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EDITORIAL- KNOWING YOUR FUTURE

As a philosopher would say, 'the future is uncertain, it is unpredictable, only the past is known to us'. On 21 October, at the conference organised by the Council of European Bars and Law Societies, in Paris, on 'Innovation and future of the legal profession', we will try to refute such a statement.

Lawyers, law firms and organisations have to predict the future, in a dialogue with companies representing platforms, artificial intelligence programs, and new instruments positioning themselves on the legal market.

Will blockchain be a legal revolution? Will you speak 'chatbot' tomorrow? Will predictive justice enable independence and freedom of judges or will it serve as a tool for judges, lawyers and litigants? Will Peter, Ross or Watson (artificial intelligence programs for legal services) soon replace lawyers? Will robot

lawyers become our enemies? Do lawyers' organisations have a future and can they assist the technological development of the profession?

These are the questions that will need to be discussed at the conference through four roundtables and through debate following your questions.

It will also be necessary to show that lawyers have incorporated new technologies, that robots can be our partners, that artificial intelligence can trouble Go or chess players, but that law will never become fully automated!

Michel Benichou CCBE President

CCBE CONFERENCE ON INNOVATION AND FUTURE OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION

The CCBE Conference on Innovation and Future of the Legal Profession will cover four main themes: the Future of Justice, the Future of Legal Services, the

Future of Law Firms, and the Future of Bars and Law Societies. This conference will bring together experts from Europe and beyond such as Mr. Jean-Jacques

Urvoas, the Minister of Justice for France, and Ms. Tiina Astola, Director-General for Justice and Consumers at the European Commission.

We look forward to welcoming you on **21 October, in Paris**, to debate, discuss and determine the future of the legal profession.

This conference is certified as Continuous Professional Development and is equivalent to 7 points in Belgium (Avocats.be/OBFG), Luxembourg and Ireland; 7 hours in Poland; 6 credits in Italy.

There are discounted tickets now available in packs of 10 or 20.

For more information and to get your ticket, please go to http://ccbeconference.eu/en/

Please see below the conference programme.

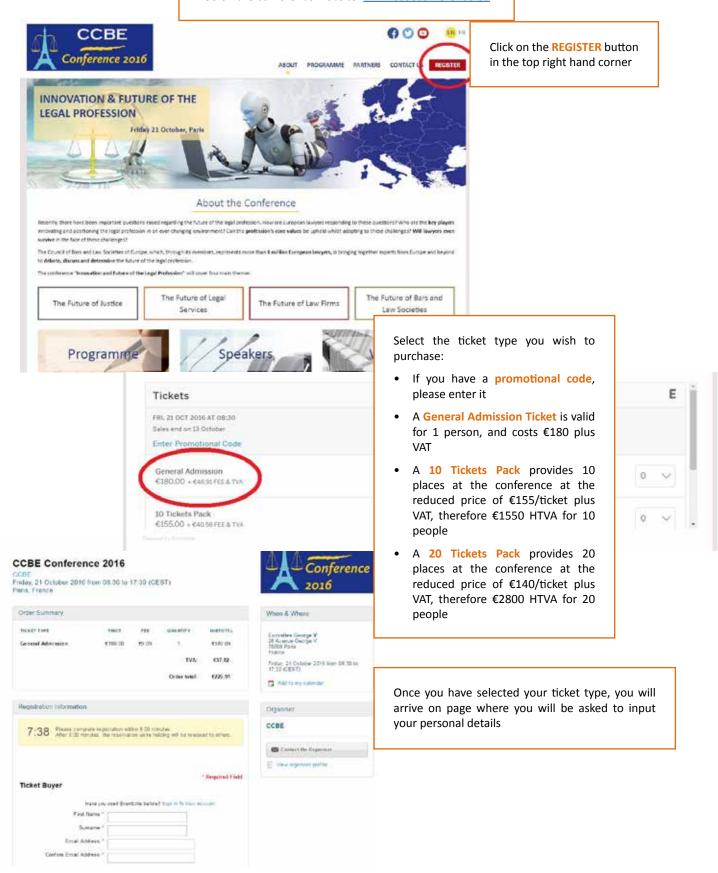
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- Neil Rose, Editor, Legal Futures
- Bruno Dondero, Professor of Law at the Sorbonne (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), author of Droit 2.0

08.15 - 09.00	Registration and welcome coffee
09.00 - 09.45	OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE
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	Welcome - Michel Benichou, CCBE President
	Keynote address - Mr. Jean-Jacques Urvoas, Je Garde des Sceaux, the Minister of Justice for France
	Presentation - "What do young lawyers think about the future of the legal profession", by Dr. Orsolya Görgényi, Immediate Past President of the International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA), presentation of collaboration survey between the CCBE and AIJA
09.45 - 11.15	Session I - The Future of Justice
	Moderator: Panagiotis Perakis, Chair of the CCBE Access to Justice Committee Speakers:
	Tiina Astola, Director-General for Justice and Consumers at the European Commission
	 Nuria Díaz Abad, President of the European Networks of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ)
	 Jérôme Dupré, Founder, Case Law Analytics
	 Maurits Barendrecht, Research Director, Hill Innovating Justice
11.15-11.30	Coffee break
11.15 - 13.00	Session II - The Future of Legal Services
11.13 - 13.00	Moderator: Thierry Wickers, Chair of the CCBE Committee Future of the Legal Profession and Legal Services
	Speakers:
	 Patrick Henry, Immediate Past President, AVOCATS.BE
	 Judy Perry Martinez, Chair of the ABA Commission on the Future of the Legal Profession
	Pierre Aïdan, Co-Founder and director of legal development, Legal Start
	 Christophe Chevalley, General Manager, Rocket Lawyer Europe Christian Lemke, Partner at Heissner & Struck, Vice-Chair of the CCBE Committee Future of
	the Legal Profession and Legal Services
12.00 14.00	Town II.
13.00 - 14.00 14.00-14.15	Lunch Presentation - "24 hours of legal innovation", by Louis-Georges Barret, President of the Observatoire of the Conseil
	National des Barreaux (CNB)
14.15-14.30	Presentation of ROSS Intelligence Project, by Andrew Arruda, CEO & Co-Founder ROSS Intelligence
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14.30 - 15.45	Session III - The Future of Law Firms
	Moderator: Hugh Mercer QC, Chair of the CCBE EU Lawyers Committee
	Speakers:
	Robert Bourns, President, Law Society of England and Wales
	 Carlos Valls Martínez, Partner, Fornesa Abogados Jaap Bosman, Co-Founder and principal partner at TGO Consulting, author of Death of a
	Law Firm
	 Bas Boris Visser, Global Head of Innovation and Business Change, and Partner, Clifford Chance
15.45 - 17.15	Session IV - The Future of Bars and Law Societies
	Moderator: Michel Benichou, CCBE President
	Speakers:
	 Frédéric Sicard, President of the Paris Bar Association
	Jean-Paul Kitenge, Barreau CHADA (African Bar)
	 Martin Solc, Vice-President of the International Bar Association (IBA) Prashant Kumar, President of LawAsia
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17.15 - 17.30	Closing speech

How to register for the conference?

Go on the conference website: www.ccbeconference.eu



You will then be registered for the conference!

NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CCBE AND LARCIER GROUP

A tool of our new partner Larcier Group, the <u>Strada lex Europe</u> platform references and publishes all existing European law contents (rules, case-law and doctrine), both in EU law and European Council law. Strada lex Europe, European content aggregator.



CRIMINAL LAW- EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR



Meeting with ECBA, CCBE and EU Commissioner Věra Jourová

On **20 September**, representatives from the CCBE, together with representatives from the ECBA, had an excellent exchange of views with EU Commissioner Věra Jourová, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss certain aspects of the proposal for a European Public Prosecutors Office (EPPO). The CCBE and ECBA communicated their concerns ranging from provisions concerning judicial review to the choice of forum and the need for proper defence rights.

The previous week, on **Tuesday 13 September**, the CCBE had been invited to meet with the European Parliament Rapporteur (Barbara MATERA MEP) and shadow Rapporteurs, in Strasbourg, in order to have a discussion and a Q&A session on the establishment of a European Public Prosecutors Office. The CCBE was pleased to receive the invitation as it was a key time to have an exchange of views, as there is increased momentum to complete the EPPO discussions before the end of 2016 or early 2017.

THREE BAR MEETING

The CCBE Presidency met with high level representatives of the All Chinese Lawyers' Association (ACLA) and the Japanese Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA) for the 10th Three Bar meeting, in Bordeaux. The discussions centred around the perception and promotion of the legal profession in the different regions, the challenges for the legal profession of innovation in the field of legal services and the emergence of unregulated

providers of legal services, and finally we discussed legal aid and access to Justice in each of the three jurisdictions. The CCBE also highlighted the European Lawyers in Lesvos project, the CCBE Recommendations on surveillance, the Free Movement of Lawyers guide, and Brexit. The ACLA represents about 300.000 lawyers, and membership is mandatory, while the JFBA has around 33.000 lawyers as members.



Three Bar Meeting in Bordeaux

CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN BARS FEDERATION

The European Bars Federation is organising a congress on 14 and 15 October, in Luxembourg. On 14 October, the main conference will be on the theme of "Lawyers in dialogue with the Court of Justice of the European Union".

The full scientific programme can be found here.

For more information and to register, please see the congress website.

LAWYERS AND THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

As a reminder, the CCBE is organising, on 19 October 2016 in Paris, a seminar on "Lawyers and the European Court of Human Rights", which will cover two themes: the role of the lawyer towards the court, and the future of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR). Dean Spielmann, the immediate past-president of the ECHR will deliver the opening address.

Please note that the seminar will be in French. The updated "Practical Guide for Lawyers before the European Court of Human Rights" will be distributed at the seminar.

The programme of the seminar can be found here.

For more information about the seminar or to register, please email Madeleine Kelleher (event@ccbe.eu).

BARCELONA STANDING COMMITTEE

For its **September Standing Committee**, the CCBE received a very warm welcome from the Barcelona Bar Association. Mr. Oriol Rusca Nadal, president of the *Il-lustre Col-legi de l'Advocacia de Barcelona* gave the

opening speech. There were two guest speakers. Firstly, Jana Gajdošová, Head of Sector Access to Justice in Freedoms and Justice Department of the FRA, who presented the presented the handbook on European law relating

to access to justice. Secondly, Orsolya Görgényi, Immediate past president of AIJA, who presented the organisation and highlighted the collaboration between the CCBE and AIJA.



CCBE Standing Committee in Barcelona



Mr. Oriol Rusca Nadal, president of the II-lustre Col·legi de l'Advocacia de Barcelona

24 HOURS OF LEGAL INNOVATION

On 13 and 14 October, the Conseil National des Barreaux (CNB) is organising a major event entitled 24H de l'innovation juridique (24h of legal innovation). The aim of this event is to develop and present innovation to the legal profession, to analyse the current situation with regards to innovative platforms, practices, etc. The event will be organised both in Paris and online, where a number of webinars, videos, discussion forums and social media exchanges will be available. The director of the Observatoire of the CNB, Louis-Georges Barret, will present the 24hours at the CCBE Conference on 21 October.

More information about the event can be found on the $\underline{\text{CNB}}$ $\underline{\text{website}}.$



CCBE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ONLINE LEGAL SERVICES PLATFORMS

The future committee of the CCBE is conducting a survey on online legal services platforms. The questionnaire covers **five themes**: platform description, platforms and reviews of lawyers, Bars or Law Societies and

platforms, platforms and legal services, and general regulatory environment.

The aim of this survey to Bars and Law Societies is to gather information about on line offers related to legal services provided by lawyers and non-lawyers, in CCBE member countries.

The results will be published later in the year.

MIGRATION - REFORM OF THE DUBLIN III REGULATION

The CCBE has expressed its concerns over the Commission's proposal to reform the Dublin III Regulation. It considers that the text should be reviewed in depth to meet European and international human right standards. The CCBE agrees that the reform of the Dublin III Regulation is necessary to create a more efficient system to ensure a fair and efficient system, and to ensure the vindication of fundamental rights of asylum seekers. However, the Commission's proposal is, in many aspects, even more problematic from a legal perspective than the previous system established by Dublin III.

In fact, the Dublin IV proposal, instead of taking the opportunity to improve on the known deficiencies of Dublin III, seems to further complicate the system by a) providing

no changes to the criteria for determining the responsible State, b) inserting a type of preliminary examination based on the competence of the Member State of first application, c) further limiting the possibility of moving to other Member States, through the provision of penalties for asylum seekers, d) providing restrictions for unaccompanied minors and for the application of the discretionary clauses, and e) introducing a corrective allocation mechanism for the intended equitable sharing of responsibilities between Member States, which in many aspects replicates the unsuccessful elements of the temporary relocation mechanisms already in force.

The full document can be found here.

A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL CO-OPERATION

Since its inception in October 2014, the European Lawyers Foundation (ELF) has successfully pursued its core mandate of implementing transnational justice projects (including projects on the rule of law and human rights). In addition, ELF does not focus exclusively on the implementation of projects of its own interests, but also aims to help national bar associations of the European Union in designing, preparing and drafting European projects.

A concrete example of this cooperation between the ELF and national bars is the **TRACHILD project**. This project was recently selected by the European Commission DG Justice as one of the projects to be funded under a call for proposals to support transnational projects aimed at strengthening the capacity of professionals in protection systems for children and lawyers representing children in court proceedings.

This project aims to train 180 lawyers from sic EU countries (Spain, Greece, Ireland, Poland, Cyprus and France) on legal representation of children in criminal, administrative and civil justice, was presented by the Paris Bar (one of the donors of ELF) in partnership with ELF and the national bars of Spain and

Cyprus, the Athens Bar Association, the Law Society of Ireland and the Polish legal advisers. The project will start at the end of 2016 and should last for a period of 18 months.

This project is an innovative proposal in an very important area of law, i.e. the protection of children. But it also represents a vital feature of ELF, assisting national and local bars and law societies of EU countries to obtain EU funding for the implementation of European projects with added value.

For more information about ELF or the TRACHILD project, please contact us at info@europeanlawyersfoundation.eu

RECENTLY ADOPTED PAPERS

CCBE response to Commission proposal to amend the fourth Anti-Money Laundering Directive

CCBE proposal for a revision of the Unfair Contract Terms Directive

UPCOMING EVENTS

14-15/10: FBE Congress, Luxembourg
28/10-01/11: UIA 60th Congress, Budapest
19/10: CCBE ECHR Seminar, Paris
20/10: CCBE Standing Committee, Paris