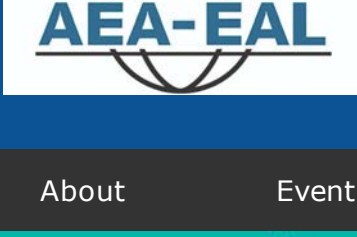


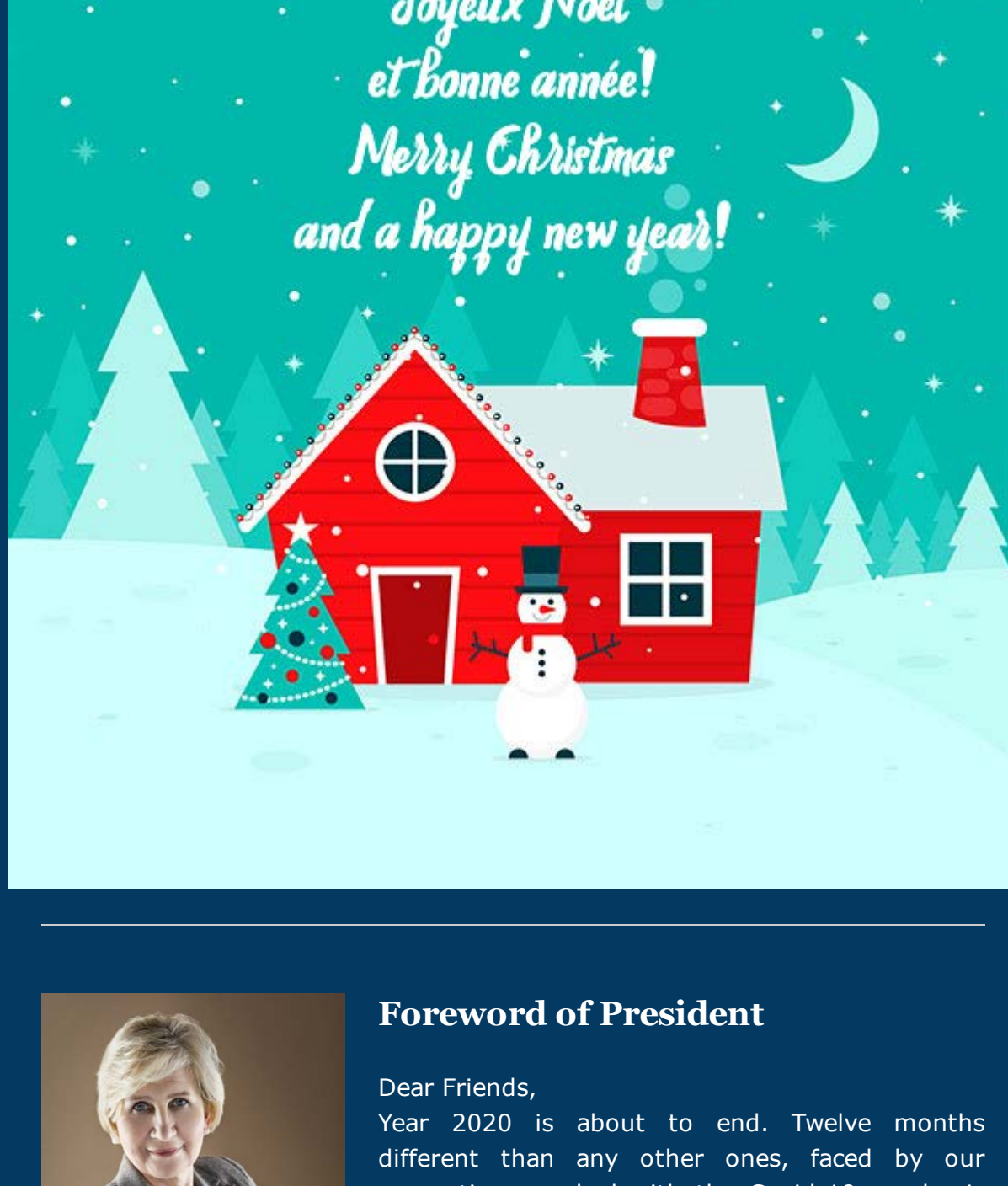
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## Foreword of President



**Maria Ślęzak**  
AEA-EAL President

Dear Friends,  
Year 2020 is about to end. Twelve months different than any other ones, faced by our generation, marked with the Covid-19 pandemic and affecting our professional and private life in all aspects. The activity of the AEA-EAL has changed with moving our events and other actions into virtual reality. For the first time our General Assembly was organized in hybrid form and participants of the 2nd Twinning of Lawyers also met online.

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## Upcoming events



**Professor Irakli Kandashvili**

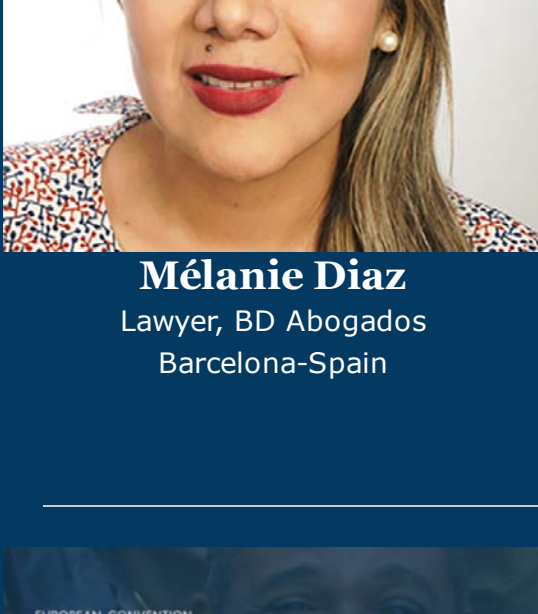
Member of the Board  
Georgian Bar Association  
Chairman of the Mediators  
Association of Georgia

Dear Friends,

We are delighted to invite you for our first event in the forthcoming year - **Mediation - an Effective Tool for Commercial Disputes, Singapore Convention**, which will take place on January 28, 2021 on Zoom platform. This very practical event is free for all participants. Our speakers are experienced lawyers - mediators representing various countries and areas of practice.

**More information coming soon!**

## Law and coronavirus



**Mélanie Diaz**

Lawyer, BD Abogados  
Barcelona-Spain

## Compliance in Covid's time

Without a doubt, the experience of a pandemic such as the coronavirus has disrupted our society at all levels, testing us all, **generating as many crises as opportunities**; although it is proving difficult to see the light at the end of the tunnel, we must not lose sight of the opportunities that this unexpected situation also offers us.

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## 70th Anniversary of European Convention on Human Rights



**Zaza Khatiashvili**

Human Rights Defender  
Past President  
Georgian Bar Association

We invite you to read the interview with a unique person - Zaza Khatiashvili, past president of the Georgian Bar Association, recognized throughout the world human rights defender and - in particular - defender of the independence of legal profession and individual lawyers, Winner of the CCBE Human Rights Award, great friend of the European Association of Lawyers (AEA-EAL) and speaker on its International Conference in Almaty (2018), where he shared information on how to defend lawyers' rights.

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**Magdalena Mierzevska**

Lawyer, LL.M. (European Law - University of Leicester), former Head of Division in the European Court of Human Rights, Gdańsk Bar of Attorneys-at-Law



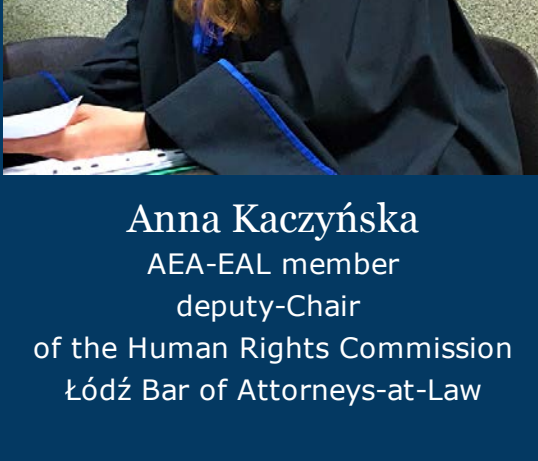
**Katarzyna Kłobukowska**

Lawyer, Member of the Committee for Contact with Local Authorities, NGO and Human Rights at the Gdańsk Bar of Attorneys-at-Law

## The European Convention on the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms Seventy Years Onwards

On 4 November 1950 the European Convention on the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms was adopted. Seventy years have passed since that momentous date.

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**Anna Kaczyńska**

AEA-EAL member  
deputy-Chair  
of the Human Rights Commission  
Łódź Bar of Attorneys-at-Law

## The Athens Roundtable on Artificial Intelligence and the Rule of Law

On 16-17 November I participated in the 2020 online edition of The **Athens Roundtable on Artificial Intelligence and the Rule of Law**. The Roundtable was co-founded in 2019 by IEEE SA, The Future Society, and ELONtech (The European Law Observatory on New Technologies, the initiative exploring the interface of law and new technologies...

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**Ph. D. Marzena Świstak**

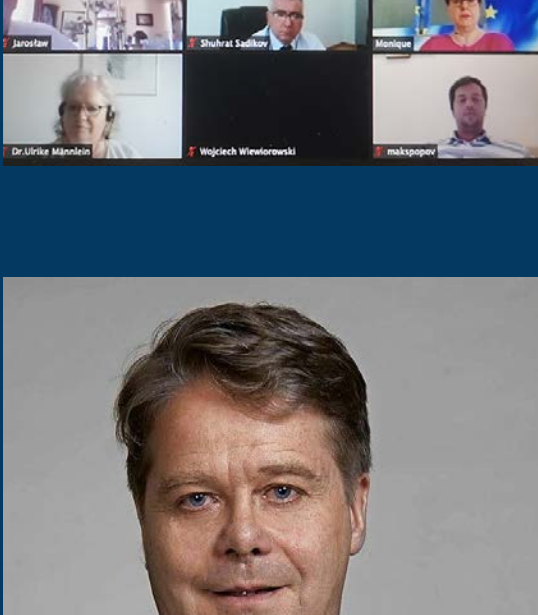
Lublin Bar of Attorneys-at-Law,  
Maria Curie-Skłodowska University  
in Lublin

## The European Convention on Human Rights - vivid and powerful legal instrument?

The Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, customarily referred to as the European Convention on Human Rights, was opened for signature on 4 November 1950. Therefore, this year there is a special moment to underline...

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## Recent events & developments



### 2nd Twinning of lawyers

For the second time representatives of Bar Associations and individual lawyers from more than 15 countries gathered together to discuss, exchange knowledge and experiences but above all to get together. Due to Covid-19 pandemic the meeting had a form of online conference. The whole event was divided into two parts:

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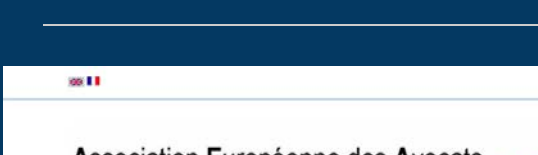
**Philipp Zurkinden**

Past AEA-EAL President, member of its Board, Professor at University of Basel, Head of the Competition Team in Prager Dreifuss

### 3rd Market Access Seminar

On 11 December 2020 the AEA-EAL together with the World Trade Institute in Bern and the Swiss law firm Prager Dreifuss Ltd as a co-organiser held of a webinar about financial services. The AEA and the other two organisers have, in the last two years, successfully launched annual conferences on market access. As this year, for very well known reasons, such a conference could not be held, they organized a virtual conference. At this conference, which attracted an important number of people...

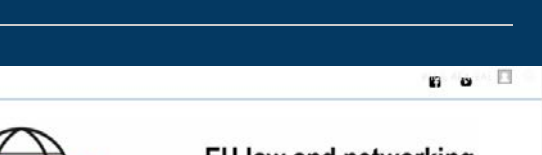
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### Solidarity with Belarus

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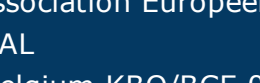
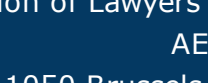
### Turkish lawyers call for aid

Deadly earthquake and continuing state actions against lawyers

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