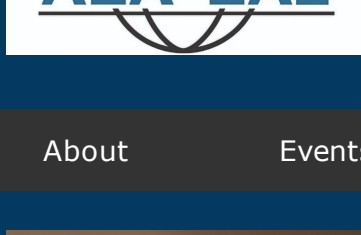


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Maria Ślęzak
AEA-EAL President

Foreword of President

Dear Colleagues,

It was a real pleasure to see so many of you during our **AEA-EAL General Assembly** held on June 14!

I am happy to welcome new Board Members: **Nielson Sanchez Stewart** (Spain), **Olivier d'Urse** (Belgium) and **Vladimir Palamarciuc** (Moldova).

Another good news is **lowering membership fees** for colleagues from outside of the EU/ EOG. This year we are proud to celebrate the **35 AEA-EAL Anniversary**, which will be combined with the conference of **Twinning of Lawyers** devoted to alternative dispute resolutions. Both meetings are taking place on October 16. Our partners are the Council of Europe and Armenian Bar.

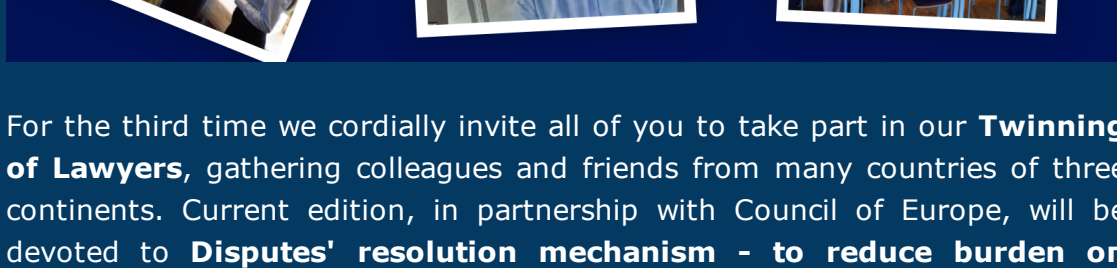
On October 14, for the fourth time we coorganize a **scientific seminar on Market Access**, together with the World Trade Institute and University of Bern, with support of the Prager Dreifuss AG.

Please read the **paper on Criminal Compliance System** by **Juan Núñez**, AEA-EAL past president. We invite all of you to provide information on this subject, related to your countries.

We also draw your attention to the **newly designed members directory**.

Please read more below.

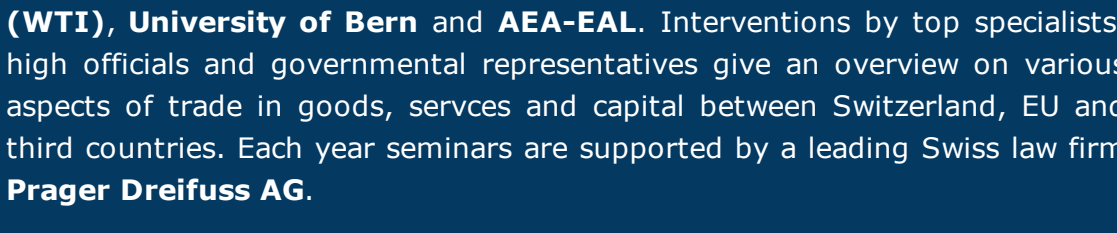
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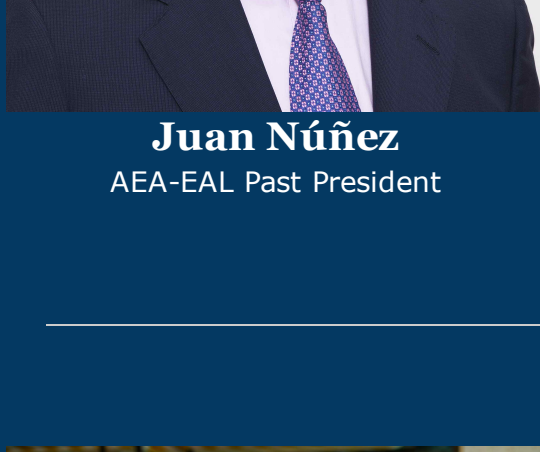
For the third time we cordially invite all of you to take part in our **Twinning of Lawyers**, gathering colleagues and friends from many countries of three continents. Current edition, in partnership with Council of Europe, will be devoted to **Disputes' resolution mechanism - to reduce burden on courts, and in consequence to improve access to justice**. Similarly to last year's meeting, this year the Council of Europe will join us as a partner and supporter of the conference, moreover, the Twinning will be combined with celebrations of **35th anniversary of our Association**. More information coming soon!

Market Access Seminar

4th edition



We are proud to invite all lawyers and stakeholders dealing with the international trade issues to participate in our traditional autumn scientific event - **Market Access Seminar** that is hosted by the **World Trade Institut (WTI)**, **University of Bern** and **AEA-EAL**. Interventions by top specialists, high officials and governmental representatives give an overview on various aspects of trade in goods, services and capital between Switzerland, EU and third countries. Each year seminars are supported by a leading Swiss law firm **Prager Dreifuss AG**.



Juan Núñez
AEA-EAL Past President

Does Compliance end with a CCS?

This text describes the situation in Spain. We invite all readers to share information/ opinion on the Criminal Compliance System from the perspective of their respective countries - we invite you for a discussion in the form of articles / written opinions in the Newsletter. The CCS is increasingly adopted...

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David Asatiani
President
Georgian Bar Association

Securing independence of legal profession in Georgia

The below speech was delivered by David Asatiani during a conference on Independence of Lawyers - Current Challenges on 12 May 2021.

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AEA-EAL General Assembly

14 June 2021



For the second time AEA-EAL members met in the General Assembly that was held in hybrid form - in our office in Brussels and online. We were happy to see each other in good health...

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Election of the Board of Directors

term of office 2021 - 2024



The General Assembly of the AEA-EAL elected the Board of Directors for the new term of office 2021 - 2024. All current Directors were discharged for their works in the previous years and were re-elected. Also, three new Directors were elected: **Nielson Sanchez Stewart** (Spain), **Olivier d'Urse** (Belgium) and **Vladimir Palamarciuc** (Moldova). We wish all new Directors good luck in their work for the AEA-EAL. You can find the full list of Directors here. The General Assembly commemorated our deceased Colleagues: **Andrzej Kaliński** (Poland), **Kurt Weil** (Germany), **Albert - Louis Dupont-Willemin** (Switzerland), **Philippe Jacob**, (France) as well as **Jean-Pierre van Cutsem** (Belgium). All our deceased Friends were honoured with a minute of silence.

Successful virtual conference

Independence of Lawyers - Current Challenges

12 May 2021



Online conference on current issues of independence of lawyers took place on 12 May 2021. It was a common event of the European Association of Lawyers (AEA-EAL), Polish National Bar of Attorneys-at-law (KIRP) and Warsaw Bar of Attorneys-at-law (OIRP Warszawa) with participation of speakers from Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine. Maria Ślęzak, AEA-EAL President made a summary of the whole conference noting that the independence of lawyers has a crucial value for society and for justice. She indicated key factors of independence raised by speakers...

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Impressions from the Colloquium

Erosion of the rule of law in the EU

4 June 2021



On Friday, 4 June 2021, a very interesting and live debate organized by the French-speaking Brussels Bar (**Barreau de Bruxelles Ordre Français**) in partnership with the **AEA-EAL** took place. Lawyers, judges and other stakeholders met to discuss the erosion of the rule of law principle in the European Union. The discussion followed a Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, Social Committee and Committee of Regions - **2020 Rule of Law Report**. The document sees rule of law as a well-established principle, saying that *"The rule of law is enshrined in Article 2..."*

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Cooperation with the Council of Europe



Last year representatives of the Council of Europe (CoE) participated as speakers in the second Twinning in cooperation with the CoE. We are happy to announce that also this year Twinning is organized in cooperation with the CoE. The AEA-EAL President was invited as an expert to participate in works on the future Convention on the Profession of Lawyer. Recently, the AEA-EAL was also asked to join works on supporting the youth in the legal profession in Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe within the framework of the Partnership for Good Governance (PGG).

Mediation Committee

current works

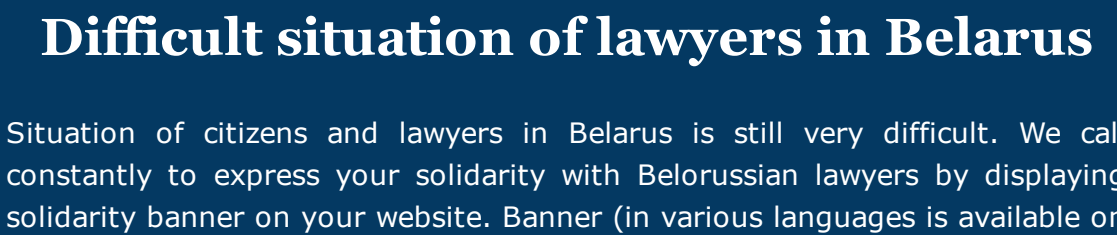


Professor Irakli Kandashvili
Chair
AEA-EAL Mediation Committee

AEA-EAL Board decided to establish a Mediation Committee to promote alternative dispute resolution mechanisms among legal professionals, to promote use of the mediation by lawyers and to provide knowledge/ know-how on this tool. The Mediation Committee members drafted the annual working plan for 2021 as well as agreed the schedule of permanent meetings of the Committee.

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Interview with the AEA-EAL President for "Le Bulletin" of the Paris Bar



We invite you to read an interview with the AEA-EAL President Maria Ślęzak that was published by "Le Bulletin" of the Paris Bar. Maria was speaking about the AEA-EAL, its priorities and recent developments. You may read the talk in French [here](#).

Human rights activities



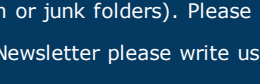
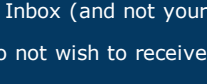
Difficult situation of lawyers in Belarus

Situation of citizens and lawyers in Belarus is still very difficult. We call constantly to express your solidarity with Belarusian lawyers by displaying solidarity banner on your website. Banner (in various languages is available on [our website for download](#)). Recently, AEA-EAL co-signed a Statement on the mounting repression against Belarusian lawyers and the disbarment of Dmitry Laevski. The document is available [here](#).

New Members Directory



We are finishing works on new, user-friendly Members Directory that will be available in our extranet. All AEA-EAL members will receive a letter explaining the aim and structure of the directory as well as request to check correctness of the provided data. Moreover, each member may provide extended information on his/her professional activity.



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