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Maria Ślęzak
AEA-EAL President

Foreword of President

Dear Colleagues,

All of us hope that this year will allow us to come back -at least a little bit -to professional and social life which we know from the past. We believe that the vaccination process will go smoothly all over the world. Nowadays we need to be flexible and prepared for various forms of AEA-EAL's activity to adapt ourselves to the current situation. Next few months we will maintain online/ hybrid forms of our events....

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JOIN NEW MEDIATION COMMITTEE CALL FOR MEMBERS!

We have a pleasure to inform you that as a consequence of the very successful webinar on mediation which took place on January 28, 2021 the AEA-EAL Board decided to **establish a Mediation Committee** to promote alternative dispute resolution mechanism among legal profession, to promote use of the mediation by lawyers and to provide knowledge and know-how on this tool. **We invite AEA-EAL Members**, who are mediators or who wish to deal with this issue **to join the Mediation Committee**. Please send your submissions to secretary-general@aea-eal.eu cc office@aea-eal.eu **till April 16, 2021**.

We invite you to read article on new technologies and
fundamental rights by our guest



Izabela Konopacka
2nd Vice-President
Federation of European Bars (FBE)

IP and Privacy Rights as Fundamental Rights

The three sources of fundamental rights in the European Union undoubtedly reflect the complicated nature of the Union's legal system. Firstly, since the 1960s there has been continual development of a system of fundamental rights protection based on the general principles taken from Member State Constitutions...

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Mediation webinar - follow up



Professor Irakli Kandashvili
Chair
AEA-EAL Mediation Committee

I have a pleasure to present you information on our webinar "Mediation: an effective tool for commercial and family disputes. Singapore Convention" that took place on January 28, 2021. With speakers and participants from more than 15 countries, we exchanged the experience and discussed needs of further development of mediation in our homelands. I hope you [find our Report](#) interesting and useful.



Melissa Pang
President
Hong Kong Law Society

Legal Framework for Mediation in Hong Kong

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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Sergei Vataev
Chairman
International Arbitration Court
of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Mediation Framework in Kazakhstan

The Law "On Mediation" of the Republic of Kazakhstan was adopted ten years ago, on January 28, 2011. During these ten years, the mediation got rapidly developed as a civil society institute. All branches of the government, and Kazakhstan judiciary, in particular, applied significant efforts to promote mediation in resolving disputes. Kazakhstan law does not require mandatory mediation in any proceedings. However, the courts...

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- **AEA-EAL General Assembly** - Monday, June 14, 2021 (online)
- **35th AEA-EAL Anniversary and 3rd Twinning of Lawyers** - Saturday, October 16, 2021 (online)
- **4th Market Access Seminar** - November 2021

Past activities

- **Mediation Webinar** (January 28, 2021) by the AEA-EAL

This successful event gathered experienced mediators and lawyers from various countries giving a wide overview of use of the mediation in different jurisdictions such as Belgium, Georgia, Hong Kong, Kazakhstan, Spain and Uzbekistan. You can find more information in this newsletter and on our website.

- AEA-EAL speakers: Anna Mizerka from Lyon Bar (France) and

Wiktor Bobrin from Brest Bar (Belarus) delivered speeches on practical aspects of providing legal services in their countries during **webinar on providing legal services in Europe** (March 25, 2021) organized by the Rzeszów Bar of Attorneys-at-law(Poland) and Polish National Bar of Attorneys-at-law.

Human rights activities



Trial on killing Tahir Elci

On March 3rd, 2021 before the Diyarbakir 10th Heavy Penal Court, a hearing in the case concerning Tahir Elci's killing took place. Despite of declarations from high officials, both the investigation and the trial in Court raised serious doubts on its transparency and its correctness. Therefore, the AEA-EAL...

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Difficult situation of lawyers in Belarus

Situation of citizens and lawyers in Belarus is still very difficult. We call constantly to express your solidarity with Belorussian lawyers by displaying solidarity banner on your website. Banner (in various languages is available on [our website for download](#))



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