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Spotlight: Kim Jørgensen, Director General and the European Investment Bank Permanent Representative to the EU institutions in Brussels





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Truth Through Dialogue

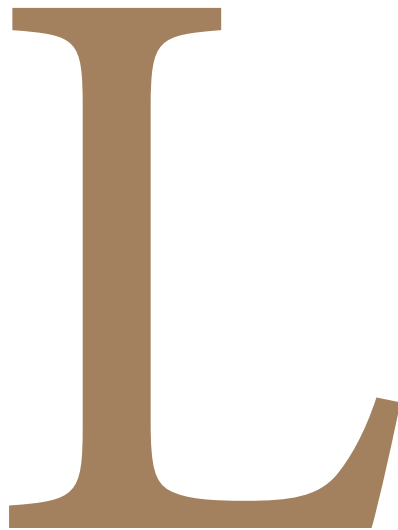
The Importance of Dialogue in Law



Georg Kodek studied law at the University of Vienna and at Northwestern University School of Law. After serving at local courts in Vienna and Eisenstadt and later at the Vienna Court of Appeals, he was appointed to the Austrian Supreme Court in 2006. Effective 1 January 2024, he was appointed President of that Court.

For many years, Kodek has also served as an expert for the Council of Europe and the European Union. Activities included missions in the former Yugoslavia, Lithuania, Russia and, more recently, Ukraine.

Georg Kodek is also part-time professor of civil and commercial law at the Vienna University of Economics and Business. Before his appointment as President of the Austrian Supreme Court, he was head of the department of private law at that University. In 2017, he was a Visiting Researcher at QUT, Brisbane, and in 2018 he was a Visiting Professor at the Max Planck Institute in Luxemburg. Georg Kodek has published extensively in the fields of civil and commercial law and civil procedure law.



Law is based on language and dialogue.

From ancient times, lawyers have resorted to dialogue in exploring questions of law. Roman magistrates enjoyed the advice of *amici*, as did rulers in the Middle Ages. Indeed, it has been suggested that our methods of statutory interpretation go back, at least in part, to the orators of classical antiquity. Dialogue assists in the exploration of legal problems by accurately framing proper questions and developing solutions.¹ This is why in many countries law students are trained by a method called 'Socratic' which is based on an argumentative dialogue of questions and answers.

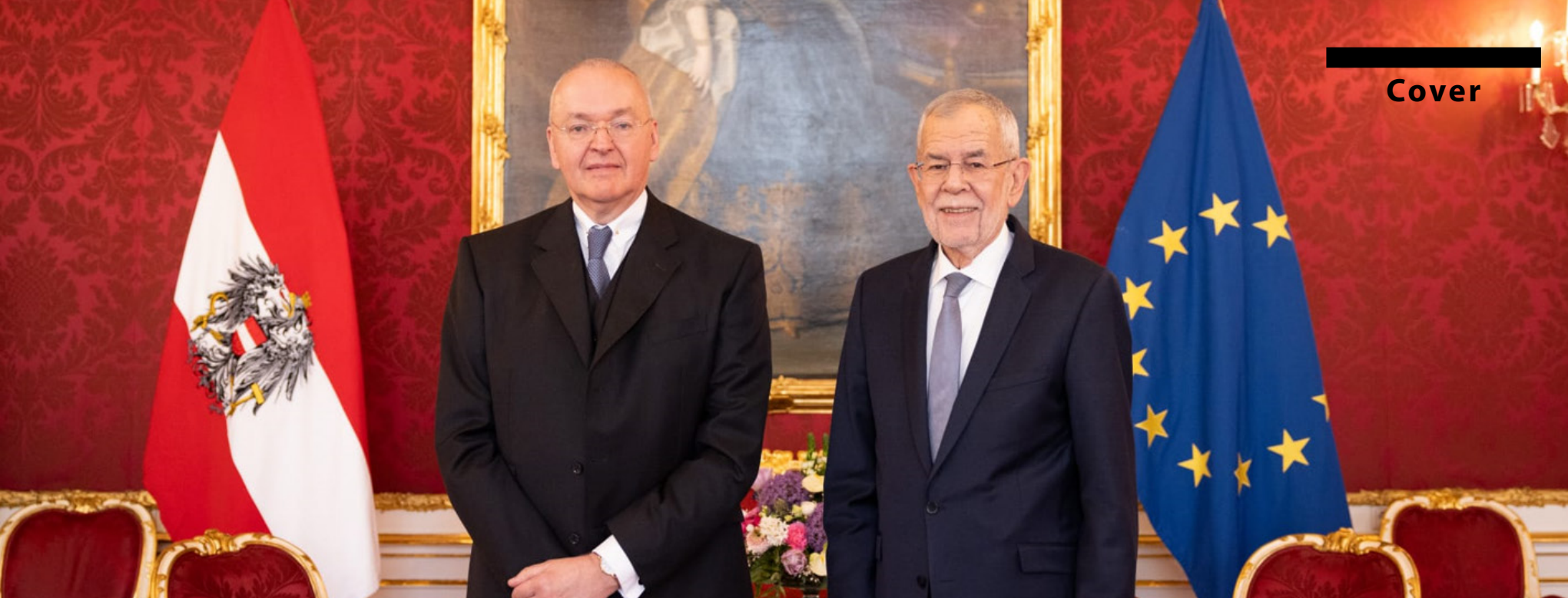
In court proceedings, there is a dialogue between the court and the parties (or their lawyers). In addition, there may be a dialogue between judges during deliberations, but also perhaps with other judges not involved in the decision of the case. Another aspect is the dialogue between trial courts and appellate courts which, over time, results in the emergence of a steady body of case law. In many countries there is also a fruitful dialogue between courts and academics. Academic publications analyse and discuss court decisions and courts respond to, and perhaps pick up these reflections.

The same holds true, although to a lesser extent, on an international level. In former times lawyers had Latin as their lingua franca. Also, they shared a huge corpus of authoritative texts as a common basis for their discussions, namely Roman law as compiled by Justinian and, later, canon law. The age of enlightenment with its rational natural law movement and the resulting codification movement brought an abrupt end to this

dialogue: with national codes enacted in many countries, lawyers lost the common basis of their discussions as well as their common language as they turned their attention to national codes written in national languages. As a result, for a long time international discussions of doctrinal problems made little sense. Granted, comparative law enhanced our knowledge, and understanding, of foreign law. But ultimately legal doctrine ('*Dogmatik*') is always tied to a particular legal order, its system and, indeed, very often also its language.

European Union law has powerful potential to change this: now, once again we do have common authoritative texts. Also, English has emerged as the new lingua franca (which is evidenced, inter alia, by the renowned Hague Conference on Private International Law now having adopted English in addition to the traditional French as its official language). European Union law has also brought another key player which has tremendous potential to create a truly international legal dialogue: the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) as the supreme arbiter of European Union law has contributed immensely to the uniform application of EU law and continues to do so.

Yet, this potential is not used to its full extent. One aspect clearly is language. The CJEU's insistence on French as the only language for the Court's deliberations and drafting of decisions significantly limits the number of talented candidates for judgeships. While there are many excellent lawyers who speak French, there are more who do not. The current situation may also have broader implications which go beyond mere questions of language in that it may also lead to a restriction of the range of legal methods applied due to a predominance of French legal thinking.



Georg Kodek, President of the Austrian Supreme Court (left); Alexander Van der Bellen, Federal President of the Republic of Austria (right)

“ **The full dimensions of European law, and, indeed, its beauty, can only be explored by way of a full dialogue involving European and national judges as well as lawyers and academics. ELI’s mission is an important part of this dialogue.** ”

Another restricting factor is the current style of reasoning which falls short of what we are used to from many national courts. The Court normally only cites its own prior decisions and does not (at least, not openly) engage in a dialogue with academic writings. Also, regrettably, any references in a request for a preliminary ruling seem to be omitted in the working translations of the Court, and, therefore, are literally ‘lost in translation’. This is unfortunate: the CJEU could have become a European equivalent to the German Constitutional Court with its profound and erudite judgments. By including academic publications in its reasoning, the CJEU could also foster a truly international dialogue.

Ideally, also the dialogue with national courts could be strengthened. Commendably, the Court invites the chief judges of all national supreme courts once a year. Also, there is a European Network of National Supreme

Courts. Yet, ideally, a dialogue should work in both directions. So far, national judges who have submitted a request for a preliminary ruling are neither allowed to speak at the hearing nor to take part in the Court’s deliberations. It would be fascinating to have national and CJEU judges deliberating together, striving for a solution best in line with European and domestic law.

This potential remains yet to be fully developed. The full dimensions of European law, and, indeed, its beauty, can only be explored by way of a full dialogue involving European and national judges as well as lawyers and academics. ELI’s mission is an important part of this dialogue.

Georg Kodek
President of the Austrian Supreme Court

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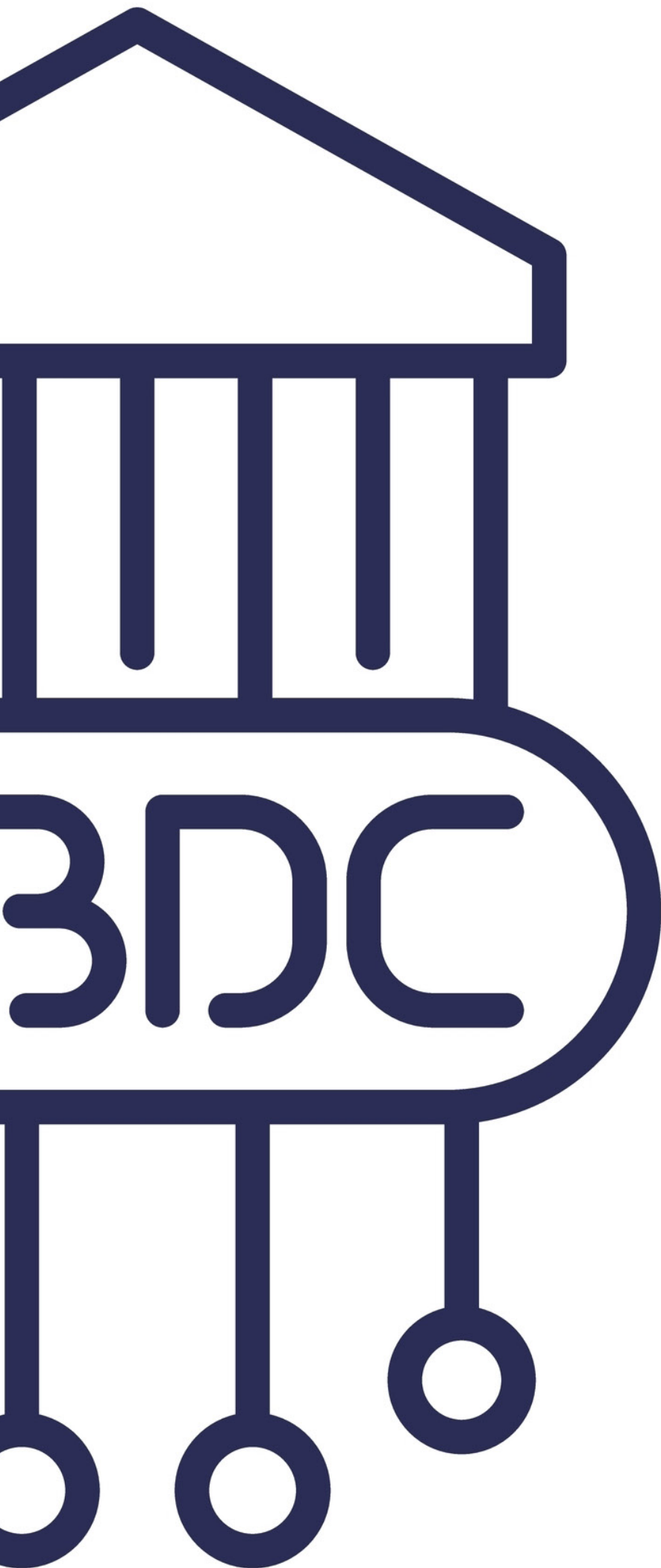
Celebrating 13 Years of the European Law Institute

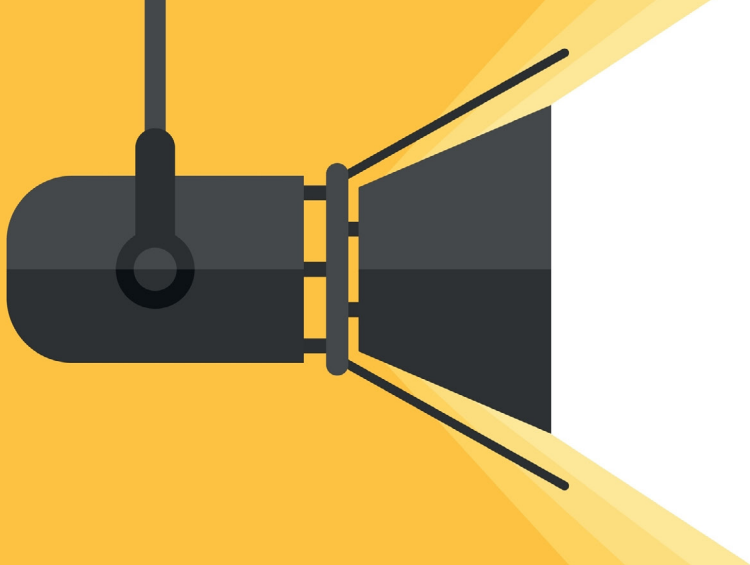
Some thoughts on the topic of ELI's Members' Day Webinar on 'The Future of Money'

In this Spotlight, Mr Jørgensen discusses the EIB's support for digitalising capital markets as crucial for boosting the EU's competitiveness. Having highlighted benefits of a Central Markets Union (CMU), such as enhanced market resilience and efficiency, he outlines the EIB Group's various innovative issuances. Jørgensen cautions, however, that several prerequisites need to be met to achieve widespread adoption, from reliable and scalable infrastructure to regulatory clarity.

Kim Jørgensen is Director General and the EIB Permanent Representative to the EU institutions in Brussels. He joined the European Investment Bank on 1 July 2022. Previously, he worked at the European Commission where he was Head of Cabinet to Executive Vice-President Margrethe Vestager.

Kim holds a Master's degree in History from the University of Copenhagen. He has held various positions within the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1990. He was Denmark's Ambassador to Turkey in 2006–2007 and Permanent Representative of Denmark to the EU between 2015–2019. He also spent two years as State Secretary for Foreign Policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.





achieving a Capital Markets Union (CMU) is a key driver of the EU's competitiveness and is currently high on the political agenda. The digitalisation of capital markets holds great potential for contributing to the CMU. It will therefore not come as a surprise that supporting the CMU is one of the eight priorities for the EIB Group, as set out by President Calviño.

Just as one could argue for a Green CMU, there are arguments for a Digital CMU. The COVID-19 crisis has shown the benefits digitalisation can bring to capital markets, such as the reinforcement of market resilience, for example.

Central bank digital currencies (CBDC) and digital assets may benefit market participants in the coming years by increasing efficiency and market transparency amongst others. Although the EIB Group is not directly involved in CBDC, the EIB Group endeavours to support market progress by running issuance projects to test solutions made available to the market.

The EIB Group believes that the digitalisation of capital markets may bring benefits to market participants through more agile technology infrastructure, operational efficiency gains and a potential reduction of intermediation and fixed costs, for example.

EIB Group's involvement provides added value in complement to the wide array of for-profit private sector participants, namely, it can provide a focus on the general public interest. The EIB Group has recurrently been involved in initiatives that contribute to the sustainable development of debt capital markets. As such the EIB Group has been pioneering in the development of the Green Bond market, having issued the world's first Green Bond in 2007. In the same spirit and given the maturity and

disruption potential of blockchain technologies, we decided to launch digital bond issuances. In recent years, the EIB Group has run several issuances, exploring and adding new features to its toolbox as it progressed through. In doing so, the EIB Group remains agnostic when it comes to legal and technological frameworks. Indeed, the EIB is a regulation-taker and adheres to what regulators such as Central Banks, including the European Central Bank (ECB), decide in the field. The EIB Group simply makes use of any available technological solution to foster market development.

The EIB Group has to date launched four digital bonds between 2021 and 2023, both in euro and in other currencies, experimenting with various technologies, financial engineering features and legal frameworks and will continue doing so.

The first-ever EIB digital bond issuance on a public blockchain took place in April 2021. A EUR 100 million 2-year bond, under French law, using a French Central Bank proxy of EUR CBDC for the initial settlement of the transaction. In November 2022, the EIB Group innovated further with Project Venus, the first euro-denominated digital bond on a private blockchain with same-day settlement in cooperation with Banque de France and Banque Centrale du Luxembourg. A EUR 100 million 2-year bond, under Luxembourg law, same-day settlement, subject to a light listing on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, introducing the interoperability between 2 blockchain ecosystems. In January 2023 the EIB Group issued its first-ever digital bond in pound sterling. A GBP 50 million 2-year bond, the first floating rate digital bond of the EIB Group, using a commercial bank-based solution for on-chain payments. Another recent issuance was the first-ever digital Climate Awareness Bond and Swedish Krona transaction. A Swedish Krona (SEK) 1 billion

2-year bond, executed in Climate Awareness Bond format on a 'Green' blockchain technology co-developed by Crédit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank (CA CIB) and Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken (SEB).

To unleash its potentially significant benefits and turn blockchain technology into a widely used utility for debt capital markets, several steps still need to be taken. For instance, there is a need for technical innovation, regulatory clarity and industry collaboration. Firstly, standard protocols and formats for blockchain-based systems need to be set up to achieve interoperability, wider adoption across the industry and increase efficiency. Secondly, clear and consistent regulatory frameworks should be designed in collaboration amongst all market participants to ensure compliance and provide legal certainty. Thirdly, there is a need for the development of a reliable and scalable

infrastructure to support the use of blockchain technology in capital markets, including secure custody solutions, interoperable trading platforms, and robust settlement systems. Finally, wider education efforts are essential to raise awareness of the potential benefits of blockchain technology and foster adoption across the industry. Adequate skills are a key driver of competitiveness, including in the field of digitalisation of capital markets.

Central bank digital currencies and digital assets can be game changers for the CMU and contribute to the EU's competitiveness. In this respect, similar to the EIB Group's role in green bonds or risk-free rates, we hope that the EIB Group's new digital bond issuances may help pave the way for market players to adopt blockchain technology for the issuance of financial securities.

ELI Webinar Series:

ELI Members' Day

Webinar II

The Future of Money



- Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)
- Hubert de Vauplane (Co-Chair of the High Committee for the Paris Finance Marketplace Working Group on the Evolution of the Concept of Money)
- Evelien Witlox (Programme Director, Digital Euro, European Central Bank (ECB))
- Denis Beau (First Deputy Governor of the Banque de France)
- Sir John Cliff (Former Deputy Governor of the Bank of England)
- Francesca Provini (Head of the Payment Oversight Division of the Bank of Italy)
- Marko Dimitrijević (Associate Professor and Jean Monnet Module for European Monetary Law (MONELA))
- Anna Martin (Financial Services Officer at The European Consumer Organisation)

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Representational activities held
in May and June 2024

May

6 May

- **ELI President Chairs Webinar V of the ELI Charter of Fundamental Constitutional Principles**

More on the webinar and on the recently approved project [here](#).

9 May

- **ELI President, Prof Dr Pascal Pichonnaz, Joins UNIDROIT's 30th Celebration and Attends its 103rd Governing Council Session**

More [here](#).

15 May

- **ELI and European Law Faculties Association (ELFA) Presidents Meet**

They were joined by ELI's Secretary General. More [here](#).

15 May

- **ELI as Observer on the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) Digital Tokens Project**

More [here](#).

16 May

- **ELI President Chairs Webinar VI of the ELI Charter of Fundamental Constitutional Principles**

More [here](#).

16 May

- **ELI Vice-President, Sir Geoffrey Vos, Chairs High Level Expert Group Meeting (HLEG) on Seizing Assets for Human Rights Violations**

More [here](#).

16 May

- **ELI President Speakes at Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe's (CCBE) Plenary Session Gala Dinner**

More [here](#).

17 May

- **ELI Scientific Director, Prof Dr Christiane Wendehorst, Represents ELI at European Law Students' Association(ELSA) Austria's General Assembly**

More [here](#).

22 May

- **ELI President Opens ELI Portuguese Hub's First General Assembly**

President Pichonnaz met ELI Council Member, Marta Santos Silva.

More [here](#).

24 May

- **ELI Representation Speaks at the ELI Turkish Hub Launch Event**

President Pichonnaz and ELI Executive Committee Member, Prof Dr Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell, joined Council Members Başak Başoğlu and Prof Dr Matthias Lehmann. More [here](#).



28 May ■ ELI Representatives Participate in UNIDROIT Exploratory Workshop for its New Project

Prof Dr Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell and ELI Council Member, Prof Dr Ulrich G Schroeter, participated on the occasion. More [here](#).

31 May ■ ELI President Meet International Academy of Family Lawyers Representative

More [here](#).

June

4 June ■ ELI President Participates in 3rd Session of UNIDROIT's WG on International Investment Contracts

More [here](#).

7 June ■ ELI Executive Committee Member, Dr Aneta Wiewiórowska-Domagalska, Opens Spanish Hub's 9th Annual Meeting

More [here](#).

11 June ■ ELI President and International Association of Young Lawyers' (AIJA) First Vice-President and President-Elect Meet

They were joined by ELI's Secretary General. More [here](#).

11 June ■ ELI and Ukrainian Bar Association (UBA) Presidents Meet

They were joined by ELI's Secretary General. More [here](#).

13 June ■ ELI's First Vice-President, Anne Birgitte Gammeljord, Joins the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) Assembly

More [here](#).

14 June ■ ELI Participates as Observer in HCCH Digital Tokens Project's Second Meeting

More [here](#).

17 June ■ ELI President Chairs Webinar VII of the ELI Charter of Fundamental Constitutional Principles

More on the webinar and on the recently approved project [here](#).

20 June ■ ELI President and Chair of the EU Bar Association (EUBA) of the Irish Bar Council Meet

They were joined by ELI's Secretary General. More [here](#).

21 June ■ ELI's Secretary General Hosts Group of Young Lawyers from the Netherlands

More [here](#).

24 June ■ ELI President Chairs Webinar Assessing the Impact of *KlimaSeniorinnen* and Associated Rulings

More [here](#).

28 June ■ Bilateral Call between ELI and European Commission on ELI's Algorithmic Contracts project

President Pichonnaz and ELI's Scientific Director, Univ-Prof Dr Christiane Wendehorst, joined the occasion. Project Co-Reports Prof Dr Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell and Prof Christian Twigg-Flesner also participated. More [here](#).

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Viola Cappelli, School of Advanced Studies Sant'Anna, Italy

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2024 ELI Annual Conference

Draft Agenda

WEDNESDAY | 9 OCTOBER 2024

VENUE: KING'S INNS | Henrietta St, Dublin 1 | D01 KF59, Ireland

09:30–10:30 GMT	Registration (Council Members Only)
From 13:00 GMT	Registration (All Others)
10:30–13:00 GMT	ELI Council Meeting
14:15–14:45 GMT	Kings Inn Tour
15:00–15:15 GMT	Welcome Addresses
15:15–16:15 GMT	Sixth Ole Lando Memorial Lecture <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Zoé Jacquemin (Professor, University Toulouse Capitole; Head, European School of Law Toulouse; President, Trans Europe Experts)■ Henrik Lando (Professor, Copenhagen Business School)■ Anna Veneziano (Deputy Secretary-General, International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT); Professor, University of Teramo)
16:15–16:30 GMT	Sponsor's Spotlight
17:30–18:15 GMT	Walking Tour
19:30 GMT	Opening Reception and Presentation of the ELI Young Lawyers Award Venue: Law Society of Ireland Blackhall Place, Dublin 7 D07 VY24, Ireland

THURSDAY | 10 OCTOBER 2024

VENUE: KING'S INN | Henrietta St, Dublin 1 | D01 KF59, Ireland

08:00–09:00 GMT	Sustaining Members Networking Breakfast Venue: King's Inn
09:30–11:00 GMT	Panel 1: Advance Choices for Future Disablement <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Chair: Pietro Sirena (ELI Treasurer; Professor, Bocconi University)■ Project Reporter: Adrian Ward (Founder Chairman, NHS Trusts and a Mental Health Association)■ Lenka Vysoka (Legal and Policy Officer, European Commission, DG JUST)■ Paula Távora Vítor (Professor, University of Coimbra)■ Richard Frimston (Consultant, Russell Cooke)
11:00–11:30 GMT	Coffee Break
11:30–13:00 GMT	Panel 2: Enterprise Foundations in Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Chair: Anne Birgitte Gammeljord (ELI Vice-President; Lawyer, Røvsing & Gammeljord)■ Project Reporter: Steen Thomsen (Professor, Copenhagen Business School)■ Oonagh Breen (Professor, University College Dublin)■ Anna Athanasopoulou (Head of Unit Proximity, Social Economy and Creative Industries, European Commission, DG GROW)■ Daniel Damjanović (Member of the Foundation Council, Interogo Foundation)
13:00–14:00 GMT	Lunch
14:00–15:00 GMT	Keynote Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Marko Bošnjak (President, European Court of Human Rights)■ Michael O'Flaherty (Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe)■ Rossa Fanning, SC (Attorney General of Ireland)

15:00–15:30 GMT	Coffee Break
15:30–17:00 GMT	Panel 3: Digitalisation of Civil Justice Systems in Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Chair: Sir Geoffrey Vos (ELI Vice-President; Judge; Master of the Rolls and the Head of Civil Justice in England and Wales) ■ Project Reporter: Dory Reiling (Retired Senior Judge, Amsterdam District Court) ■ Dirk Staudenmayer (Head of Unit Contract Law, European Commission, DG JUST) ■ Georg Kodek (President, Austrian Supreme Court) ■ Villu Kõve (Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Estonia)
19:30 GMT	Gala Dinner and Presentation of the Hub and SIG of the Year Awards Venue: King's Inn

FRIDAY | 11 OCTOBER 2024

VENUE: KING'S INN | Henrietta St, Dublin 1 | D01 KF59, Ireland

09:30–11:00 GMT	Panel 4: Extra-Judicial Administration of Justice in Cross-Border Family and Succession Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Chair: Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg) ■ Project Reporter: Elena Bargelli (Professor, University of Pisa) ■ Elodie Mulon (Lawyer, CM&A - Chauveau Mulon Associés) ■ Caterina D'Osualdo (Seconded National Expert (SNE), European Commission) ■ Rachael Kelsey (President, International Academy of Family Lawyers)
11:00–11:30 GMT	Coffee Break
11:30–13:00 GMT	Panel 5: Fundamental Rights and AI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Chair: Savvas Papasavvas (Vice-President, General Court of the European Union) ■ John Tasioulas (Director, Institute for Ethics in AI, University of Oxford) ■ Cameron Ashraf (Professor, Wikimedia Foundation; Co-Founder, AccessNow) ■ Eva Thélisson (Co-Founder and Executive Director, AI Transparency Institute)
13:00–14:00 GMT	Lunch
14:00–14:30 GMT	Membership Meeting Closing Speech: Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)
14:45–19:00 GMT	Hub and SIG Events
15:00–16:30 GMT	Walking Tour
19:30 GMT	Social Event Venue: Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club Winton Rd, Ranelagh, Dublin D06 X6X2, Ireland

Hub and SIG Events

	14:45–15:00	15:00–16:15	16:30–17:30	17:30–18:30	18:30–19:00
ELI Digital Law SIG Panel					
ELI Family and Succession SIG Panel					
ELI Italian Hub Event II					
ELI Fundamental Right Law SIG Panel					
ELI Italian Hub Event I					
ELI Portuguese Hub Panel					
ELI Turkish Hub Panel					

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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 May and June 2024, ELI organised three webinars on its recently published Charter of Fundamental Constitutional Principles of a European Democracy. The Charter is structured into seven sections, each of which was featured in a webinar.

Webinar V: Checks and Balances – Accountability

6 May 2024

- Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)
- Takis Tridimas (Project Co-Reporter; Professor, King's College London)
- Renáta Uitz (Professor, University of London; Senior Research Fellow, Central European University, Budapest)
- Martin Brusis (Research Manager, University of Wuerzburg; Advisor to the Sustainable Governance Indicators project)
- Michal Krajewski (Inquiries Officer, European Ombudsman)
- Yves Van Den Berge (European Prosecutor, European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO))

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Webinar VI: Protection of Fundamental Rights

16 May 2024

- Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)
- Elise Muir (Project Co-Reporter; Professor, KU Leuven)
- Geert van Calster (Professor, KU Leuven)
- Catherine Koutsopoulou (Vice-President, International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges)
- Maja Brkan (Judge, General Court of the European Union; Professor, University of Maastricht)

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Webinar VII: Constitutional Integrity

17 June 2024

- Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)
- Takis Tridimas (Project Co-Reporter; Professor, King's College London)
- Anna Khakee (Professor, University of Malta)
- Tomasz Tadeusz Koncewicz (Professor, University of Gdańsk)

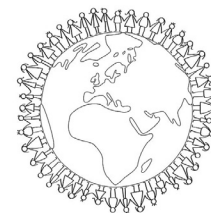
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- [Webinar I: Liberal Democracy](#)
- [Webinar II: Rule of Law](#)
- [Webinar III: Judicial Independence](#)
- [Webinar IV: Dignity and Equality](#)

Webinar

Assessing the Impact of *KlimaSeniorinnen* on Climate Change Policies and Litigation in Europe



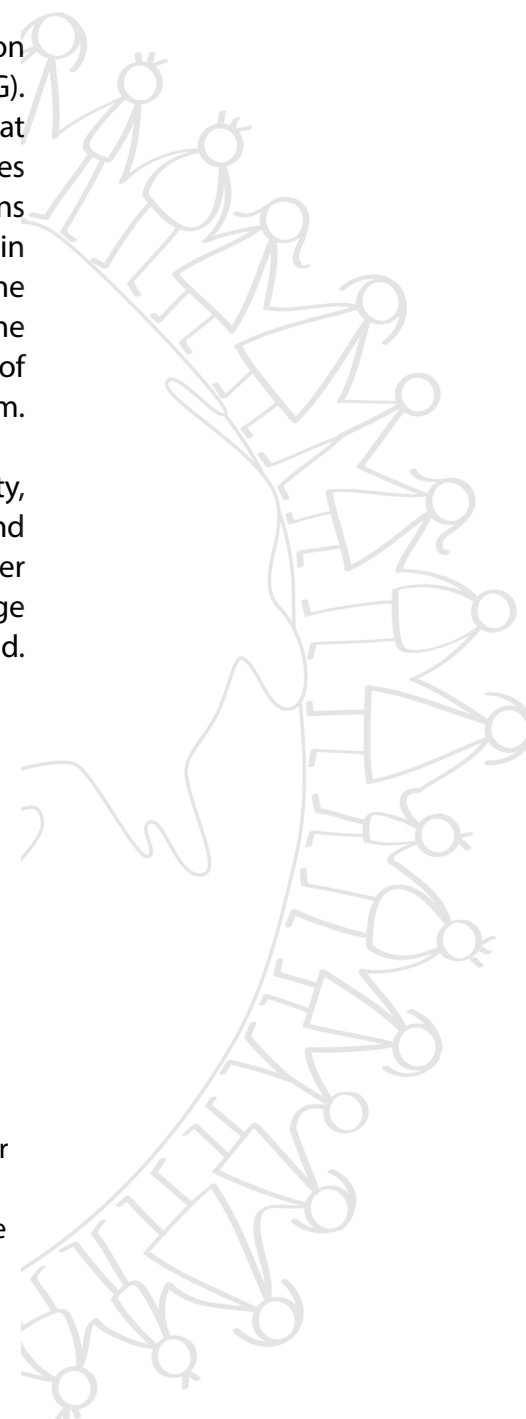
On 24 June 2024, experts convened online to discuss the European Court of Human Rights' (ECtHR) judgment, associated cases and their impact on future litigation.

The eagerly awaited, seminal judgment delivered by the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) on 9 April 2024, *Verein Klimaseniorinnen Schweiz and Others v Switzerland* (*Klimaseniorinnen*), spurred an avalanche of polarised commentaries, from those claiming that the Strasbourg Court interferes too eagerly on climate policymaking to those announcing the arrival of a new era in climate change litigation, a topic ELI has been addressing under its Climate Justice – New Challenges for Law and Judges project that was launched in 2021.

The *Klimaseniorinnen* decision addressed key issues in the rising tide of strategic litigation by individuals and organisations

against governments for insufficient action on Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG). Ultimately, the Strasbourg Court ruled that Switzerland had not implemented measures needed to fulfil its positive obligations to cut greenhouse gas emissions, in conformity with Article 8 ECHR. On 12 June 2024, the Swiss Parliament rejected the ruling, potentially impacting the Council of Europe's human rights protection system.

As the voice of the European legal community, ELI sought to assess the significance and potential impact of *Klimaseniorinnen* and other cases on the development of climate change policies and litigation in Europe and beyond.



Speakers:

- Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)
- Kerem Altıparmak (Senior Legal Programme Consultant, International Commission of Jurists)
- Véronique Boillet (Professor, University of Lausanne)
- Luca De Carli (Head of Unit CLIMA A1 Strategic Coordination, Legal & Institutional, DG for Climate Action, European Commission)
- Matthias Keller (Co-Reporter of ELI Climate Justice project; Judge, Aachen Administrative Court)
- Róbert Ragnar Spanó (Partner at Gibson Dunn; Former President of the ECtHR)

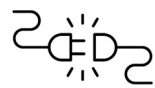
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ELI Guiding Principles on EU Workers’ Rights refered in Renowned Swiss Journal

1 May 2024



The Schweizerische Juristen-Zeitung featured an article on ELI’s Guiding Principles on EU worker’s Rights in the Digital Age.

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Presentation

ELI Output Takes Centre Stage at ECLAN Annual Conference in Vienna

3 May 2024



Bachmaier Winter and Salimi presented ELI’s Proposal on Admissibility of E-Evidence in Criminal Proceedings on the occasion.

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Publication

ELI Reporter Contributes to the New CDCJ Handbook, ‘Administration and You’

5 June 2024



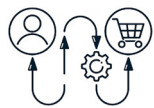
Prof Dr Jens-Peter Schneider contributed to the update of the Council of Europe’s CDCJ Handbook.

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Project Team Meeting

ELI Guiding Principles and Model Rules on Algorithmic Contracts

11 June 2024



The Project Team and the Reporters met remotely.

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Workshop

ELI Enterprise Foundations Project Workshop

21 June 2024



The Project Team met in Copenhagen and online.

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Project Team Meeting

ELI Succession of Digital Assets, Data and other Digital Remains

27 June 2024



The Project Reporters held an online meeting with Project Team members.

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Hub and SIG Meetings and other activities were held throughout May and June 2024.

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

Hubs and SIGs serve as dedicated working groups within ELI, aimed at facilitating discussion, sharing and monitoring legal developments, and stimulating project proposals. As such, they are of fundamental importance to ELI's success.

Austrian Hub

6 May 2024

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Corporate and Tax Law
(Austria)

21 May 2024

Online

27 May 2024

Online and University of
Innsbruck (Austria)

10 June 2024

Online and University of
Innsbruck (Austria)

24 June 2024

Online and University of
Innsbruck (Austria)

- **170th Seminar on Current Problems of Private Business Law Series on Services Against Data**

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- **Book Talk on Import Bans on Cultural Goods**

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- **171st Seminar on Current Problems of Private Business Law Series on Challenges Facing Competition Law**

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- **172nd Seminar on Current Problems of Private Business Law Series on Information Rights in GmbH and FlexCo**

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- **173rd Seminar on Current Problems of Private Business Law Series on the Purpose of Foundations as a Barrier to Action**

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Croatian Hub

14 May 2024

Online

14 May 2024

Online

28 May 2024

Online

- **Annual Members' Meeting**

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- **37th Webinar in its Webinar Series on Digital Remains and Postmortem Privacy**

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- **38th Webinar in its Webinar Series on Change of Debtor in Comparative Perspective**

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Italian Hub

24 June 2024

Online

- **Seminar on Legal Instruments for Sustainability Goals and their Application in the European Area**

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Nordic Hub

6 June 2024

Copenhagen (Denmark)

■ Family Law Early Career Colloquium

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Portuguese Hub

22 May 2024

University of Porto
(Portugal)

■ Conference on Sustainability Challenges in the Law: Hub’s First General Assembly

They were joined by ELI President; Pascal Pichonnaz. More [here](#).

Spanish Hub

7 June 2024

University of Castille-La
Mancha (Spain)

■ Hub’s 9th Annual Meeting

They were joined by ELI Executive Committee Member, Dr Aneta Wiewiórowska-Domagalska. More [here](#).

Turkish Hub

24 May 2024

Istanbul (Turkey)

■ ELI Launch Event on AI, Digital Assets and Crypto Projects

They were joined by ELI President, Pascal Pichonnaz, ELI Executive Committee Member, Prof Dr Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell, and Council Members Başak Başoğlu and Prof Dr Matthias Lehmann. More [here](#).

28 May 2024

Online

■ Webinar on ELI’s Guiding Principles on Implementing Workers’ Right to Disconnect

More [here](#).

Digital Law SIG

20 June 2024

Online and Comparative Law
Insitute (Paris)

■ Workshop on Neuroethics Law

More [here](#).

Family and Succession
Law SIG

6 June 2024
Online

- Webinar on Intestacy Rights for Unmarried Partners

More [here](#).

Global Private Law SIG

6 May 2024
Online

- Webinar on Challenges in Property Law

More [here](#).

27 May 2024
Online

- Webinar on Security Rights Over Immovable Property

More [here](#).

Sustainability and
Environmental Law SIG

14 June 2024
Online and KU Leuven
University (Belgium)

- Event on New EU Regulations on Greenwashing

More [here](#).

28 June 2024
University of Ferrara (Italy)

- 3rd Annual Conference on Climate Justice

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Upcoming Events



9–11 October

Dublin (Ireland)

■ **ELI 2024 Annual Conference and Meetings**

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Hub and SIG Events and Activities

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- Upcoming Online Members’ Meeting. More [here](#).
- Kick-off workshop for the Hub’s new project on the ‘Essential Goods and Services’ concept, which emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Hub is looking for European researchers on the issue. Interested experts should please contact the [Secretariat](#).

French Hub

3 July 2024
Online

17 October 2024
Catholic University of Lyon
(France)

Nordic Hub

- Registration Deadline for the Second Annual Meeting on 16 September 2024. More [here](#).

16 September 2024
Stockholm (Sweden)

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