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Spotlight: Diana P Wallis, Former ELI President and Former Vice-President of the European Parliament  
and Anna Veneziano, UNIDROIT Deputy Secretary-General

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Javier Cremades is the President and founder of Cremades & Calvo-Sotelo Abogados. He holds a PhD in law from the University of Regensburg (Germany), a PhD in law from the UNED (Spain) and an Honorary Doctorate from the International University of Valencia (UIV). Javier Cremades has been President of the World Jurist Association (WJA) since 2019. The WJA is the most prestigious international association of jurists, promoted in 1957 by Winston Churchill. Cremades is also President of the International Financial Litigation Network and promoter and President of Eurolatam Lex (Ellex). His career has been recognised by Forbes magazine, which branded him Lawyer of the Year in Spain (2015–2016) and by the World Jurist Association (2017–2018), which named him Jurist of the Year, highlighting his advice to the governments of several new members of the Union such as Poland, Lithuania and Latvia in updating their legal systems. Cremades was Secretary General of the Brazil-Spain Chamber of Commerce (2003–2008), and is President of the Ibero-American Intellectual Property Forum.

On this issue's cover, Javier Cremades, President of the WJA, highlights the collaborative effort of ELI and the WJA in defending the rule of law. Cremades' piece underscores the vital role of individuals and institutions in upholding freedom and democracy through adherence to the rule of law.

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ear esteemed  
colleagues  
and friends

As President of the World Jurist Association (WJA), I would like to thank ELI for its invitation to share with ELI's readers some considerations on a topic of mutual relevance for both organisations. I have chosen to focus on the need to work together to defend and strengthen the rule of law. I believe that all initiatives and work aimed at raising awareness of the importance of the rule of law are commendable and I congratulate ELI for its efforts in this regard.

The rule of law is not just an abstract legal concept, but a vital principle that guarantees equality before the law, the protection of human rights and the effective functioning of democratic institutions. At the same time, the rule of law is the highest evolutionary level reached by humanity to guarantee the coexistence of a free and civilized society. Without respect for the law, there is neither coexistence nor democracy, but only insecurity and arbitrariness.

Winston Churchill, who laid the foundation for a European Union dedicated to the rule of law, became one of the greatest advocates for the WJA, both across Europe and around the world. In addition to Churchill, Rene Cassin, former President of the European Court of Human Rights and a primary drafter of the UN Declaration of Human Rights, Nelson Mandela and Roman Herzog, former President of the German Constitutional Court, were also among the greatest promoters of the WJA around the world. Each, in their own way, has contributed to the global campaign of the international legal community to defend and strengthen the rule of law and to oppose the

rule of violence.

Since its inception, the WJA has spread to more than 80 countries and has been granted special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). For more than 60 years, the WJA has been committed to contributing to the international legal community under the motto 'Peace through Law'. The Association plays a necessary role in providing a platform for the exchange of ideas and best practices among lawyers, advocates, parliamentarians, academics and students from different countries and legal systems. By uniting legal professionals from different cultures and backgrounds, the WJA spreads awareness and educates on legal principles and ethical values that underpin the rule of law. This is vital in our increasingly interconnected world, where legal challenges and issues of justice transcend national boundaries.

I believe that the work of the WJA and the objectives of ELI are aligned and are a driving force in strengthening the rule of law across Europe. Their joint work is not limited to the mechanical application of the law but is rooted in a philosophical vision that recognises the rule of law as the cornerstone of a just and equitable society. Both organisations seek to keep the flame of justice alive, remembering that behind every legal norm lies an ideal of human dignity and mutual respect, in a shared commitment to the realisation of a fairer and freer society for all.

The rule of law is a work in progress, as US Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy mentioned in our latest WJA event: 'the



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freedoms we enjoy and the democracy we cherish, while resting on firm foundations, are under threat from many sides. They require vigilant protection and constant care: liberty may be lost, the balance of powers tipped, the lines of separation overturned.

We also understand that the defence of the rule of law is not the exclusive task of international organisations. The true power of the rule of law is that it takes root in institutions and in the conscience of every individual, making it more than an aspiration, a living reality that guides our societies towards a just and equitable future. The rule of law has no genetic code for self-protection.

Ultimately, it is citizens' respect for the rule of law and their confidence in the integrity of our institutions and those who serve them that will preserve the precious freedoms we know. That is why we firmly believe that joint efforts in raising awareness and constantly working to promote and educate about these ideas are crucial to upholding our mission and preserving peace through law.

Javier Cremades  
President of the World Jurists Association

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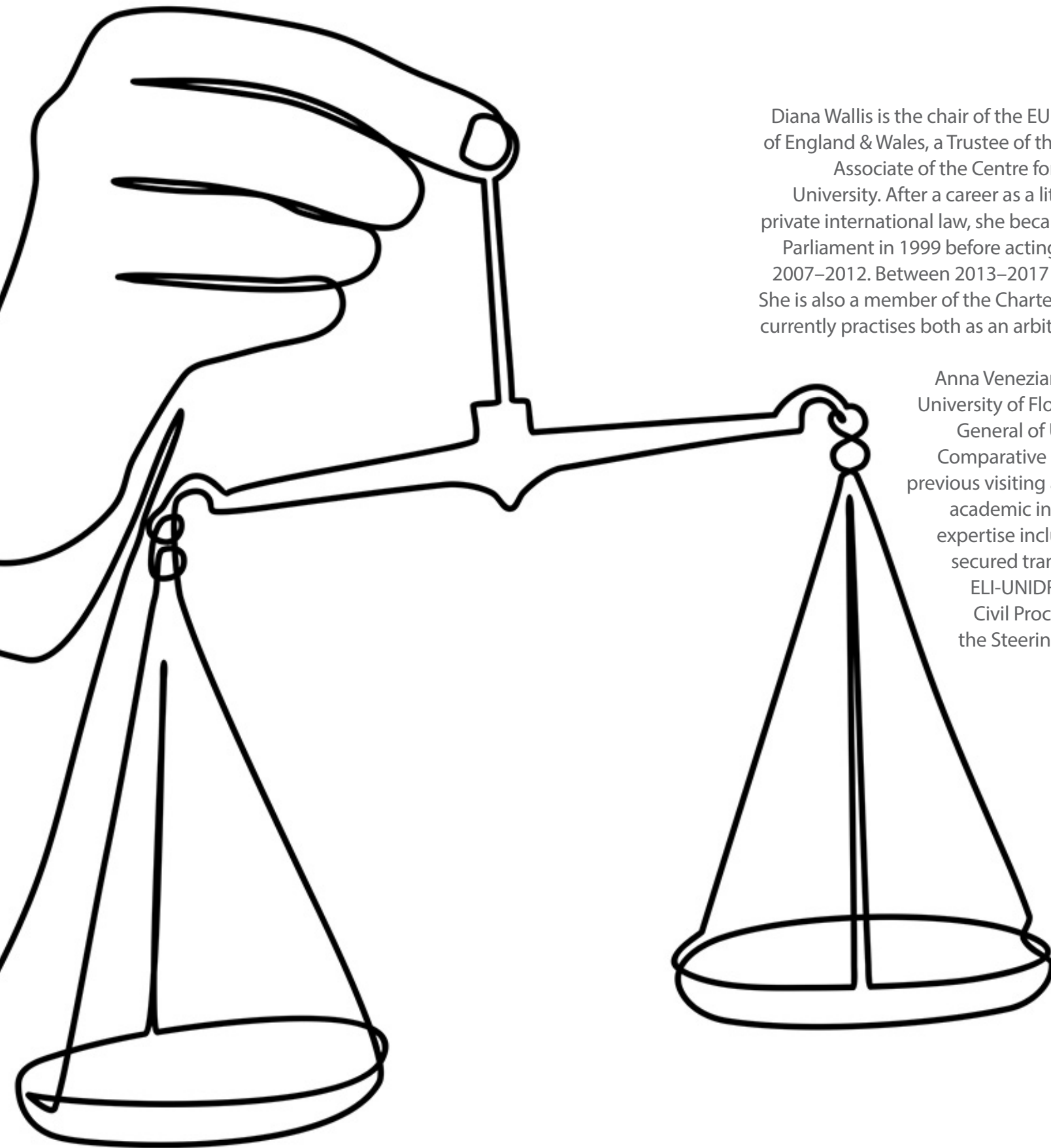
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## The ELI-UNIDROIT European Model Rules of Civil Procedure:

### Some thoughts after the joint dissemination conference in Vienna

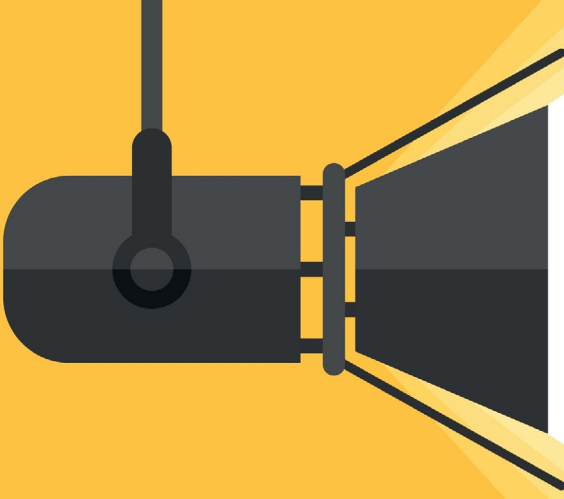
This issue's Spotlight focuses on the recent ELI-International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) conference which took place at the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna. The event focused on the ELI-UNIDROIT European Model Rules of Civil Procedure, in particular on themes such as international convergence, the importance of cooperation, technology's impact on law, translation challenges and dissemination strategies. ELI and UNIDROIT plan to publish conference proceedings to maintain interest and encourage ongoing engagement with the Model Rules.

# Spotlight by Diana Wallis and Anna Veneziano



Diana Wallis is the chair of the EU Committee of the Law Society of England & Wales, a Trustee of the ERA in Trier and an Honorary Associate of the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at Oxford University. After a career as a litigation solicitor specialising in private international law, she became a member of the European Parliament in 1999 before acting as its Vice-President between 2007–2012. Between 2013–2017 Wallis was the President of ELI. She is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and currently practises both as an arbitrator and accredited mediator.

Anna Veneziano (LLM, Yale Law School; PhD, University of Florence) is the Deputy Secretary General of UNIDROIT. She is a Professor of Comparative Law at Teramo University, with previous visiting and tenured positions at other academic institutions. Veneziano's fields of expertise include international contract and secured transactions law. In relation to the ELI-UNIDROIT European Model Rules on Civil Procedure, she was the Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of the project on behalf of UNIDROIT.



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Earlier this year, on 5 and 6 January, we had the pleasure to participate in the organisation of a successful conference co-sponsored by the European Law Institute (ELI) and the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), dedicated to the ELI-UNIDROIT European Model Rules of Civil Procedure. The conference offered the opportunity not only to present and disseminate information on the joint instrument approved by both organisations in 2020, but also to reflect on its impact so far, and on the current perspectives for the development of civil procedural law in Europe and beyond.

The ELI-UNIDROIT Rules stemmed from the initial idea of turning the American Law Institute (ALI)-UNIDROIT Principles of Civil Procedure into more specific rules tailored to the European continent. While purposefully not representing a 'model Code', the Rules have considered a wide array of additional sources and have grown into a large body of Rules and Comments starting from general provisions and covering first-instance proceedings (cooperative case management by parties and court, pleadings, service of process and due notice, *lis pendens*, proceedings preparatory to a final hearing, access to information and evidence-taking, judgments and their effects). They also address other topics such as provisional and protective measures, appeals, collective redress, and costs. Thus, while it was not the aim of this project to present 'ready-made' fit-for-all legislative rules, it represents an impressive repository of best practice solutions, which was the result of the work of more than 50 experts coming from different jurisdictions and with different backgrounds, over several years.

Our focus here will be to highlight some of the underlying themes discussed at the conference which, in our opinion, are worthy of further development and attention by the legal community at large.<sup>1</sup>

## ■ Growing International Convergence in the Approach to Civil Procedure?

The first part of the conference was devoted to a presentation of the fundamental principles and main contours of the Model Rules, which was coupled with a look at the most recent developments in the laws of the United States offered by guest panellist Diane P Wood, Director of the American Law Institute. Judge Wood discussed the challenges of a fragmented legal system such as that of the American civil procedure rules and the advantages of the uniformity of procedural rules. Noteworthy, in our opinion, was the recognition that although there are divergences, there is a growing convergence in the general approaches, which is more marked at present than when the ALI-UNIDROIT Principles were approved back in 2004, also thanks to efforts towards introducing more uniformity in the United States and through the development of balanced guidance instruments such as the ELI-UNIDROIT Model Rules.

## ■ Proposing Models Starting from a 'Common Core' – the Example of Case Management

The ELI-UNIDROIT Rules incorporate the developments in modern civil procedure, which move towards the implementation of the general principles of cooperation, party disposition, and proportionality, transforming these into concrete duties of all those involved in the proceedings (courts, lawyers, parties). In particular, the Rules emphasise the court's general responsibility for active case management in the broader context of the duty of cooperation required of the court and parties, while overcoming the traditional scholarly differentiation between formal or procedural court management that comprises organisational measures, and material or

<sup>1</sup> For more details on the conference content, and reference to all distinguished panellists who interacted with a very interested and knowledgeable audience, we would like to refer to the comprehensive report published earlier this year, [here](#).

substantive case management, due to their functional interdependence. The Rules also emphasise the role of lawyers and parties in contributing to the promotion of a proportionate dispute resolution process, particularly by facilitating settlement and ADR, which is accompanied by proportionate sanctions for non-compliance. The discussion at the conference focused on the role of the general principle of cooperation and its ramifications, which some experts considered pivotal. The debate also referred to the potential benefits and difficulties in the proper implementation of this approach in domestic legislation.

### ■ The Impact of the Model Rules on National Legislation

Several participants underlined the impact that the Model Rules already had, or may potentially have, in the context of recent legislative reforms at the domestic and European levels. In particular, earlier drafts of the project fed into European legislation on service of process especially in an electronic context. The experts further referred to recent developments, with particular regard to the UK and Croatia, regarding the concrete applications of the principle of cooperation, the role of settlement and ADR, and the illegality of evidence.

### ■ The Role of Technology

In the last few years, as it is well known, consideration of the impact of technology on law in general, and procedural law in particular, has dominated the scene at the academic and legislative levels. Technology appears both as a tool to enhance transparency and efficiency and with the potential to lower costs, but it also brings new challenges to be addressed. The Model Rules purposely chose a cautious approach to technological innovations. While a remarkable number of Rules provide for the appropriate use of modern kinds of communication and recording, to serve communication between court and parties and among parties, hearings and evidence-taking, disclosure and production of electronic data and documents, electronic platforms, particularly in collective proceedings, the Rules are technology-neutral and do not go into technical details that may be subject to rapid change. The conference offered the opportunity to better understand all the different ways in which new technologies are affecting civil procedure, opening the issue of the need for further

guidance in this area. It also referred to the new projects within ELI within the heading of Law and Governance for the Digital Age, including Digitalisation of Civil Justice Systems in Europe, as well as at UNIDROIT, with particular regard to digital assets and their enforcement within the Best Practices for Effective Enforcement project.

### ■ The Relevance of Translations

One of the most interesting topics discussed at the conference concerned the role played by translations of harmonisation instruments such as the Model Rules. Discussants reflected on the current trend of developing instruments using one principal language (English), and on the way the exercise of translating a legal text into another language may interact with the original text and help shape the substance of the instrument. It also addressed the challenges of literal translation, which triggered a lively debate on the benefit of preserving the functional approach and neutral terminology that characterises the methodology of comparative and uniform law.

### ■ Further Dissemination of the Rules

The conference finally addressed the need to develop a concrete strategy for the further dissemination of the Model Rules, which triggered an interesting debate on the challenges in the implementation of soft law guidance harmonisation instruments in general. In addition to translations, other proposed mechanisms were the creation of a central repository of information on pertinent legislation and case law as well as publications and notice of events, and the adequate involvement of all actors, including judges and practising lawyers.

ELI and UNIDROIT plan to publish the proceedings of the conference to help maintain the Model Rules alive and feed the current academic and legislative action in this fundamental area of the law. We look forward to the reactions and debate on the published contributions.

Diana P Wallis  
Anna Veneziano



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Meetings and other  
representational activities held in  
March and April 2024

## March

**1 March**

- **Presidents of ELI and ELRA Meet Online to Discuss Current Activities and Potential Collaboration**

More [here](#).

**1 March**

- **ELI and DG Home Representatives Meet Online to Share Insights on the Recent Developments to the EU's Migration Policy**

More [here](#).

**8 March**

- **ELI President Attends HCCH's Annual Council in the Hague**

More [here](#).

## April

**26 March**

- **ELI President Participates in Polish-Swiss Private Law Forum at Gdańsk University**

More [here](#).

**18 April**

- **ELI President Speaks at 2024 ELFA Annual General Meetings at Edinburgh Law School**

More [here](#).

**19 April**

- **ELI President Attends 34th Conference of European Civil-Law Notaries in Salzburg**

More [here](#).

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### **ELI's First Vice-President Wins the Danish Bar and Law Society Foundation's Honorary Award**

Anne Birgitte Gammeljord, ELI's First Vice-President, was honored with the distinguished Danish Bar and Law Society Foundation's Honorary Award in April 2024. The award acknowledges her extensive and distinctive contributions to the legal profession, encompassing her profound expertise in anti-money laundering within the EU and her pivotal leadership in both academic and international spheres.

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### **ELI Executive Committee Member Recognised as a Woman of Reference**

Todojuristas.com, a leading media outlet in the legal sector known for its commitment to fostering training and employment opportunities, recognised Prof Dr Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell in their annual list of Women of Reference, in celebration of International Women's Day on 8 March 2024.

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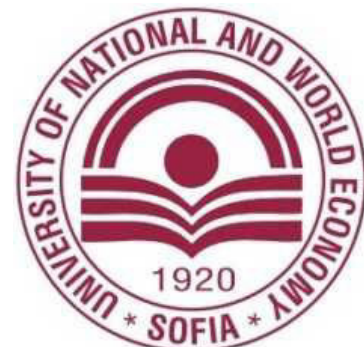
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**Beatriz Zamora Rodriguez**, Association of Spanish Registrars (Registradores de España), Spain

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## rojects



ELI organises its work around projects, which can be long-term endeavours or quick reactions to legislative developments.

## Webinar Series

# ELI FCP Charter for a European Democracy Webinar Series



In March and April 2024, ELI organised four webinars on its recently published Charter. The Charter is structured into seven sections, each of which will be featured in a webinar. Every webinar centered on delving into a single Principle.

## Webinar I: Liberal Democracy

11 March 2024

- Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)
- Takis Tridimas (Project Co-Reporter; Professor, King's College London)
- Ralph Kaessner (Unit Justice and Home Affairs, Council of the EU)
- Daniel Popescu (Promoting Local Democracy Department of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe)
- Dominika Bychawska-Siniarska (Central Europe Programme of the Prague Civil Society Center)
- Róbert Ragnar Spanó (Gibson Dunn; Former President of the European Court of Human Rights)

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## Webinar II: Rule of Law

25 March 2024

- Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)
- Sir Jeffrey Jowell (Project Co-Chair; Barrister, Blackstone Chambers)
- Claire Bazy Malaurie (President of the Venice Commission)
- Gareth Davies (Professor, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
- Kim Lane Sheppelle (Professor, Princeton University)
- Florian Geyer (Head of Unit, Rule of Law, DG JUST)

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## Webinar III: Judicial Independence

8 April 2024

- Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)
- Takis Tridimas (Project Co-Reporter; Professor, King's College London)
- Sophie Turenne (Co-Reporter of ELI project on ELI-Mount Scopus European Standards of Judicial Independence; Professor, University of Cambridge)
- Jan van Zyl Smit (Acting Director of Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, British Institute of International and Comparative Law)

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## Webinar IV: Dignity and Equality

22 April 2024

- Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)
- Elise Muir (Project Co-Reporter; Professor, KU Leuven)
- Patrick Charlier (European Network of Equality Bodies (Equinet))
- Marja Ruotanen (Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe)
- Katarzyna Sękowska-Kozłowska (Poznań Human Rights Centre of the Institute of Law Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences)

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## ELI Output Translations

# ELI Principles on the Use of Digital Assets & Empowering European Families Output Now in Turkish

23 April 2024

ELI is grateful to İsmail Dede and Hilal Selin Sargin for their efforts in translating its work into Turkish.

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The Principles on the Use of Digital Assets as Security were developed under the leadership of Phoebus Athanassiou, Teemu Juutilainen and Denis Philippe, and were translated by Hilal Selin Sargin.

In addition, the ELI Report on Empowering European Families, developed under the leadership of Katharina Boele-Woelki, Wendy Schrama and Christiane Wendehorst, was translated by İsmail Dede.

## ELI Project Representation

# Ilaria Pretelli Contributes to the Reform of the CIEC Convention



18 April 2024

Ilaria Pretelli, who has led and contributed to a number of ELI projects, represented ELI in talks on the reform of the CIEC Convention No 20.

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Ilaria Pretelli, Project Co-Reporter of the ELI Model Rules on Enhancing Child Protection: Private International Law on Filiation and the European Commission's Proposal COM/2022/695, provided detailed input in discussions on the reform of the Convention.

Webinar Series

# ALI-ELI Third Party Funding of Litigation Webinar



15 April 2024

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ALI and ELI convened experts for the third webinar in their joint series.

The webinar touched on challenges in the third party funding of litigation field. Market trends and regulations in the US and EU were discussed as well as the benefits and risks associated with TPTL. ELI's draft Principles, which are already garnering regulatory reputability (more below), were praised by the speakers:

- Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)
- Sara Cockerill (Project Co-Reporter; High Court of England and Wales, Judge in Charge of the Commercial Court 2020–2022)
- Tom Baker (University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School; American Law Institute)
- Alice Fremuth-Wolf (Market Head for

Austria & CEE region, Nivalion AG)

- Pia Lindholm (Deputy Head of Unit for Civil Justice, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission)
- Cristina Poncibò (Professor, Università degli Studi di Torino, Department of Law; Contributor to European Parliament's, Responsibly Private Funding of Litigation: European Added Value Assessment)
- Susanne Augenhofer (Professor, Universität Innsbruck; Senior Research Scholar, Yale Law School; Co-Reporter of ELI Project on TPLF).

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## ELI TPFL Project Discussed at House of Lords' Debate

15 April 2024

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ELI's Principles were acknowledged for their pivotal role in shaping future legislation.

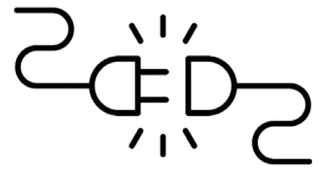
During a House of Lords debate on the Litigation Funding Agreements (Enforceability) Bill on 15 April 2024, members of the House commended ELI for its significant regulatory initiatives on third-party litigation funding.

ELI Project  
Dissemination

11 April 2024

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# Guiding Principles on Implementing Worker's Right to Disconnect



Karine Lempen, Co-Reporter of the above project, presented ELI's Principles at the University of Lisbon.

The presentation took place during a seminar titled 'New Employment Relations: Untying the Knot(s)'.

ELI Project  
Dissemination

13 & 6 March 2024

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# ELI's Advance Choices for Future Disablement Project Discussed



ELI was represented by Adrian Ward, the Co-Reporter of the above project, on two recent occasions.

On 13 March 2024, Adrian Ward, Co-Reporter of ELI's Project met STEP representatives to discuss possible future cooperation. Ward also represented ELI at the Reform of Adults with Incapacity Law: Addressing Challenges' webinar, which focused on solutions and/or approaches to the challenges in reforming the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000.

Project Meeting

5 March 2024

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# Succession of Digital Assets, Data and other Digital Remains



The Project Team met in Budapest to advance project draft.

The meeting offered the opportunity to discuss various topics, among them, the definition of digital remains, personal remains, the right to access/to delete/to assign, the rights of third parties, jurisdiction and applicable law.

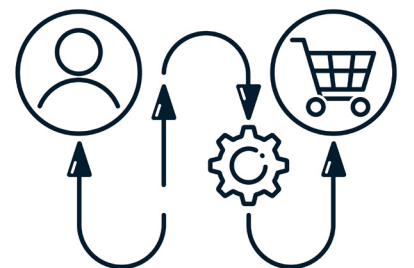
High Level Forum (HLF)

4 March 2024

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# EU Consumer Law and Automated Decision-Making



The Forum, led by ELI President Pascal Pichonnaz, convened experts to disseminate the recently approved ELI project.

The HLF provided an opportunity for those gathered to discuss ELI’s Interim Report ‘EU Consumer Law and Automated Decision-Making (ADM): Is EU Consumer Law Ready for ADM?’ It featured presentations by Nils Behrndt (Deputy Director-General in the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers) and Prof Dr Marie Jull Sørensen

(Project Co-Reporter; Aalborg University) on ELI’s Principles. Experts lauded the Interim Report for its clarity and provided valuable insights. Attendees included EU Ministries of Justice, consumer organisations and representatives from UNCITRAL, BEUC, and DOT Europe.

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## ubs & SIGs

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Hub and SIG Meetings and other activities were held throughout March and April 2024.

Hubs and SIGs are country- and topic-specific groups respectively.

They are a practical means through which ELI Members can meet closer to home, communicate in their native language, discuss current or upcoming projects, and generate ideas for future ELI activities. As such, Hubs and SIGs are of fundamental importance to ELI's success.

## Austrian Hub

**18 March 2024**

Online and  
University of Innsbruck

**22 April 2024**

Online and University of  
New Orleans

**25 April 2024**

Online and University of  
Innsbruck

■ **ELI Austrian Hub Hosts 168th Seminar on Current Problems of Private Commercial Law Series**

The seminar provided insights on shareholder democracy in Austria and Germany. More [here](#).

■ **Austrian Hub Hosts 169th Seminar on Current Problems of Private Commercial Law Series**

The seminar focused on the recent legal developments, which brought more flexibility to the law of corporations. More [here](#).

■ **Austrian Hub Co-Organises Conference on Sustainability, Business Law and Greenwashing**

The event focused on sustainability in the context of green company law. More [here](#).

## Croatian Hub

**5 March 2024**

Online

**19 March 2024**

Online

**23 April 2024**

Online

■ **Croatian Hub Hosts the 34th Webinar in its Webinar Series**

The event focused on the 'Principle of Proportionality and Private Law Relations'. More [here](#).

■ **Croatian Hub Hosts the 35th Webinar in its Webinar Series**

The event examined how lawyers can help navigate 'Family Business Challenges'. More [here](#).

■ **Croatian Hub Hosts the 36th Webinar in its Webinar Series**

The meeting focused on 'Fair and Equitable Treatment and the Rule of Law'. More [here](#).

## French Hub

**25 March 2024**

Online

■ **ELI French Hub Hosted an Event on ELI's Projects**

The event aimed to discuss ongoing projects and the Annual Conference. More [here](#).

## Nordic Hub

**21 March 2024**

Online

■ **ELI Nordic Hub Hosts Online Meet & Greet Session on Climate, Energy and Environmental Law**

The event facilitated the exchange of research among participants and explored collaboration opportunities within the Hub. More [here](#).

## Polish Hub

**26 March 2024**

Gdańsk University

### ■ Polish Hub Co-Organised Forum on Polish-Swiss Private Law

The Hub offered a full-day conference with distinguished guests. More [here](#).

## Portuguese Hub

**8 March 2024**

### ■ ELI Charter of Fundamental Constitutional Principles To Be Translated in Portuguese

The ELI Portuguese Hub is translating the recently published, ELI Charter of Fundamental Constitutional Principles of a European Democracy. More [here](#).

## Spanish Hub

**23 March 2024**

### ■ Book Edited by ELI Spanish Hub Published

The book, which was edited by the Hub's Chair, Alberto Ruda, is now available. More [here](#).

## Turkish Hub

**14 March 2024**

Pîrî Reis University

### ■ ELI Turkish Hub Held Its First In-Person Members' Meeting and Workshop on Digital Assets

The first workshop and meeting took place at the Pîrî Reis University. More [here](#).

**26 March 2024**

Online

### ■ ELI Turkish Hub Hosts Webinar on ELI's Model Rules of ADM Systems

The webinar, which drew a distinguished panel of experts, focused on ELI's Report. More [here](#).

## Ukrainian Hub

**19-20 April 2024**

Online and West Ukrainian  
National University

### ■ ELI Ukrainian Hub Co-Organises VIII International Scientific and Practical Conference

Participants explored the reform of the Ukrainian legal system. More [here](#).

## Administrative Law SIG

13 March 2024

Online

### ■ ELI Administrative Law SIG Hosts Webinar on Algorithmic Administration and Good Governance Principles

The webinar delved into the relevance of the substantial and procedural principles of administrative law. More [here](#).

## Digital Law SIG

3 April 2024

Online

### ■ ELI Digital Law SIG-UC Berkeley Webinar of the Transatlantic Dialogues Series

The third webinar focused on artificial intelligence. More [here](#).

## Insurance Law SIG

14 March 2024

Online

### ■ ELI Insurance Law SIG ATILA Lecture 9 on Insurance and Climate Change

The Lecture featured three expert speaker on the topic. More [here](#).

# Call For Interest – Gender Equality SIG



ELI members are invited to register for the above SIG by contacting the [ELI Secretariat](#).

Proposer, Prof Dr.Barbara Pozzo is a Full Professor on Private Comparative Law, the UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality and Women's Rights in the Multicultural Society, Rector's Delegate for Equal Opportunities and Gender Equality, the President the Italian Society for Comparative Law Research (SIRD) and the Director of the Research Center on Sustainable Fashion, among others.

The focus and objectives of the Gender Equality SIG is to delve into the effectiveness of gender mainstreaming in EU policies, particularly within

the realms of environmental sustainability and artificial intelligence. It will underscore the importance of addressing the intersectionality of gender with environmental concerns and AI advancements.

The SIG also aims to explore connections between gender and these areas, conduct discussions with experts, identify best practices, collaborate with other institutions and formulate policy recommendations to promote gender equality within these crucial domains.

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## Upcoming Events



**3 June 2024**

Online

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■ **ELI Members' Day: The Future of Money**

The second ELI Member's Day webinar will explore 'The Future of Money'. More [here](#).

**11 June  
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■ **ELI Webinar on Impact of KlimaSeniorinnen Case on the Climate Change Policies and Litigation in Europe**

More details to follow.

**17 June 2024**

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■ **Webinar VII on Constitutional Integrity**

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# ELI Activities

# Hub and SIG Events

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## Austrian Hub

- ELI Austrian Hub Hosts Book Talk on Import Bans on Cultural Goods. More [here](#).
- 171th Seminar on Current Problems of Private Commercial Law Series – Challenges Shaping Competition. More [here](#).
- 172nd Seminar on Current Problems of Private Commercial Law Series – Disputes on Information Laws. More [here](#).
- 173rd Seminar on Current Problems of Private Commercial Law Series – Barriers to Action. More [here](#).

**21 May 2024**

University of Innsbruck &  
Online

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University of New Orleans  
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**10 June 2024**

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## Croatian Hub

- 37th Webinar – Digital Remains and Postmortem Privacy. More [here](#).
- ELI Croatian Hub organises Annual Members Meeting. More [here](#).
- 38th Webinar – Change of Debtor in Comparative Perspective. More [here](#).
- 39th Webinar – Guidelines for Behaviourally Informed Green Policymaking. More [here](#).

**14 May 2024**

Online

**14 May 2024**

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**28 May 2024**

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**11 June 2024**

Online

## Italian Hub

- ELI Italian Hub Hosts Conference on Applications of Legal instruments for Sustainability Goals  
More soon.

**24 June**

University of Roma

- ELI Nordic Hub Family Law Early Career Colloquium. More [here](#).

## Nordic Hub

**6-7 June 2024**  
Online

## Portuguese Hub

- ELI Portuguese Hub Hosts Conference on Sustainability Challenges in the Law. More [here](#).

**22 May 2024**  
University of Porto

## Spanish Hub

- 9th Spanish Annual Meeting. The Hub invites submissions for papers that analyse the doctrine of the European courts and their impact on domestic law. More [here](#).

**7 June 2024**  
Toledo

## Turkish Hub

- Introducing the ELI Guiding Principles on Implementing Workers’ Right to Disconnect and discussing the outcomes under Turkish law. More [here](#).

**28 May 2024**  
Online

## Family and Succession Law SIG

- ELI Family and Succession Law SIG Hosts Webinar on Intestacy Rights for Unmarried Partners. More [here](#).

**6 June 2024**  
Online

## Global Private Law SIG

- ELI Global Private Law SIG Hosts Webinar on Challenges in Property Law. More [here](#).

**6 May 2024**  
Online

- ELI Global Private Law SIG Hosts Webinar on Security Rights over Immovable Property. More [here](#).

**27 May 2024**  
Online

## ELI Sustainability and Environmental Law SIG

- ELI Sustainability and Environmental Law SIG Hosts Event on Greenwashing. More [here](#).

- ELI Sustainability and Environmental Law SIG Hosts its Annual Conference on 'Climate Justice'. More soon.

**14 June 2024**  
KU Leuven & Online

**28 June 2024**  
Ferrara

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