



ASSOCIATION EUROPÉENNE DES AVOCATS  
EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF LAWYERS

# EU law and networking for your daily work

## AEA-EAL

For over 30 years we have gathered lawyers from Europe and beyond to strengthen links between our members, to promote the European concept of the legal profession, to share experiences in professional matters on cross-border field as well as to enjoy common social activities.



Our members come from different continents and jurisdictions, for example: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Georgia, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States, etc.



### Network of lawyers

for your daily professional work and social life



### International cooperation

for exchanging knowledge and experiences



### Promoting profession

for strengthening justice and the rule of law



### Facilitating practice

for building competence and respect



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Join us!

## Your benefits

- **Exchange** with colleagues to promote the European ideas and the rule of law
- **Networking platform:** easy contact with lawyers of other countries
- Attending **AEA-EAL conferences** on EU law to increase knowledge and receive credits within continuous legal education system
- **Use of AEA-EAL logo** at professional letterheads and websites
- **Information about your firm** and you as a member on AEA-EAL website and in its Newsletter
- Possibility **to be a speaker** at international conferences
- **Meeting colleagues** from other jurisdictions in very friendly atmosphere at Association's social events
- Get involved in **AEA-EAL governance:** serve as a Board or Committee member
- **Discounts on registration fees** for AEA-EAL events
- **Very reasonable** membership fees





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## About us

During a time when the European idea is under pressure and the rule of law is being challenged in more than one jurisdiction, the AEA-EAL provides a platform and a voice for those who want to resist this current trend. We are a non-political organization but nevertheless we take a particular interest in the essence of us living together on this continent and beyond.

### Our History

The Association was established in 1986 by former members of the International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA), who decided there a need to strengthen links between members, to share experience in professional matters in cross-border field as well as to broaden knowledge of European law. AEA-EAL has been organizing a number of seminars and conferences each year in different parts of Europe. These events have highlighted current European law issues and have increased the sense of shared purpose between European lawyers and the concept of a European legal profession. We are also involved with the practical aspects of legal practice by providing training in such areas as law firm management, legal marketing, management of contacts and the acquiring of new clients. For the past number of years we've organized a summer university course in European business law at the College of Europe and have furnished advices and draft texts to the EU Commission on EU legal proceedings. AEA-EAL has members from various jurisdictions in Europe and outside Europe including Argentina, Austria, Belgium, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Georgia, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States. Growing the network of lawyers helps our members develop professional and social contacts and to expand their activities. Our statutes, which were amended recently, allow lawyers from all continents and jurisdictions, share the same fundamental values of the profession including independence, self-governance and protecting professional secrecy.

### Our Purpose

The purpose of AEA-EAL, which is entirely non-profit, is to foster the community spirit of its members, promote the European concept of the profession of lawyer and develop ways to facilitate the practice of the profession by providing information and legal training to its members as well as scientific and cultural exchanges. We intervene vis-à-vis the Authorities when in some countries the justice, the independence of our profession is violated or if one or several colleagues are in danger.

### Our membership

AEA-EAL comprises three principal categories of members: Full Members, Associate Members and Correspondent Members. In addition, the General Assembly may award the title of honorary membership.





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## Governance

### Our Presidents

Since 1986, 17 presidents have been in charge of the AEA-EAL. 10 were from different countries and the last three were women (Belgium, France and Poland).

### Our Board

*management committee:* Maria Slazak (President) Monique Stengel (Past President) Christof von Wilcken (Vice-President) Aleksandra Siewicka( General Secretary), Sabine Perquy - Forke (Treasurer)

*other directors (by alphabetic order):* David Asatiani, Jean-Pierre van Cutsem, Dariusz Gibasiewicz, Elisabeth Hoffmann, Andrzej Kalinski, Juan Nunez, Paolo Sguotti, Thomas Simons, Pawel Szczesniowski, Kurt Weil, Magdalena Witkowska, Philipp Zurkinden

### Our Committees

- **The Scientific – European Law Committee** is in charge to report on developments in European legislation & case law. In particular the Committee seeks to establish and keep links with the European Instances and to suggest topics for new interesting events on relevant subjects. The Committee helps with the scientific component of the events and where required will assist the organisers by finding interesting and competent speakers. (Chair: Professor Philipp Zurkinden)
- **Marketing Committee** has two principal goals: firstly to promote AEA-EAL as much as possible by promoting why it is in the interests of lawyer to join the Association and to promote our scientific activities so as to recruit the maximum of participants, by a personal following up with the lawyers who show an interest in joining AEA-EAL. (Chair: Jean-Pierre van Cutsem)
- **Networking – Membership Committee.** Without doubt one of the most valuable benefits in the Association is to be able to benefit from support and/or, where needed, get advice from another member of our Association. Getting the opinion of a colleague with relevant expertise, particularly on a legal matter in another jurisdiction, can be an invaluable help. Our mission is to set up such a tool to facilitate this project. Membership also allows members to receive the Association Newsletter and any news of interest to the members of the Association. (Chair: Juan Nunez)
- **Young Lawyers Committee.** We provide our young colleagues with helpful connections to lawyers, authorities and institutions outside their own jurisdiction. The Young Lawyers Committee also organizes conferences on current legal issues to enable our young members to familiarise themselves with new practice areas and to meet internationally recognized specialists. In brief, this committee's work is dedicated to helping talented and motivated young lawyers cope with the challenges of a complex legal environment for the benefit of society.
- **Human Rights Committee** was created to help AEA-EAL develop policy on human rights and to intervene in cases where there is endangerment to human rights and the rule of law. The Committee is a platform to discuss, to share information and to plan for future events. Committee members focus on the key points of scientific and professional policies and strategies, helping to define how we should encourage responsible conduct in political and legal decisions, in the promotion of human rights at world and European level. (Chair: Dariusz Gibasiewicz)



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## Activities

### Conferences and seminars on European law

We have organized a number of training events for lawyers in various areas of EU law such as: personal data retention, cross-border insolvency, family law, tax law, labour and social security law, contract law, commercial law and many others. Our most recent European conferences took place in Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Poland, France, Spain and Italy.

### Conferences on fundamentals of the legal profession

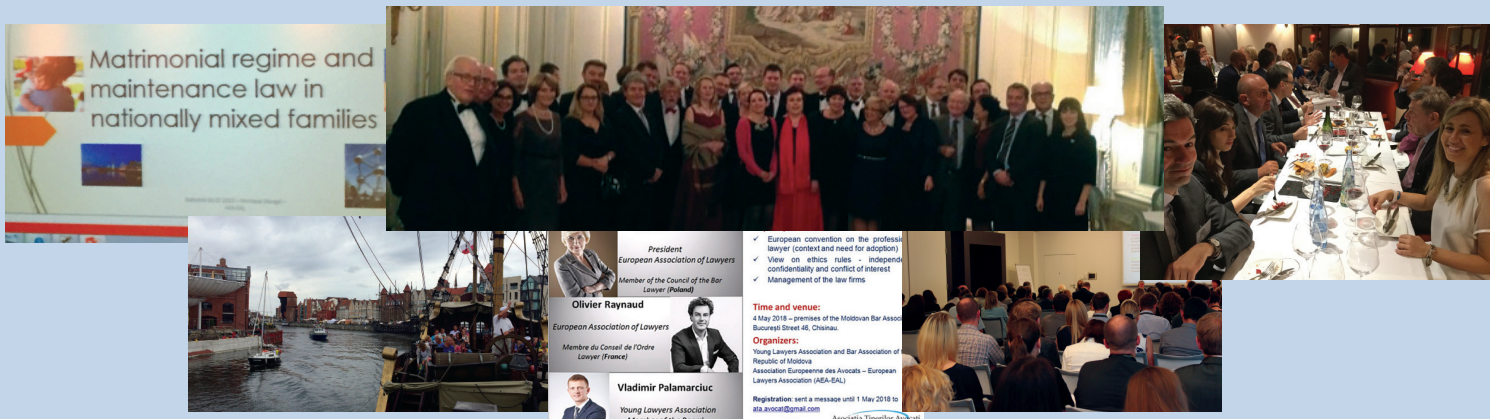
The AEA-EAL have organized several conferences and seminars in Europe and beyond on professional ethics, the future of legal profession, modern challenges for lawyers and technology in the daily work of a lawyer. Our past events covering these areas were organized in Kazakhstan, France, Belgium and Poland.

### Practical workshops for young lawyers

We have organized workshops for our younger colleagues on such skills as law firm management, networking for lawyers, acquiring of new clients and block-chain technology for lawyers. These workshops took place in Moldova and Poland.

### Social activities

Each scientific event is accompanied by social activities such as city seeing, guided tours, informal and gala dinners and other such events all of which give the opportunity for members to socialize and meet colleagues from different countries and jurisdictions in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.





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## Membership

### Application for membership

to the Board of Directors

please fill in, sign and return by e-mail to [secretary-general@aea-eal.eu](mailto:secretary-general@aea-eal.eu)

I, undersigned \_\_\_\_\_ date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ post code \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ lawyers' registry number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Professional title \_\_\_\_\_ Bar (Association) \_\_\_\_\_

Hereby declare that I would like to join the AEA-EAL (*please mark the relevant form of membership*):

#### as a **FULL INDIVIDUAL MEMBER**

- registration on AEA-EAL conference - free of charge on the conference's year
- 1<sup>st</sup> (full) year - **50.00 €**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year - **75.00 €** individual member under 30 - **50.00 €**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year - **100.00 €** individual member under 35 - **100.00 €**
- Regular fee - **175.00 €**

#### as a **COLLECTIVE MEMBER**

- Law firm - **400.00 €** other legal entity(bars, law societies, associations) - up to **1.000.00 €**  
(decision of the Board of Directors)

#### as an **ASSOCIATE MEMBER**

- individual - **50.00 €** law firm: - **200.00 €** other legal entity - up to **1.000.00 €**

#### as an **OBSERVER MEMBER**

- individual - **50.00 €** law firm: - **100.00 €** other legal entity - up to **500.00 €**

and I hereby declare to obey the AEA-EAL Statutes and decisions of its Statutory organs.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_