border of law and narrow specialization in other areas, by connecting the clients with specialists from multiple industries/niches in online meetings to enable them to find the most effective solution for a given problem. The third place went to Beatriz Juarrero Olaizola representing Bilbao Bar Association (Spain), who presented the topic "E-Justice and Blockchain in the Legal System". She explained what is the main role of the decentralized network and how it is possible to adapt this innovative technology in the area of law.

Photos from the second stage of the Competition:



3. Online meeting of the Commission on 22/09/2022

On 22 September 2022 an online meeting of the NT Commission was organized. Two new members joined the Commission: Małgorzata Węgrzak representing Gdańsk Bar Association of Attorneys-at-Law (Poland) and Christian Klostermann representing Sachsen Bar Association (Germany). The meeting was mostly devoted to the summary of the last edition of the International LegalTech Competition and planning of its next edition. The members decided to announce the third edition during the FBE Meeting in Palermo (17-19th October 2022). As a novelty, this edition may be organised under the patronage of the European Commission. To this end, the President will submit a formal request to the European Commission. The final of the Competition will take place in the spring of 2023 at Wrocław Bar Association of Attorneys-at-law (as an onsite event).



4. Participation in the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity “Business. Algorithm. Law”

The International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity “Business. Algorithm. Law” was organised by the Gdańsk Bar Association of Attorneys-at-law, with the patronage of the FBE, and took place on 13th - 14th of October 2022 in Gdańsk (Poland). It was devoted to legal and business aspects related to artificial intelligence and cybersecurity. Among speakers from all around the globe (China, Estonia, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain, USA, etc.) there were three members of the FBE New Technologies Commission: Małgorzata Węgrzak, Francesco

Spina and Gabriela Bar. Małgorzata Węgrzak moderated the expert panel “INTELLIGENT INNOVATIONS (BLOCKCHAIN, AI, IOT)”. Francesco Spina presented the topic “Questions on AI, digital medicine and criminal law “ in s panel devoted to AI and Cybersecurity in Digital Services. Gabriela Bar led the panel entitled “LEGALTECH”. Several members of the Commission took part in the conference as an audience. The organizers have agreed to offer them a discounted conference fee. Link to the Conference site: <https://www.bal-conference.com/>

Photos from the conference:

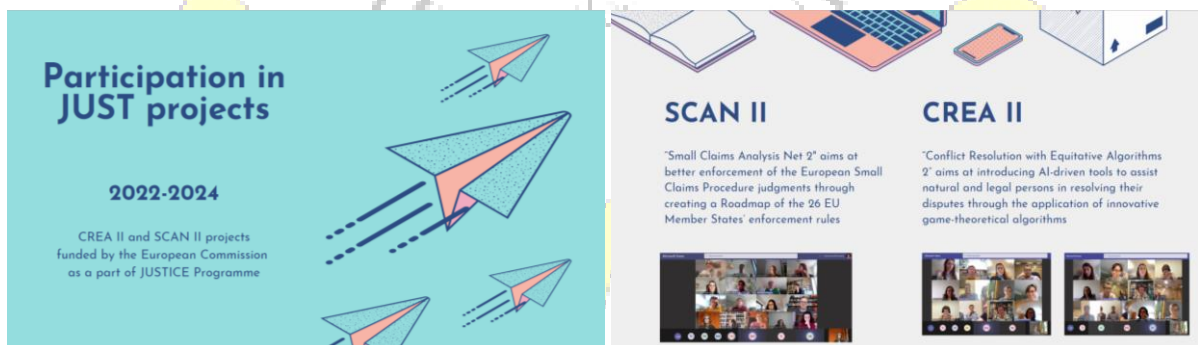


5. Contribution to the publication “Information Society in a Digital Era - Law, Economy, Culture and Technology”

Małgorzata Węgrzak invited the members of the Commission to contribute to the publication entitled “Information Society in a Digital Era - Law, Economy, Culture and Technology”. The monography aims at promoting an international cooperation on the transnational issues of information society, broad understanding of digital law in a different aspects such as Intellectual Property, Artificial Intelligence, culture, economy and technology. It is an attempt to boost a broad discussion within international community of experts and raising the level of awareness of legislators involved in the process of creating the law. The book meets a demand for information coming from various groups of the society, citizens, organizations, professional specialists. Members of the Commission were encouraged to propose chapters to the monograph (up to 15 000 words in English). The deadline for papers is 30 November 2022.

6. Participation in scientific projects

The FBE New Technologies Commission participates in two international scientific projects funded by the European Commission as a part of Justice Program (JUST): CREA II on AI, and SCAN II on a digitalization on European Small Claims Procedure. In both projects, Maria Dymitruk took part in the kick-off meetings. FBE will be responsible for organizing special events devoted to the project activities and the dissemination of the result of scientific work.



- **CREA II**

CREA II is a scientific project in the field of AI and access to justice. The full title of the project is “Conflict Resolution with Equitative Algorithms 2”. It aims at introducing AI-driven tools to assist natural and legal persons in resolving their disputes through the application of innovative game-theoretical algorithms. It helps users to locate information of interest and

follow them step-by-step through dispute resolution procedures. FBE is a partner responsible for the dissemination activities.

Work packages in the CREA II project:



- **SCAN II**

SCAN II is a scientific project aiming at better enforcement of the European Small Claims Procedure judgments through creating a Roadmap of the 26 EU Member States' enforcement rules on the hand, and simplification and digitalization of the enforcement procedures on the other. The full title of the project is "Small Claims Analysis Net II".

In this project FBE will be responsible for the circulation of the Roadmap of the relevant enforcement procedural rules. FBE also participates in collecting national data on the enforcement rules. On behalf of the FBE, Maria Dymitruk has prepared the National Report on national enforcement rules of the ESCP judgements in Polish law. The collected data by the SCAN II Consortium is used to conduct the Comparative and Analytical Study to identify the best practices in ESCP judgments enforcement procedures on the one end and create the Roadmap for EU Enforcement Rules on ESCP Judgments on the other.

Work packages in the CREA II project:



- **DEUCE, DIKE and SPLIT projects**

It is also possible that the FBE will participate in three more scientific projects funded by the European Commission as a part of Justice Programme. The project proposals are in the process of evaluation.



- **DEUCE (Defining European Uncontested Claims Enforcement)** - DEUCE project aims at better enforcement of judicial decisions (judgments, authentic instruments, and court settlements) issued in the context of cross-border pecuniary claims in the on European Order for Payment Procedure and European Enforcement Order for uncontested claims. In case of positive results of the assessment of the draft proposal, the consortium (including FBE) will focus on refining and strengthening the existing EU laws.
- **DIKE (Digital Ius Knowledge Empowerment)** - if successful, the DIKE project will focus on utilizing digitalization of courts' decisions in order to pursue predictive justice, in civil and commercial disputes, both in the European as well as in national contexts. The aim will be to develop a method that will attain harmonization through artificial intelligence (namely predictive algorithms). Through DIKE predictive algorithms access to justice will improve with many other positive effects, such as relieving the burden of the judiciary system.
- **SPLIT (Strengthening Practice and Learning through Interactive Training)** - if successful, the SPLIT project will cover three areas: the application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in the digital era; the judicial cooperation in civil matters and the EU substantive procedural criminal law. FBE will be expected to disseminate the project activities and outputs through its own channels.

Maria Dymitruk

President of the New Technologies Commission