

Newsletter

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Foreword of President

ing this conference, we will look into the fastest developing region in the world and explore opportunities for lawyers to collaborate with colleagues from Hong Kong and Georgia. On October 17 – 19, 2019, a conference on “Business Legal Forum” will be held in Łódź, Poland. This event is a platform for companies and law firms to discuss the use of new technologies in their daily work, as well as to facilitate mutual contact between lawyers and businesses. On November 7, 2019, a seminar of experts, decision-makers and lawyers on “Standard Setting and Market Access” is planned in Bern, Switzerland, as a follow-up of a very successful panel of experts, which was organized last year. Topics will include diverse ways other than EU membership to access to the Single European Market. We welcome our new members, among others, the Consejo General de la Abogacía Española (The Spanish Bar Association), the Barreaux de Bruxelles (The Brussels Bar Association) and the Bar Association in Lublin. We invite you to a productive cooperation. This year, we are preparing new tools strengthening the networking side of the AEA-EAL. Particularly, we encourage you to use our Google Group (see more on page 2).

Maria Ślężak
President

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We continue our intensive work announced for this year: From May 31 – June 1 2019, we held a general assembly of our organisation on occasion of the conference on Artificial Intelligence in Edinburgh, Scotland. As became apparent from the conference, artificial intelligence is not a future topic; it touches already the daily practice of a growing number of lawyers around the globe. You will find the conference presentations on our website and photos on Facebook. On July 5 - 6, 2019, we organized in Gdańsk, Poland, a very interesting event – “Twinning of Lawyers” in connection with the seminar on GDPR issues and various networking activities. Twinning was an excellent opportunity to meet colleagues from various jurisdictions from Asian and European countries in less formal atmosphere, to establish friendly relations between lawyers from 12 countries, as well as to forge plans of further cooperation on a regular basis. On September 6-7, 2019, a conference on “East-West Economic Cooperation: Tbilisi Legal Forum” will be held in Tbilisi, Georgia in cooperation with the Georgian Bar Association and the Hong Kong Law Society. Dur-

Save the date

**Market access – an important
tool, but an undefined term**
Bern, November 7, 2019

Market access is a precondition for international trade and open national economies. In practice, market access may be used to describe very divergent forms of market openings. Differences exist with regard to the extent of the opening of the respective markets and the way in which such opening is provided. To start with the latter: Market access may be provided unilaterally or through bilateral or multilateral arrangements including standards, “equivalency requirements” or free trade agreements. Market access agreements may also vary in the integration, which they

should achieve between the respective economies. It goes without saying that these types of instruments vary considerably both with regard to the products concerned (e.g. goods, services) and the respective regions, but also with regard to the legal basis governing the free trade agreement. The preferences may differ from one economy to the other. In October 2018, the AEA, together with the Institute for European and International Economic Law of the University of Bern and its World Trade Institute, organised a highly successful conference on the legal parameters of market access in Europe and beyond. The conference brought together high-level speakers representing perspectives of various state and non-state actors, inter alia from the EU, the EEA, Switzerland, the UK, Liechtenstein and the Ukraine. Building on this positive milestone, the AEA and its Swiss partners want to invite you to the 2nd Market Access Conference on 7 November 2019. The topics addressed will include, but will not be limited to, unilateral and multilateral standard setting. The detailed program will follow soon.

**We are looking forward
to seeing you all in Bern!**

Professor Philipp Zurkinden
AEA-EAL Past President
Chair of the Scientific Committee



AEA-EAL launches its google group



- important new rules or new jurisprudence that could be interesting for the rest of the members, or
- any other professional requests to colleagues from a different city or jurisdiction.

If you do not wish to be a member of the group simply make a request to office@aea-eal.eu.

Best regards and have a good work.

Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to the AEA-EAL Google Group designed for strenghtening of networking between our members. By means of this Google Group, you will not only receive, as member of AEA-EAL, the Newsletter and any other news or notice from our secretariat by e-mail, but you will be able to communicate to ALL OTHER MEMBERS who has joined this group, in particular:

- request for a recommendation of a colleague in the given city or country to assist you in legal services that you provide in the given region;
- request for local support in scientific research or any other professional activity,
- request or offer of training opportunities at a law office in another city or country,

**Juan Nunez
Chair**

AEA-EAL Networking-Membership Committee



EYBA Conference in Chisinau

Chisinau, April 4-7, 2019



Vladimir Palamarciuc, Past President of the Moldovian Young Lawyers Association (MYLA), AEA-EAL member and Guillaume Tatoueix, President of European Young Bar Association (EYBA)

On April 4 - 7, 2019 in Chisinau, Moldova a yearly Spring Conference of the European Young Bar Association (EYBA) took place. Its main topic was "The harmonization and appropriation of the national legislation with the European Community Acquis". The European Association of Lawyers (AEA-EAL) was a partner of the conference; two of our speakers presented their speeches: Ph. D. Iwona Wrońska from Poland, who was speaking in the session "*Policy making, strategic planning and implementation of the goals on harmonization and appropriation of the national laws with European Community Acquis. Regional and national experience*" and Pierre Philippe Hendrickx from Belgium who was speaking in the session "*Reforms on harmonization and appropriation of the civil and commercial legislation. Regional and national experience*". The event was cofinanced by the Embassy of the United States in Chisinau and the Eastern Partnership Program of the European Union. Full report from the Congress is available on www.aea-eal.eu.

Conference on Artificial Intelligence

Edinburgh, May 30 - June 1, 2019

AEA-EAL takes this opportunity to express once again the most cordial gratitude to **Iain Mitchell QC** for organising the international conference on **Artificial Intelligence AI Beyond the Hype – Benefits, Challenges and Liabilities** in Edinburgh on May 30 – June 1, 2019. Iain is not only a member of our association, but also the chairman of the Scottish Society for Computers and Law. A collaboration of both organisations together with the Faculty of Advocates, the British Computer Society and the SCRIPT Centre at Edinburgh University made the conference possible. Topics discussed included: What is AI and why should I care? AI and Legal Liability; AI and Fundamental Rights; Towards an Ethical use of AI and AI and licensing issues. The speakers were leading experts, both legal practitioners and academics: **Professor Timo Minssen**, Director of the Centre for Advanced Studies in Biomedical Innovation Law at the University of Copenhagen; **Professor Burkhard Schafer**, Professor of Computational Legal Theory and Director of the SCRIPT Centre at Edinburgh University and **Katharina Miller**, President of the European Women Lawyers Association (EWLA). **Andrew Katz**, joint editor of the International Free

and Open Source Law Review and a leading expert on software licensing, **Chris Rees**, the immediate Past President of the British Computer Society, **Karmen Turk**, advisor to the Estonian Government on AI issues and of course our member **Iain Mitchell QC**, who is also Honorary Lecturer in IT Law at Münster University. A video contribution was provided by **Wojciech Wiewiórowski**, the Assistant Supervisor at the office of the European Data Protection Supervisor. Very interesting presentations, panels and speeches produced lively discussions and questions from participants who were truly involved or interested in this fast-moving field. Special interest of the participants aroused in discussions on legal and ethical issues, i.e. in medical AI (“smart pillow”) as well as in the question whether AI is a subject of fundamental rights. The Conference was a great opportunity to share information and knowledge about AI as hugely important topic, as well as an excellent chance to build an effective platform for communication and cooperation among stakeholders: lawyers, IT professionals and academics. On our website www.aea-eal.eu, you can find conference presentations and video recordings of speeches.



Twinning of Lawyers in Gdańsk: where East meets West

Gdańsk, 5-6 July 2019



There were intensive days in Gdańsk when representatives of 14 countries from Asia and Europe took part in scientific, networking and social activities.

On the first day of the Twinning, lawyers from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Poland, Russia, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Uzbekistan discussed issues of cross-border use of GDPR rules between EU and non-EU jurisdictions. Interesting speeches and active participation of the audience proved the importance of the discussed topic for legal community and citizens. On the margin of the Twinning many current issues were raised re. legal systems in the East and Central Asia regions.

At the same time delegates from “Twinning Bars” proposed to sign

the memorandum of setting up the project for meeting with eastern lawyers on regular basis in the scheme of “Twinning off Lawyers”. This day was finished with the dinner by Motława River offered by the Dean and the Council of the Gdańsk Bar of Attorneys-at-law.

On the second day our colleagues participated in celebrations of the Day of Attorney-at-law in less formal atmosphere - during the picnic of attorneys-at-law. There were also social activities organized like visiting the Old Town of Gdańsk with its 1000 years history and a trip to well-known resort - City of Sopot.

Photos from the event are available on our Facebook: [fb.com/europeanassociationoflawyers](https://www.facebook.com/europeanassociationoflawyers).



Jerzy Mosek, Dean of the Gdańsk Bar of Attorneys-at-law, Maria Ślęzak, AEA-EAL President and conference speakers and guests



Forthcoming and planned events

- 1** 6-7 September 2019, Tbilisi
EAST-WEST ECONOMIC COOPERATION: TBILISI LEGAL FORUM
Conference for business and lawyers on commercial and legal opportunities of co-operation.
- 2** 17 - 19 October 2019, Łódź
LEGAL BUSINESS FORUM
Platform for business and law firms to discuss use of new technologies in their daily work.
- 3** 7 November 2019, Bern
STANDARD SETTING AND MARKET ACCESS
Panel of experts open for wide participation of AEA-EAL members and other lawyers

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East-West Economic Partnership: Tbilisi Legal Forum

September 6-7, 2019

Tbilisi, Georgia

Register on <https://www.tbilisilegalforum.com/>

