

**FEDERATION DES BARREAUX D'EUROPE
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Secrétariat des Commissions

REPORT ON FBE COMMISSIONS

Presidency Meeting - Gdansk, October 5th, 2023

COMMISSION ACCESS TO JUSTICE - LUCCA

President : Michele Lucherini - Vice President : None - Secretary : Elena Picchetti

Michele Lucherini has sent a report on the activities and projects of the Commission.

He informs the Presidency that there is a need to “reset” the composition of the Commission.

He also proposes in the future to examine and report about the effects of the digitalisation in the access to justice in the European country, which should be done in synergy with the IT committee.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - POZNAN

*President : Artur Wierzbicki - Vice President : Izaskun Azpitarte Astobiza –
Secretary : Sara Chandler*

The commission organized the IVth International Human Rights Oratory Competition for Young Lawyers and Law Students, the 15-16 of September 2023 in Rotterdam on the topic : “The situation of women’s rights in the modern world”. On the second day, the finalist were selected and faced the topic : “Should the State regulate the area of sex workers. Yes or not ?”.

The winners of the competition are:

- 1st place : Mr. Radoslaw TYBURSKI from GDANSK
- 2nd place : Mrs Siri SHUGEINI from Westminster & Holborn
- 3rd place : Mrs Nizar CANO from Westminster & Holborn



The Commission announced the Vth edition of the competition would be held in September 2024.

The Commission also wrote a statement which has been published on the website on “Denouncement of Iran’s Oppressive Judiciary and Protection of Dissidents’ Rights in Europe.

ETHICS COMMISSION – BILBAO

*President : Maria Begona Angulo - Vice President : Andrea Griem -
Secretary : Katarzyna (Kasia) Ludwichowska*

Maria Begonia Angulo has sent the agenda of the meeting of the Commission in GDANSK.

Two main points are stressed out :

- Regulation (or not) of ethics and deontology of the legal profession in Europe. Convenience of making a list of codes of conduct for the legal profession across Europe and publication of the FBE website.
- Contribution of self-regulation to achieving a balance between the quality of services and respect to ethical principles. The balance between ethical values and quality in lawyer’s work

The composition of the Commission has also been updated.

LEGAL EDUCATION COMMISSION - MADRID

President : Victor Gamero - Vice President : Maria Begona Angulo Fuertes - Secretary : None

The Commission organized the FBE International Contract Competition 2023. Lisbon was the venue from 30 June to 2 July 2023.

The competition was jointly organized by the Training Committee, led by ICAM, and the Arbitration Committee of the FBE.

The Portuguese Bar Association hosted the competition, which was attended by 20 participants from bar associations in countries such as Portugal, Italy, Poland, Romania, Ireland and Spain.

The development of the competition was based on two sports cases in which the main objective was to reach an agreement between the parties. The Portuguese delegation made up of lawyers Carmo Ayres Pereira and Joana Domingues were this year's winners.

ARBITRATION COMMISSION - PALERMO

President : Michele Calantropo - Vice President : Carmen Perez Andujar - Secretary : Iva Koleva

Michele Calantropo informed the Secretariat of the Commissions that a draft resolution (topic Ukrainian-Russian war) will be submitted to the Presidency after the meeting of the Commission, which could be adopted after Presidency approval at the General Assembly of Gdansk.

EASTERN BARS COMMISSION - VOJVODINA

President : Rajko Maric - Vice President : Calin Iuga - Secretary : None

No information at this time.

MEDIATION COMMISSION - BARCELONA

President : Carles Garcia Roqueta - Vice President : Michele Calantropo - Secretary : Sofia Torras

The commission organized the "FBE European ADR Awards", in order to promote even further the recognition the institution of Mediation deserves, the excellent work that the professional mediators accomplish in a daily basis and the importance of Mediation as an alternative way to resolve a wide variety of conflicts.

Six applications have been received :

- GEMMA: European Group of Judges for Mediation
- ORGANISMO DI CONCILIAZIONE FORENSE DI MILANO. Ordine degli Avvocati di Milano
- MEDIATION CENTER OF CATALONIA. "Centre de Mediaco de Catalunya, Direccio de Drets I Entitas Juridiques
- GIRA ADR. Accredited Entity of Mediation
- LOGOS MEDIA. Accredited Entity of Mediation
- Centrum Mediacji przy Naczelnej Radzie Adwokackiej, presented by the Warsaw Bar Association

After having examined the applications the Commission has decided the MEDIATION CENTER OF CATALONIA. "Centre de Mediatio de Catalunya, Direccio de Drets I Entitas Juridiques would be awarded for their comprehensive and exceptional work.

The member's list of the Commission has also been updated.

COMMISSION COORDINATION DES ACTIONS DES BARREAUX - CLUJ

President : Stanca Gidro - Vice President : Calin Iuga - Secretary : None

The President of the Commission has also sent a very complete activity report informing that the commission held two meetings in July and September and that a new vice-president has been appointed.

The projects of the Commission are as following :

Carrying out joint activities of several bars on various topics of interest, both professional and art, culinary, sports, tourism, etc., with the aim of mutual knowledge of the specifics of each country.

A. The aim of the TASTE OF LAW program is to promote professional cooperation between law firms and lawyers through art and cuisine, two universal ways of getting to know each other and getting to know each other better.

The first edition of the program will be held in Cluj-Napoca on May 16-18, 2024 with the participation of Westminster & Holborn Law Society.

Each bar association wishing to participate in the program will be able to send a maximum of 10 lawyers.

The intention to participate in the program should be sent to the email address of Bar Action Cooperation Commission FBE_commission_coordination_des_actions_des_barreaux@baroul-cluj.ro no later than February 28, 2024.

The following should be mentioned:

- The agreement to organize one of the following editions of the program in the future*
- The number of participating lawyers and areas of law concerned*
- Whether any of the participating lawyers are artists who wish to exhibit their work and what it consists of (painting, sculpture, books, music, etc.).*

The final structure of the program for May 16-18, 2024 and the invitation to participate in the program will be communicated to each FBE member bar

The program will take place over a period of three days and is divided into three main parts:

1. Day one: The scientific part (a common theme between the legal profession and culture, as well as topics specific to the field of law in the area of interest of each participant)

2. Day two: The practical part (participation in interactive activities with artists and getting to know the Romanian cuisine, including art exhibitions by artist lawyers)

3. Day three: The social part (it will be organized every evening, and the last day will be dedicated to tourist attractions of your choice).

B. We would like to support our fellow lawyer, Associate Professor Radu Chiriță PhD in developing a study on how the European Court of Human Rights has evolved / declined over the years, a study that seeks to identify the causes of any decline in the activity of this court.

The help consists in disseminating a questionnaire to answer (anonymously) the questions necessary for the study. The questionnaire will be sent to each Bar Association with a request to forward it to the lawyers of the Bar Association.

We ask our colleagues in the Federation to help us disseminate the questionnaire to colleagues across Europe, especially those in Eastern Europe, countries that have made more use of the ECHR due to social and historical developments.

Stanca Gidro has sent the draft survey called “ECHR – myth or reality” to the Presidency, asking to send it to our member Bars.

After Presidency’s approval, Marta will send it to our members and a link to the survey will be published on our website.

C. Having regard to the press release of the Romanian National Union of Bar Association of September 4, 2023, entitled:

"A day without lawyers – a day in which the rule of law does not exist! Awareness campaign on the role and importance of the Lawyer in defending citizens' rights and freedoms"

as a result of the recurring problems raised by the 42 bars in Romania, regarding the frequent dysfunctions encountered by lawyers in the exercise of their judicial activities and the tendency to tighten the taxation of the liberal professions:

We call on the General Assembly to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution in support of Romanian lawyers on the role and importance of the Lawyer in defending the rights and freedoms of citizens in Romania

The General Assembly of the European Bar Federation, representing 210 member bars and one million lawyers,

taking cognizance of the approach of the Romanian National Union of Bar Association of September 4, 2023, entitled: "A day without lawyers – a day in which the rule of law does not exist! Awareness campaign on the role and importance of the Lawyer in defending citizens' rights and freedoms"

with the aim of eliminating the frequent dysfunctions encountered by lawyers in the exercise of their judicial activities and to reject the draft law aimed at tightening the taxation of the liberal professions,

having regard to the obligation of all EU Member States to promote and ensure the role of the lawyers in the judicial system as an element of free access to justice for citizens,

expresses its concern about the rights of lawyers in Romania and their economic situation and calls on the Romanian Government and the Romanian judicial bodies to grant lawyers the role and importance they should enjoy in any State governed by the rule of law, their activity being an activity of public interest.

The FBE intends to support the Campaign initiated by U.N.B.R. for the maintenance of high standards in the legal profession in Romania.

After adoption of the resolution, the Commission asks the resolution to be sent to:

- **THE GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA, Mr Prime Minister MARCEL CIOLACU** pm@gov.ro
- **THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, Ms MINISTER ALINA-STEFANIA GORGHIU** cabinet.ministru@just.ro
- **THE MINISTER OF FINANCE Mr MINISTER MARCEL-IOAN BOLOS** presa@mfinante.gov.ro
- **THE MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, Mr MINISTER MARIAN-CĂTĂLIN PREDOIU**
- **THE SUPERIOR COUNCIL OF MAGISTRATES Mr MINISTER Daniel GRĂDINARU,** secretary_general@csm1909.ro
- **THE PRESIDENT OF THE HIGH COURT OF CASSATION AND JUSTICE Ms PRESIDENT CORINA-ALINA CORBU** relatii publice@scj.ro
- **ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ROMANIA Mr ALEX-FLORIN FLORENȚA** sesizare@mpublic.ro

COMMISSION FUTURE OF THE PROFESSION – LUXEMBOURG

President : Bertrand Christmann - Vice President : Marc Labbé - Secretary : None

Bertrand Christmann informed the Secretariat of the Commissions that the content of the survey (situation of young Lawyers and disaffection for the profession) has been validated.

The final digital lay out has still to be done in order to send it to our member Bars.

COMMISSION NEW TECHNOLOGIES - WROCLAW

*President : Maria Dymitruk - Vice President : Franceso Tregnaghi -
Secretary : Ludmila Glembotzky*

Maria Dimitruk has sent the minutes of the last NT commission meeting which have been put on the website <https://www.fbe.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023-06-24-Minutes-of-the-Joint-Meeting-in-Wroclaw.pdf>

The Commission is working on the SCAN II project, the deadline for the survey having been extended to the 6th of October.

The President of the Commission informed the Presidency that Marco Giacalone has asked if we would like to participate in the next application for a grant funded by the European Commission. This time, the project is called IDEA and is focused on the use of AI to support the judiciary.

The member's list of the Commission has also been updated.

EQUALITY COMMISSION - PARIS

President : Solenne Brugere - Vice President : Carles MCCRAGH - Secretary : Alice de Larminat

No information at this time.

COMMISSION NON ACCOMPANIED MINORS – GENEVA

President : Céline Squaratti – Livio Natala - Vice President : TBD - Secretary : TBD

The Commission is still willing to hold a webinar as several members of the commission have proposed various and interesting topics and would be interested in participating as speakers.

The Secretariat of the Commissions would suggest to organize this webinar in November or December 2023, which would permit to publicize the event on our website, our SM and through an email sent to our member Bars.

FAMILY LAW COMMISSION – SOFIA

President : Yordanka Bekirska - Vice President : Joanna Wsolek - Secretary : TBD

The Commission is currently organizing the International Family Law Webinar which will be held the 7th of November 2023 on the topic “National and International Parental Relocation”.

COMMISSION PROFESSIONAL SOLIDARITY – KRAKOW

President : Joanna Wsolek - Vice President : TBD - Secretary : TBD

No information at this time.