

Minutes of the ELI Membership Meeting

23 September 2025, Vienna

Venue: University of Vienna

Chair: Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President)

Keeper of the minutes: Marta Lages de Almeida (ELI Secretariat)

The meeting commenced at 17:00.

I. Welcome and Minute of Silence

- (1) Pascal Pichonnaz opened the meeting by welcoming those present and inviting approval of the agenda, which was subsequently approved. He noted the tradition of commemorating ELI Members who passed away in the preceding 12 months and invited participants to join in a minute of silence in memory of Mr Radovan Dobronić, President of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Croatia, Prof Dr Guido Alpa, and Prof Dr Rainer Arnold. The minute of silence was duly observed.

II. Approval of Minutes

- (2) The minutes of the last Membership meeting were approved.

III. Brief Report from the Presidency

- (3) Pascal Pichonnaz presented the Presidency's report, including recent activities across the Institute's project portfolio, representational engagements, and ongoing initiatives, all of which are detailed in the relevant Annex.
- (4) He informed Members of changes within the Senate, thanking Sir Francis Jacobs, the first President of the Institute, and Irmgard Griss, former President of the Austrian Supreme Court, both of whom are stepping down after many years of service. He emphasised that ELI would not be where it is today without their important contributions. He proceeded to outline other changes to the Senate.
- (5) Pascal Pichonnaz expressed his appreciation to the ELI Secretariat (Tomasz Dudek, Marta Lages de Almeida, Regina Dolot, Nia Ivanova, Maximilian Lotz and Lucia Dalenz Lorigo), headed by Vanessa Wilcox; to the members of the Executive Committee (Anne Birgitte Gammeljord, Sir Geoffrey Vos, Pietro Sirena, Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballel and Sylvaine Poillot Peruzzetto,

Aneta Wiewiorowska-Domagalska); and to the Scientific Director, Christiane Wendehorst, for their support over the last year.

IV. Brief Report from the Treasurer

- (6) Pietro Sirena delivered a brief financial report, noting a positive surplus, savings on personnel costs, and revenue generated from investments.

V. ELI Projects and Similar Initiatives

- (7) Anne Birgitte Gammeljord reiterated the importance of dissemination. She stressed that the real work begins once a project is completed, emphasising the need for translations and encouraging Members to continue disseminating project outcomes.
- (8) Pascal Pichonnaz urged Members to contribute to translation efforts as a valuable means of dissemination.

VI. Announcement of the Council election results

- (9) Reinhard Zimmermann, Speaker of the ELI Senate and Returning Officer, reported that this year's Council election saw more candidates than available positions, which reflects strong willingness among Members to serve on the Council. He read out the list of elected candidates and congratulated them, wishing them success in their upcoming four-year term. He encouraged those not elected to remain active as Fellows and noted that all Members are welcome to participate in ELI activities, including through the Members Consultative Committees of projects.

The meeting ended at 17:30.