

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

PRESENTED AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE 31st OF MAY 2025 IN BERN

I have the pleasure to give you my short report* on the numerous activities of the FBE from the General Assembly in Paris la Défense on the 28th of September 2024 until today.

The Presidency consisted of :

President : *Marc LABBÉ*
1st Vice-President : *Michael GRIEM*
2nd Vice-President : *Rajko MARIC*

Treasurer : *Monique STENGEL*
Secretary General : *Patrick A DILLEN*

Secretary Barcelona : *Marta CUADRADA*
Secretary commissions : *Philippe LOEW*

The former President, *Izabela KONOPACKA* has been invited to participate in all our Presidency Meetings.

The Presidency Meetings took place on the :

- 29/11/2024 in Paris^P
- 08/01/2025 by VC^V
- 13/02/2025 in Barcelona^P
- 01/03/2025 in Wien^P
- 28/03/2025 in Siena^P
- 10/04/2025 in Palma^P
- 07/05/2025 by VC^V
- 29/05/2025 in Bern^P

Besides these Presidency meetings, a lot of ad hoc contacts between the available members of the Presidency took place on urgent topics.

The Presidency was also represented by its President or members of the Presidency at a large number of activities of our Bar members (such as Dublin, Malaga, Slovenia, Berlin (DAV), Trento, Bruxelles, Milano, Warsaw, Vojvodina...)

A successful Assizes of the Mediterranean was organised in and with the Bar of Palma de Mallorca.

We discussed and/or are working on :

- the organisation of "Women in Law"
- this General Congress in Bern.

* If any translation would be needed, please do not hesitate to contact me. Se fosse necessaria una traduzione, non esitate a contattarmi. Sollte eine Übersetzung benötigt werden, zögern Sie bitte nicht sich bei mir zu melden. Si fue necesaria una traducción, no dude en ponerse en contacto conmigo. Wann een eng Iwwersetzung bräicht, soll e séch bei mir mellen. Als een vertaling nodig is, aarzel dan niet om contact met mij op te nemen! Si calgué una traducció, no dubteu a posar-vos en contacte amb mi.

^P Present

^V by Video Conference

- The improvement of visibility and information on social media (i.e. 1890 followers on LinkedIn)
- the situation and defence of lawyers in the world (i.e. follow the court cases in Turkey) .
- the improvement of the internal organisation and functioning of the commissions with the organisation of competitions and drawing up and revision of their rules, the communication about their work on the social media of the federation etc.
- participation in European projects such as Scan I and II
- the necessity of professionalising and adapting the statutes.
- the future of the FBE and the further initiatives we are going to take :
 - reflexions on how we could create more added value for our Bar-members within the scope of our tasks. We continued the discussion on the possibility of organising web/seminars with our bar-members on topics directly interesting for lawyers on international legal issues. (see also previous point)
 - Discussion about individual members or Amici. It was also discussed with the former Presidents, secretary-generals and treasurers where the idea of Amici was embraced, rather than individual members. This should make it possible for former representatives of member-bars to remain present and to address the younger generation. The critical mass necessary for organising congresses at a break-even could be achieved more easily. This will also permit the development of webinars for lawyers. The presidency shall be in charge of the list of Amici by admitting or omitting people on or from the list on the basis of being a member of a member bar and/or merits for the FBE and will determine the fees and benefits.
- the admission of (observer) bars
- the financial situation of the FBE
- the challenges of the moment.

The FBE was present at a vast majority of organised (zoom-)encounters and webinars.

Les réflexions lors de nos réunions de la Présidence ont donné lieu à plusieurs projets dont nous vous informerons soit à cette AG ou à une prochaine AG selon leur maturité.

A propos Information: Unsere Kommunikation und vieles mehr über unsere vergangenen und zukünftigen Aktivitäten finden Sie auf unserer Website: www.fbe.org. Wir sind auch in den meisten sozialen Medien präsent, wie LinkedIn (Fédération des Barreaux d'Europe), Facebook (Fédération des Barreaux d'Europe), Twitter (@EuropeanBars) und Instagram (FBE_EuropeanBars). Wir haben an einer groszeren Socia-Media-Präsenz gearbeitet und versucht, die Website noch benutzerfreundlicher zu gestalten.

Gracias a la participación de los colegios miembros de la FBE, cada año mas numerosos, en los webinars y encuentros presenciales, estos 8 meses han sido lleno de trabajo, de felicidad y de éxito. La Federación es mas viva que nunca!

I cannot end this report without thanking the other members of the Presidency, but also Marta CUADRADA and Philippe LOEW for their continuous support and daily work.

Bern, the 31st of May 2025
 Patrick A. DILLEN
 Secretary-General FBE