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Protecting the Rule of Law

By Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament

Dear ELI Members, contributors and readers

Thank you very much for this opportunity to write for the ELI, an organisation whose focus is so closely aligned to the fundamental work we do at the European institutions. As President of the European Parliament, I know the importance of independent research and practical guidance in designing policies and fostering close cooperation. ELI is an invaluable organisation that the European Parliament can rely on to attend to justice related issues now, and in the future.

My background in European law has led to me take a particular interest in the research done around the subject of rule of law. Protecting the rule of law is essential for the well-being of European societies. By defending the principles of the rule of law, we are not only protecting our shared values, but also our European Union treaties that are so central to our democracy. That is why in the event of breaches of the rule of law; it is paramount to mitigate their dangerous effects. Inaction only leads to further neglect. The firm enforcement of the rule of law acts as a barrier to any further attack or attempt to side-line our democracy, values and citizens.

The European Parliament is committed to the thorough implementation of the rule of law, especially as we witness an illegal conflict at the European Union's Eastern borders.

The ELI Council's Resolution on Ukraine succinctly and correctly outlines the legal principles concerning the illegal and unjustified Russian ag-

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gression in Ukraine. It reiterates the importance of the laws, rights and freedoms of the Charter of the United Nations, the European Convention of Human Rights and the Statute of the Council of Europe, among other principles of international law.

All perpetrated crimes will be subject to investigation. We cannot let the actions of the few, destroy the livelihood of many. Human welfare is our prime concern.

What is vital now is to maintain support for the people and government of Ukraine, as well as to take the necessary steps to pre-empt this ever happening again on our continent. Accountability and involvement is key. No stone must be left unturned.

The main responsibility for making sure the rule of law is respected lies with the Member States of the EU, but it is with the partnership of organisations like the ELI that we can better determine courses of action Europe wide. In our rapidly changing world, the roles of media and civil society are increasingly gaining significance in these processes. In this respect, the European Parliament is pushing for more civil engagement across our Union.

Finally, I would like to again thank President Pichonnaz and Secretary-General Wilcox for their invitation to share my views with the ELI and for ELI's indispensable work over the past few years. Your achievements have paved the way for many more young professionals to help create a righteous, green and prosperous European future.



DIS INFORMATION

The Road Towards a Strengthened Code Against Disinformation: About Metaphors in Free Speech and the Need to Handle Them Carefully

By Oreste Pollicino, Full Professor at the Bocconi University in Milan

The internet is a 'new free marketplace of ideas'. This was the preferred metaphor of those who, in 2018, as members of the EU Commission's high level expert group on disinformation, took the view that the issue of fake news needs be addressed by a self-regulation mechanism only. I was part of that group but I had (and still have) another view, as I will try to describe below.

The main idea behind the free marketplace of ideas approach is that whereas in the world of atoms, as Justice Holmes wrote in 1919, the 'best test of truth is the power of the thought to get itself accepted in the competition of the market', this is even more true in the World of Bits, as the internet is amplifying the free exchange of and competition between ideas and opinions. This constitutes an expression of complete trust in the capacity for self-correction of the market for information. This view had an influence on the EU's first strategy on fighting disinformation, a minimalist approach which brought in an exclusively self-regulation based Code of conduct, basically written and applied only by digital platforms and advertising companies.

Such a theoretical approach underpinned the first Code of practice

against disinformation, written in 2018. Despite being the first attempt in the world by multiple stakeholders to address the issue of disinformation through a voluntary based approach, the Code was considered disappointing in relation to the lack of precise commitments and effective KPI (Key Performance Indicators). There was also no much needed diversity of signatories, only big platforms and the advertising companies being involved.

In the light of this, one of the reasons of the partial failure of the first Code was to fall in the trap of 'forcing' the migration of the metaphor of free marketplace of ideas from the US to the EU. In fact, if it is true, as the [ELI Report](#) on Freedom of Expression as Common Constitutional Tradition states, that no 'common constitutional tradition can yet be identified with regard to the legal treatment of so-called fake news' it is reasonable to ask whether the marketplace of ideas metaphor is well suited to the scope (and limits) of protection for free speech under the European constitutional paradigm.

As it is well known, protection of freedom of expression in Europe is more limited than in the US. Regarding this issue, it is sufficient to compare the

wording of the First Amendment of the US with European norms. However, it is not simply a question of differences in scope, but also of difference in focus. Whilst the First Amendment mainly addresses the active dimension of the right to express one's own thoughts freely, Article 10 of the European Convention (but also Article 11 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union) emphasises the passive dimension of the right to be pluralistically informed. In this respect, it could be argued that fake news is not constitutionally covered by the European vision of free speech. Or to put it differently, the European courts would find it very difficult to accept the view of the US Supreme Court according to which, as alluded to above, under the First Amendment there is no such thing as a false idea. However pernicious an opinion this may seem, we depend for its correction not the conscience of judges and juries but the competition of other ideas.

The second attempt of writing a Code of practice on disinformation, which I have supervised and coordinated as an 'Honest Broker', benefited a lot from the mistakes of the first attempt due to the above mentioned attempt of Europe to borrow the USA metaphor of free-market place of ideas.

The methodology guiding the process has been quite different from that adopted in the past. There were many weekly drafting sessions in which I needed to coordinate and find an agreement among many different voices: civil society, the fact-checking community, very large platforms and also very small platforms. It was very useful to look at the Guidance of the European Commission (adopted last year in May) as a roadstar.

The result has been a strengthened Code which, in my position as an ‘Honest Broker’ and coordinator of the process, I handed to EU Commission Vice-President Jourová and Commissioner Breton on 16 June.

A new Code which, after the entry into force of the Digital Services Act, will introduce a co-regulatory mechanism and not only a self-regulatory one.

The following are the new Code’s most important added values:

1. It broadens participation: the Code

is not just for big platforms, but also involves diverse players and offers them a role in mitigating the spread of disinformation; more signatories are welcome to join it;

2. It cut financial incentives for spreading disinformation by ensuring that purveyors of disinformation do not benefit from advertising revenues;
3. It covers new manipulative behaviour such as fake accounts, bots or malicious deep fakes spreading disinformation; it empowers users with better tools to recognise, understand and flag disinformation;
4. Expand fact-checking in all EU countries and all their languages, while making sure fact-checkers are fairly rewarded for their work;
5. Ensure transparent political advertising by allowing users to easily recognise political ads thanks to better labelling and information on sponsors and spend and display periods;
6. It supports researchers better by giving them better access to platforms’ data;

7. It promotes the evaluation of its own impact through a strong monitoring framework and regular reporting from platforms on how they’re implementing their commitments;

8. It proposes the setting up a Transparency Centre and Task Force for an easy and transparent overview of the implementation of the Code, keeping it future-proof and fit for purpose.

The last point is very important. The new Code is just a starting point of a new season of co-regulation in the field of disinformation. It is crucial to have effective and transparent implementation for the future. Moreover, it will be crucial, during the above mentioned process of implementation, to look at the application of the principle of proportionality and in particular to the relevant analysis of such principle in the ELI Report, as far as the restriction of freedom of speech might be justified.

The Author



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Updates on ELI Projects

The following events took place in May and June 2022.

Regulation of AI, Internet & Data Digital (RAID) Conference

Conference

On 4 May 2022, ELI Project Co-reporters participated in the above conference. Read more [here](#).

International Forum on Succession

Forum

From 5–7 May 2022, ELI Members spoke at the above Forum. Read more [here](#).

Freedom of Expression as a Common Constitutional Tradition in Europe Webinar

On 17 May 2022, the ELI Report on Freedom of Expression as a Common Constitutional Tradition in Europe was discussed at the webinar as well as its relevance to issues of today.

ELI Reform of the Product Liability Directive Project

Project Team Meeting

On 10 May 2022, a Project Team meeting took place. Read more [here](#).

ALI-ELI Principles for a Data Economy

Presented at a Webinar

On 13 May 2022, the Principles were presented at an OECD 'Going Digital' webinar. Read more [here](#).

Lord John Thomas (Chair; ELI First Vice President) welcomed participants and underlined that the [ELI Report](#) demonstrates the importance of common constitutional traditions and, in particular, freedom of speech to contemporary Europe.

ELI Reform of the Product Liability Directive Project

Project Team Meeting

On 16 May 2022, a further Project Team meeting took place. Read more [here](#).

Fundamental Constitutional Principles and Business and Human Rights

Conference

On 19 May 2022, the above two ELI projects were presented at Hungarian Academy of Justice. Read more [here](#).

Riccardo de Caria (Team member of the ELI Project, Assistant Professor, University of Turin) and Mario Comba (Co-Reporter of ELI Project, Professor, University of Turin) went on to present the ELI Report, which summarises the current laws in EU Member States on freedom of expression and provides a practical tool (checklist) for practitioners, judges and public officials.

To read more about the webinar click [here](#). To watch the YouTube recording, please click [here](#).

ALI-ELI Principles for a Data Economy

Reporters' Meeting

On 7 June 2022, the Principles were presented at International Conference on Industrial Data Sharing. Read more [here](#).

Model Rules on Impact Assessment of ADM Systems Used by Public Administration

Presented at a Conference

On 9 June 2022, the above was presented at a Conference organised by the European Commission. Read more [here](#).

The recordings of all ELI webinars are available on our YouTube page. Please click [here](#).



Updates on Other ELI Initiatives

Below is an overview of other ELI initiatives that took place in May and June 2022.

ELI Innovation Paper on 'Guiding Principles for Automated Decision-Making in the EU' Now Available for Download

A new ELI Innovation Paper on 'Guiding Principles for Automated Decision-Making in the EU', which was recently adopted by the ELI Council, in consultation with the entire ELI membership, is now available for download.

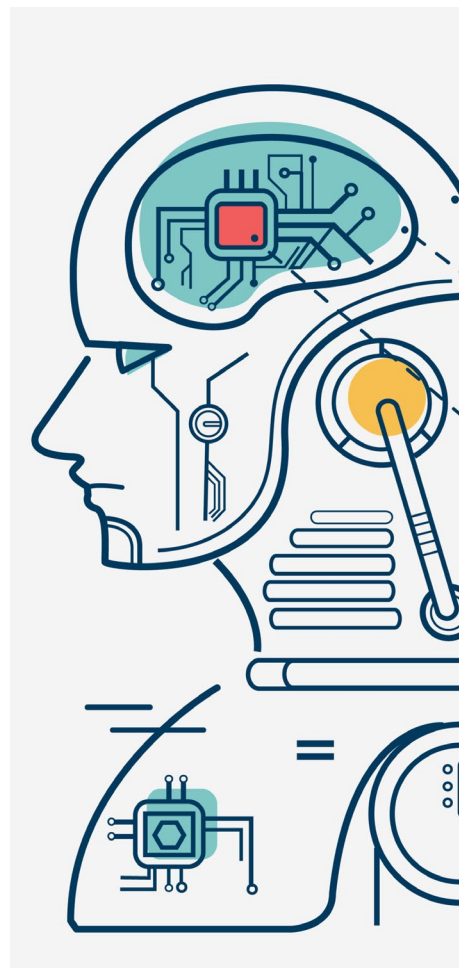
The Innovation Paper, available [here](#), comprises 12 Principles aimed at providing further guidance on establishing a legal framework for automated decision-making (ADM) in the EU, both in light of the ever-growing use of ADM systems in the digital world as well as unharmonised EU rules relating to automated processes. While useful rules on algorithm-based systems and automated means can already be found in (existing and proposed) Union legislation, they do not form a consistent, coherent, and all-embracing body of principles/rules governing ADM systems yet – a gap that the Guiding Principles seek

to address. It is therefore hoped that the Principles will provide further guidance to policymakers, practitioners, academics and others working in this ever-evolving field.

The Innovation Paper was drafted by Prof Dr Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell (ELI Executive Committee Member; Professor, Charles III University of Madrid). ELI is indebted to Prof Dr Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell for this excellent contribution to ongoing discussions on the regulation of ADM systems as well as to all the ELI Members that contributed to this initiative.

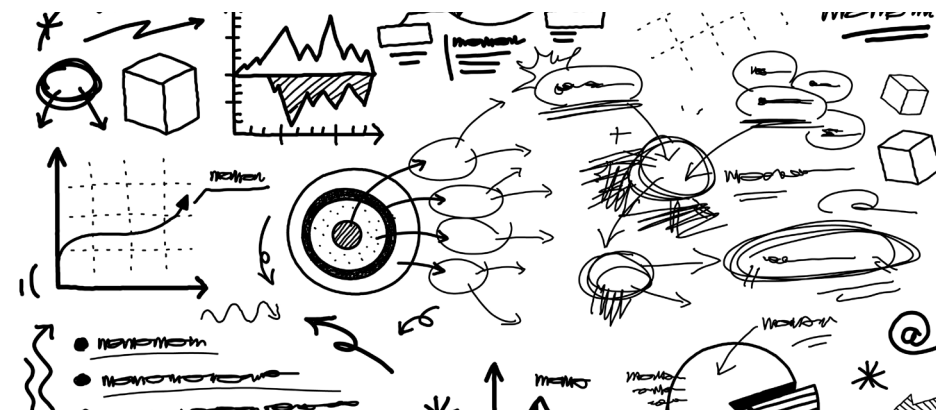
A lunchtime webinar on the Innovation Paper took place on 30 May 2022. More about the webinar and its recording are available [here](#).

To read an article about the paper, please click [here](#).



Webinars on 'Data Act: How to Boost the European Data Economy?'

On 24 May, ELI hosted a public Webinar on the EU Commission's proposed Regulation on harmonised rules on fair access to and use of data — also known as the Data Act. Speakers discussed the proposed regulation and its potential to boost the European Data Economy. Read more [here](#).



'Cross-Border Protection of Vulnerable Adults' Webinar

On 2 June 2022, ELI hosted a webinar on the Cross-Border Protection of Vulnerable Adults in a bid to disseminate its [Response](#) in the above field. Read more [here](#).



Updates on ELI Hub and SIG Activities

The following events by ELI Hubs and SIGs that took place in May and June 2022.

ELI Digital Law SIG

Workshop

On 4 May 2022, the ELI Digital Law SIG held the inaugural workshop of the ELI Digital Law Speaker Series. Read more [here](#).

ELI Austrian Hub

First Lecture

On 4 May 2022, the Hub held the first lecture in its Evening Series on 'Empirical Foundations of the Iron Law of Financial Regulation'. Read more [here](#).

ELI Environmental Law SIG

Fourth Online Seminar

On 5 May 2022, the SIG held a fourth online seminar entitled 'International Investment Law and the Clean Energy Transition'. Read more [here](#).

ELI Family Law SIG

First Webinar

On 5 May 2022, the first webinar on 'Family Status, Identities and Private International Law' took place. Read more [here](#).

ELI German Hub

Conference

On 6 May 2022, the Ernst von Caemmerer-Stiftung, in cooperation with the Hub, organised a Conference on 'Corporate Social Responsibility'. Read more [here](#).

ELI Croatian Hub

Annual Meeting

On 10 May 2022, the ELI Croatian Hub held its Annual Members Meeting. Read more [here](#).

ELI Environmental Law SIG

Fifth Online Seminar

On 12 May 2022, the SIG held a fifth online seminar entitled 'Green Data Deal: Bridging Data Regulation and Environmental Sustainability'. Read more [here](#).

ELI Family Law SIG

Second Webinar

On 12 May 2022, the second webinar in the 'Family Status, Identities and Private International Law' series took place. Read more [here](#).

ELI Belgio-Luxembourg Hub

Fourth Seminar

On 17 May 2022, the fourth seminar of the Lunchtime Sustainability Seminar Series on Capitalism took place. Read more [here](#).

ELI Croatian Hub

15th Webinar in Hub's Series

On 17 May 2022, the Hub held its 15th webinar aimed at contributing to discussions on recent developments in Croatian, comparative, and EU law. Read more [here](#).

ELI Environmental Law SIG

Sixth Online Seminar

On 17 May 2022, the SIG held its sixth online seminar entitled 'Potential and Limits of IP Law in Addressing Climate Change'. Read more [here](#).

ELI Insurance Law SIG

Sixth Lecture

On 19 May 2022, the SIG organised its sixth transatlantic lecture dedicated to a transatlantic comparison of automobile insurance problems. Read more [here](#).

ELI Environmental Law SIG

Seventh Online Seminar

On 19 May 2022, the SIG held its seventh online seminar entitled 'Regulation of Product Passports as an Enabler for the Circular Economy – A Primer'. Read more [here](#).

ELI Spanish Hub

Annual Meeting

On 20 May 2022, the Hub held its VII Annual Meeting at the Loyola University Andalucía in Seville, Spain. Read more [here](#).

ELI Digital Law SIG

Second Seminar

On 25 May 2022, the SIG held the second seminar in its Speaker Series entitled 'Narrowing Data Protection's Enforcement Gap'. Read more [here](#).

ELI Austrian Hub

Second Lecture

On 31 May 2022, the Hub held a second lecture in its Evening Series on 'Empirical Foundations of the Iron Law of Financial Regulation'. Read more [here](#).

ELI Environmental Law SIG

Eighth Online Seminar

On 31 May 2022, the SIG held an eighth online seminar entitled 'The European take on the Right to Repair'. Read more [here](#).

ELI Succession Law SIG

Fourth Webinar

On 31 May 2022, the fourth in a series of webinars on 'The Application of the EU Succession Regulation in the Member States' took place. Read more [here](#).

ELI Digital Law SIG

Third Seminar

On 1 June 2022, the SIG held a third seminar in its Speaker Series entitled 'What Can We Still Learn from Data Ownership?'. Read more [here](#).

ELI Belgio-Luxembourg Hub

Fifth Seminar

On 1 June 2022, the fifth seminar of the Lunchtime Sustainability Seminar series on environmental law took place. Read more [here](#).

ELI Austrian Hub

Lecture

On 2 June 2022, the Hub held a lecture entitled 'Sunsetting as an Adaptive Strategy'. The lecture was held by Prof Roberta Romano. Read more [here](#).

ELI Austrian Hub

Third Lecture

On 8 June 2022, the Hub held a third lecture in its Evening Series on the 'Changing Role of Contracts in the Contemporary Economic Environment'. Read more [here](#).

ELI Croatian Hub

16th Webinar in Hub's Series

On 9 June 2022, the Hub held its 16th webinar aimed at contributing to discussions on recent developments in Croatian, comparative, and EU law. Read more [here](#).

ELI Digital Law SIG

Conference

From 9–10 June 2022, supported a Conference on 'Harmonising Digital Contract Law' in Ferrara (Italy). Read more [here](#).

ELI Italian Hub

Conference

On 10 June 2022, the Hub organised a Conference on Italian Constitutional Framework in Naples (Italy). Read more [here](#).

ELI Digital Law SIG

Fourth Seminar

On 15 June 2022, the SIG held a fourth seminar in its Speaker Series entitled 'The Data Act Proposal'. Read more [here](#).

ELI Italian Hub

Conference

From 17–18 June 2022, the Hub organised a Conference on 'Italian Law and Cultural Heritage'. Read more [here](#).

ELI Belgio-Luxembourg Hub

Sixth Seminar

On 20 June 2022, the sixth seminar of the Lunchtime Sustainability Seminar series entitled 'Sustainability and Competition Law' took place. Read more [here](#).

ELI Succession Law SIG

Fifth Webinar

On 21 June 2022, fifth in a series of webinars on 'The Application of the EU Succession Regulation in the Member States' took place. Read more [here](#).

ELI Digital Law SIG

Fifth Webinar

On 29 June 2022, the SIG held a fifth seminar in its Speaker Series entitled 'Liability of Online Marketplaces'. Read more [here](#).

ELI Family Law SIG

Sixth Webinar

On 29 June 2022, the SIG organised a webinar on 'Non-judicial Justice in Family Law'. Read more [here](#).



Updates on ELI Representation

Below is an overview of ELI's representational activities in May and June 2022.



ELI's President Gives IECL Annual Lecture at Oxford University

5 May 2022

ELI's President, Prof Dr Pascal Pichonnaz, gave the inaugural annual lecture, entitled 'Real Challenges for a New Regime of Product Liability in the Age of Artificial Intelligence', at the Institute for European and Comparative Law (IECL), Oxford University. Read more [here](#).



ELI's President and Vices Meet American Law Institute Director

11 May 2022

The meeting was an occasion for the recently elected ELI President, Prof Dr Pascal Pichonnaz, and Vices, Lord John Thomas and Anne Birgitte Gammeljord, to introduce themselves to ALI Director Richard Revesz, in their new capacities and discuss possible cooperation going forward. The above were joined by ELI's Secretary General, Dr Vanessa Wilcox. Read more [here](#).



ELI's President Meets President of the General Court of the European Union

12 May 2022

The meeting was a platform for ELI's President, Prof Dr Pascal Pichonnaz, who was joined by ELI's Secretary General, Dr Vanessa Wilcox, to introduce the recently elected ELI Presidency to President Marc van der Woude and to inform him of ELI's current list of projects and initiatives. It was also an opportunity to explore possible areas of collaboration going forward. Read more [here](#).



ELI's President Meets Head of Unit Responsible for the PLD Revision

12 May 2022

The meeting, attended by President, Prof Dr Pascal Pichonnaz and Secretary General, Dr Vanessa Wilcox, on ELI's side and new Head of Unit at DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs Free Movement of Goods responsible for the revision of the Product Liability Directive (PLD), Amaryllis Verhoeven, and Mark Beamish, Legal Officer, on the European Commission's side. Read more [here](#).



ELI's President Speaks at ELPIS Annual Meeting and Conference

12–14 May 2022

ELI's President, Prof Dr Pascal Pichonnaz, attended the European Legal Practice Integrated Studies (ELPIS) Network of European Law Schools Annual Meeting and Conference.

This was an opportunity for President Pichonnaz to give an overview of ELI, its goals, and its current activities to those that attended. Read more [here](#).



ELI's President Meets Director of the ICC Institute of World Business Law

23 May 2022

The meeting, attended by President Prof Dr Pascal Pichonnaz, and Senior Project Officer, Tomasz Dudek, on ELI's side and Director Sybille de Rosny-Schwebel and Project Officer Valentina Riccardi on the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Institute of World Business Law's side, aimed at informing the latter about the ELI and discussing potential avenues of cooperation. Read more [here](#).



ELI's Vice-President Attends ASLI's 19th Annual Conference

28–29 May 2022

ELI's Second Vice-President, Anne Birgitte Gammeljord, attended the Asian Law Institute's (ASLI) 19th Annual Conference remotely. The Conference was hosted virtually by the University of Tokyo, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics. The general theme of the Conference was 'Sustainable Development and Law in Asia.' Read more [here](#).



ELI Representatives Attend the BEG Annual Conference 2022

29–30 May 2022

ELI's First Vice-President Lord John Thomas and former Executive Committee member and Reporter of the ELI-Mount Scopus European Standards of Judicial Independence, Fryderyk Zoll, attended the Bar European Groups' (BEG) Annual Conference in Salzburg. The theme of the Conference was EU-UK Relations Law and Practice. Read more [here](#).



ELI's Treasurer at the 50th European Presidents' Conference

9–11 June 2022

ELI's Treasurer, Pietro Sirena, attended the 50th European Presidents' Conference of Bar Associations and Law Societies in Vienna. This year's Conference was entitled 'Laws of Power vs the Rule of Law – How Does the Rule of Law Fit into the European Security Architecture?' and was opened by the Mayor of the City of Vienna, Michael Ludwig, and representatives of the Austrian Bar. Read more [here](#).

Trans Europe Experts
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European network of legal experts



ELI's President Speaks at the 12th Forum of the TEE

15–16 June 2022

ELI's President, Pascal Pichonnaz, spoke at the 12th Forum of Trans European Experts (TEE) at the Institute of Comparative Law in Paris.

The TEE Forum gathered academics and legal professionals together from across Europe, in an exceptional format. Read more [here](#).



ELI's President Speaks at the 'Emeritat' of the Former ELI Treasurer

17 June 2022

ELI's President, Pascal Pichonnaz, gave a speech at the 'Emeritat' of the Former ELI Treasurer, Denis Philippe. Pichonnaz used this as an opportunity to introduce ELI and its current activities to the attendees. He also thanked Prof Philippe for his contributions to ELI over the years. Read more [here](#).



ELI's President meets Head of Cabinet of Executive Vice-President of the European Commission

24 June 2022

ELI's President, Prof Dr Pascal Pichonnaz, and Secretary General, Dr Vanessa Wilcox, met several members of Margrethe Vestager's Cabinet, including Head, Kim Jørgensen, and Werner Stengg, Cabinet Expert. The meeting aimed at soliciting insight into current and future ELI projects that might assist the development of law in Europe. Read more [here](#).

ELI Welcomes its New Members

ELI is pleased to inform you about its new individual and institutional Members.

New Institutional Members



University of Georgia

Located in Tbilisi, Georgia, the University of Georgia (UG) is one of the largest private universities in the country, with more than 6,000 local and international students. The University has accredited programs on three levels of higher education (Bachelor, Master and PhD) in English and Georgian.



MiKK eV

The International Mediation Centre for Family Conflict and Child Abduction (MiKK eV) is the leading international specialist in the field of cross-border family mediation. It is an independent NGO providing multi-lingual, free-of-charge support and advice to parents from all over the world in cases of cross-border contact, custody, relocation and parental child abduction disputes.



JusGov

The Research Centre for Justice and Governance (JusGov) is a sub-unit of the School of Law and an R&D Unit of the University of Minho which is dedicated to advancing research and scholarship in law by pursuing an innovative interdisciplinary research programme.

New Individual Members

Emine Eylem Aksoy Retornaz, Galatasaray University, Turkey

Marina Androulaki, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Didier Blanc, Toulouse 1 Capitole University, France

Oksana Bratasyuk, West Ukrainian National University, Ukraine

Luigi Cantisani, Futura Law Firm & University of Warwick, United Kingdom

Boyan Dachev, Armeec Insurance JSC, Bulgaria

Christina Diesenreither, University of Graz, Austria

Alesandro Dinisi, University of Pisa, Italy

Ece Göztepe, Bilkent University, Turkey

Albert Henke, University of Milan, Italy

Luis Hott, University of Augsburg, Germany

Peter Hunn, DocuSign, United States

Monika Jagielska, University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland

Hakan Koçak, Social Sciences University of Ankara, Turkey

Mary-Rose McCue McGuire, University of Osnabrück, Germany

Andrea Nicolussi, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Italy

Rebecca Ravalli, European University Institute, Germany

Paolo Regina, Bar of Milan & Union of Lawyers for Human Rights & Polytechnic University of Milan, Italy

André Rohrleitner, University of Graz, Austria

Carlo Rusconi, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Italy

Zeynep Derya Tarman, Koç University, Turkey

Iryna Vasylyk, Higher School of Advocacy of the Ukrainian National Bar Association, Ukraine

Gniewomir Wycichowski-Kuchta, University of Warsaw, Poland

Mustafa Okan Yagci, Piri Reis University, Turkey

Francesco Zecchin, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Italy

New Sustaining Members

Ewa Katarzyna Czech, University of Bialystok, Poland

Events Calendar At-A-Glance

Please save the dates of the events below that are of interest to you. Stay updated by following our [website](#) and social media channels for more details.

Jul	5 Jul	Croatian Hub: Regulation Proposal COM (2021) 223 on Foreign Subsidies Distorting the Internal Market Webinar <i>Online</i>
	7 Jul	Environmental Law SIG: Conference on Climate Justice – New Challenges for Law and Judges <i>Ferrara, Italy</i>
	7 Jul	Belgio-Luxembourg Hub: Planned Obsolescence Webinar <i>Online</i>
	13 Jul	Digital Law SIG: Tackling Disinformation through Procedural Safeguards Webinar <i>Online</i>
Sep	5–8 Sep	2022 ELI Annual Conference and Meetings <i>Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i>
	7 Sep	Family and Succession Law SIG: Family Status, Identities and Private International Law Webinar <i>Online</i>
	tbc	Belgio-Luxembourg Hub: Deforestation Webinar <i>Online</i>
	28–30 Sep	Croatian Hub: International Conference on the Law of Obligations <i>Zagreb, Croatia</i>

2022 ELI Annual Conference and Meetings

Below is a Draft Agenda of the 2022 ELI Annual Conference, hosted by University Carlos III of Madrid. To register, please click [here](#).

MONDAY | 5 SEPTEMBER 2022

VENUE: CHARLES III UNIVERSITY OF MADRID, RONDA DE TOLEDO 1, 28005 MADRID

- 09:00 – 13:30 (CET) ELI Executive Committee Meeting (Executive Committee Members Only)
- 11:15 – 12:30 (CET) ELI Senate Meeting (Senate Members Only)
- 15:00 – 17:00 (CET) ELI Executive Committee-Senate Meeting (Executive Committee and Senate Members Only)
- 18:45 – 19:00 (CET) Welcome Addresses
Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President)
- 19:05 – 20:30 (CET) Fourth Ole Lando Memorial Lecture
Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President)
Hector MacQueen (Emeritus Professor, The University of Edinburgh)
Christina Ramberg (Professor, Stockholm University)

TUESDAY | 6 SEPTEMBER 2022

VENUE: CHARLES III UNIVERSITY OF MADRID, RONDA DE TOLEDO 1, 28005 MADRID

- 09:00 – 12:00 (CET) ELI Council Meeting (Council Members Only)
- 12:00 – 13:00 (CET) *Lunch*
- 13:00 – 14:15 (CET) ELI Council Meeting (Council Members Only)
- 14:30 – 15:30 (CET) ELI Membership Meeting (ELI Members Only)
- 16:30 – 17:00 (CET) Welcome Addresses
Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President)
Pilar Llop Cuenca (Minister of Justice of Spain) (tbc)
Juan Romo (Rector of the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)
- 17:00 – 18:00 (CET) Keynote Speech
Valérie Masson-Delmotte (Co-Chair of the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change WG1)
Raffaele Mauro Petriccione (Director-General of the Directorate-General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA) at the European Commission)
- 19:30 (CET) Evening Reception
VENUE: tbc
- 20:00 – 20:20 (CET) ELI Young Lawyers Award
- 20:20 – 20:30 (CET) ELI Hub and SIG Awards

WEDNESDAY | 7 SEPTEMBER 2022

VENUE: CHARLES III UNIVERSITY OF MADRID, RONDA DE TOLEDO 1, 28005 MADRID

09:00 – 10:15 (CET) Climate Justice – New Challenges for Law and Judges

10:30 – 11:45 (CET) Ecocide

11:45 – 12:15 (CET) *Coffee Break*

12:15 – 13:30 (CET) ELI-Mount Scopus European Standards of Judicial Independence

13:30 – 14:30 (CET) *Lunch*

14:30 – 15:45 (CET) Admissibility of E-Evidence in Criminal Proceedings in the EU

16:00 – 17:15 (CET) Access to Digital Assets – Enforcement

19:30 (CET) Gala Dinner
VENUE: PALACIO DE SANTOÑA, 28012 MADRID

THURSDAY | 8 SEPTEMBER 2022

VENUE: CHARLES III UNIVERSITY OF MADRID, RONDA DE TOLEDO 1, 28005 MADRID

09:00 – 10:15 (CET) Blockchain Technology and Smart Contracts

10:30 – 11:45 (CET) Guiding Principles and Model Rules on Algorithmic Contracts

11:45 – 12:15 (CET) *Coffee Break*

12:15 – 13:30 (CET) Fundamental Constitutional Principles

13:30 – 14:30 (CET) *Lunch*

14:30 – 15:45 (CET) Corporate Sustainability, Financial Accounting and Share Capital

16:00 – 17:15 (CET) Third Party Funding of Litigation

19:30 (CET) Social Event
VENUE: LA LONJA DEL MAR, PLAZA DE ORIENTE, 6, 28013 MADRID

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