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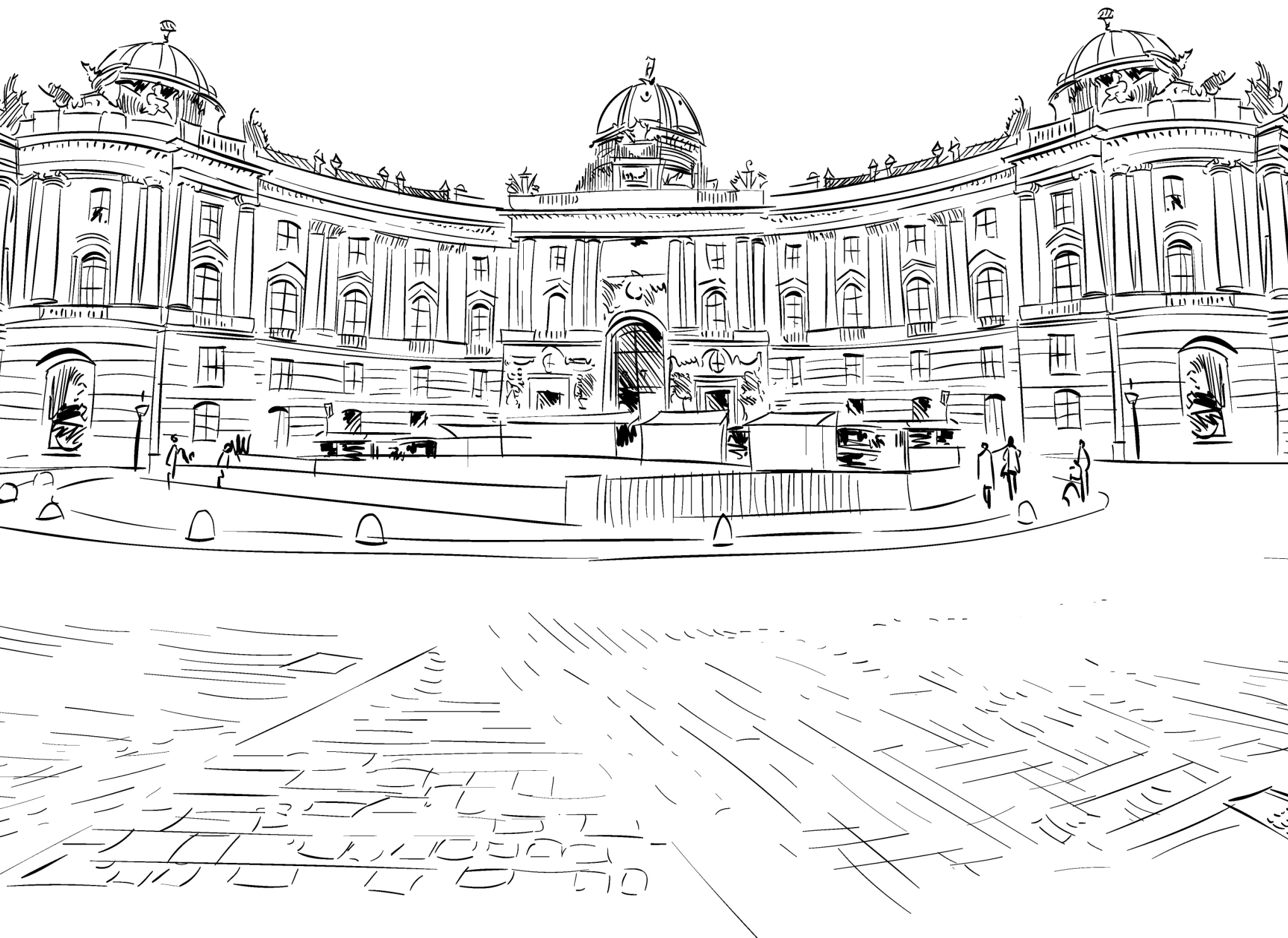
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2025 Annual Conference

Fundamental Rights and the Environment

22–24 September, Vienna (Austria)

Draft Agenda



SUNDAY | 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

Venue: Kapuzinergruft | Neuer Markt/Tegetthoffstraße 2 | 1010

16:30–17:30 Imperial Crypt (Kapuzinergruft) Tour

Meeting Point & Departure: Albertina Museum | Albertinaplatz 1 | 1010

17:50 –18:30 Fiaker Tour

Venue: Plachutta | Wollzeile 38 | 1010

19:00 Welcome Dinner

MONDAY | 22 SEPTEMBER 2025

Venue: University of Vienna | Main Building | Universitätsring 1 | 1010

08:30–09:00 Registration (Council Members Only)

From 11:00 Registration (All Others)

09:00–12:00 ELI Council Meeting (Senatsaal)

12:00–13:00 Council Lunch (Kleiner Festssaal)

13:00–13:05 ELI Membership Meeting and Opening of the ELI Council Elections (Grosser Festsaal)

13:05–13:30 Welcome Address (Grosser Festsaal)

- Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President)
- Brigitta Zöchling-Jud (Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Vienna)

13:30–15:00 **Panel 1:** Enterprise Foundations in Europe (Grosser Festsaal)

- Chair: Anne Birgitte Gammeljord (ELI Vice-President)
- Pelle Munk-Poulsen (General Counsel & Senior Vice-President, Novo Nordisk Foundation)

15:00–15:30 Coffee (Kleiner Festssaal)

15:30–16:30 Ole Lando Memorial Lecture (Grosser Festsaal)

- Siofra O’Leary (Former President, European Court of Human Rights)
- Zoé Jacquemin (Professor, University Toulouse Capitole; Head, European School of Law Toulouse; President, Trans Europe Experts)

Venue: Austrian Academy of Sciences | Doktor-Ignaz-Seipel-Platz 2 | 1010

17:15–18:15 Austrian Academy of Sciences Tour

18:30–20:00 **Industry Event:** Fundamental Rights and the Environment (Festive Hall)

- Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President)
- Christiane Wendehorst (President, Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, Austrian Academy of Sciences)
- Armenak Utudjian (President, Austrian Bar (ÖRAK))
- Michael Umfahrer (President, Austrian Chamber of Civil Law Notaries)
- Arnfinn Bårdsen (Vice-President, European Court of Human Rights)
- Anna Joubin-Bret (Secretary, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)) tbc
- Adil Najam (President, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) International)

20:30 Opening Reception and Presentation of the ELI Young Lawyers Award (Festive Hall)

TUESDAY | 23 SEPTEMBER 2025

Venue: University of Vienna | Main Building | Universitätsring 1 | 1010

08:00–09:00 Sustaining Members Networking Breakfast (Café Landtmann)

09:30–11:00 **Panel 2:** Corporate Criminal Liability in the European Union (Grosser Festsaal)

- Chair: Pietro Sirena (ELI Treasurer)
- Ingrid Breit (Deputy Head of Unit, Substantive Criminal Law Unit, DG JUST, European Commission)
- Donal O’Donnell (Chief Justice of Ireland)

11:00–11:30 Coffee (Kleiner Festssaal)

11:30–13:00 **Panel 3:** ELI Climate Justice – New Challenges for Law and Judges (Grosser Festsaal)

- Chair: Aneta Wiewiórowska-Domagalska (ELI Executive Committee Member)
- François Chaix (President, Swiss Federal Supreme Court)

13:00–14:00 Lunch (Kleiner Festssaal)

14:00–15:00 **Keynote Panel:** Fundamental Rights and Environmental Law (Grosser Festsaal)

- Sirpa Rautio (Director, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA))
- Georg Kodek (President, Austrian Supreme Court)
- Moderator: Owen Bowcott (Journalist)

15:25 Closing of the ELI Council Elections

15:00–15:30 Coffee Break (Kleiner Festssaal)

15:30–17:00 **Panel 4:** Succession of Digital Assets, Data and other Digital Remains (Grosser Festsaal)

- Chair: Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell (ELI Executive Committee Member)
- James Norris (Founder, Digital Legacy Association)
- Danguolė Bublienė (President, Supreme Court of Lithuania)

17:00–17:15 ELI Membership Meeting and Announcement of the Council Election Results (Grosser Festsaal)

17:30–18:30 ELI Council Meeting and Elections of the Innominate Members of the Executive Committee (Grosser Festsaal)

Venue: Palais Ferstel | Strauchgasse 4 | 1010

19:30 Drinks Reception, Gala Dinner & Presentation of the Hub and SIG of the Year Awards

- Anna Sporrer (Austrian Federal Minister of Justice)

WEDNESDAY | 24 SEPTEMBER 2025

Venue: University of Vienna | Main Building | Universitätsring 1 | 1010

10:00–11:30 **Keynote Panel** (Grosser Festsaal)

- Chair: Sir Geoffrey Vos (ELI Vice-President; Judge; Master of the Rolls and the Head of Civil Justice in England and Wales)
- Michael Strauss (General Counsel, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development)

11:30–12:00 Coffee (Kleiner Festssaal)

12:00–13:30 **Panel 5:** Advance Choices for Future Disablement (Grosser Festsaal)

- Chair: Pietro Sirena (ELI Treasurer; Professor, Bocconi University)

Meeting Point: Heiligenstadt U-Bahn Station | 1190

18:15–19:15 Heurigen Express Liliput through Vienna’s vineyards

19:30 Farewell Dinner (Mayer am Pfarrplatz)



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