

LATEST STATE OF PLAY

CCBE Committee & Working Group Work Plans for 2023

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I. Access to Justice



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Next online meeting(s):

Scheduled in-person meeting:

Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>EU Justice Scoreboard 2023</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG JUST JUST.C - Rule of Law, Fundamental Rights and Democracy) - National Bars and Law Societies 	<p>Q1, Q2: coordination and gathering the data from the EU MS Bars for the European Commission on: financial eligibility criteria when granting legal aid; level of court fees; recoverability of court fees and legal fees; Q3: analysis of the EU Justice Scoreboard and possible discussion on the need for additional assessment/additional subchapters to be added to the Scoreboard in the future (especially, specific aspects of availability of legal aid, for example, for cross border cases).</p>	<p>In December 2022 and January 2023, following contacts with the Commission, the questionnaire was finalised and circulated to the national Bars and Law Societies. The responses were submitted via the online system.</p>	 <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>
<p>Legal aid</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Bars and Law Societies - Commission 	<p>Q1-Q2: finalisation of the update of the CCBE Recommendations on legal aid adopted in 2018, as well as survey</p>	<p>(CCBE – Internal issue)</p>	


<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters 			
<p>Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP)</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission - Parliament - Council Presidency - Council of Europe - CDMSI Steering Committee on Media and Information Society - MSI-SLP Committee of Experts on Strategic Lawsuits against Public Participation - MSI-SLP Secretariat 	<p>On regular basis: To monitor the work of the expert group of the Commission, coordination of the input, if and where necessary; Q1: To finalise CCBE position on draft directive On regular basis: to monitor and analyse the implementation of the relevant Commission Recommendations On regular basis: monitor and provide the input to the work of the MSI-SLP Committee of Experts on SLAPP of the Council of Europe (due to the observer status granted to the CCBE by the CDMSI Steering Committee on Media and Information Society). On regular basis: To follow the relevant developments and initiatives of the EU and CoE institutions</p>	<p>Informal contacts have been established. After the adoption of the CCBE position, further contacts will be developed, including with shadow rapporteurs.</p>	
<p>Alternative dispute resolution</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG JUST) (Previously: DG JUST Unit E3) - Alternative Dispute Resolution Boards of Appeal European Union Intellectual Property Office - National Bars and Law Societies 	<p>To monitor and analyse on a regular basis all relevant developments within alternative dispute resolution mechanism, including developments in different forums of the CoE and EU</p>		

<p>Collective redress</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG JUST) JUST.B CONSUMERS) - National Bars and Law Societies 	<p>Consideration of the need to monitor the implementation of Directive on representative actions for the protection of the collective interests of consumers at national level.</p>	<p>In 2022 there was no interest from committee members to monitor the implementation of the directive. The Committee will come back to this issue in 2023.</p> <p>In case there is an interest to work on implementation of this directive, further contacts with the COM responsible officers monitoring transposition of this directive will be developed.</p>	
<p>Work of other CCBE committees in the area of access to justice</p>	<p>On a regular basis support the work and activities of work of other CCBE committees in the area of access to justice</p>	<p>(CCBE – Internal issue)</p>	

2. Anti-Money Laundering



Contact person: Anna Smolińska
 Next online meeting(s): not schedule
 Scheduled in-person meeting: TBC 31.05.2023

Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
AML package Relevant actors: - Commission (DG FISMA, Unit D2) - Parliament (ECON & LIBE secretariats, rapporteurs on the files and shadows, political advisors to the groups) - Council (Swedish Presidency)	Lobbying actions at the right time (e-mails to rapporteurs and shadows, suggestions for amendments to advisers etc) Continuous monitoring and responding based on the progress in the Parliament and Council	<p>In 2022, the CCBE has been regularly contacting the rotating Presidency of the Council and key MEPs – rapporteurs and shadows.</p> <p>In line with this, in 2023, a group of advisors to S&D and Greens rapporteurs on the AML Regulation have been contacted by e-mail twice to communicate CCBE further comments on the current draft wording of compromise amendments regarding the exception to reporting based on legal professional privilege. Several shadow rapporteurs have also been contacted.</p> <p>Beginning March, the CCBE was contacted several times and provided further comments on the new versions of the compromise amendments.</p>	 <i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i>

		<p>Beginning of the year, a Teams call was held with a political advisor to discuss the state of play.</p> <p>Renew shadows and the Renew coordinator were also contacted with a special focussed e-mail as they appeared to be very critical about lawyers. In response, the CCBE Secretariat prepared clarifications in order to address the misconceptions that were apparent.</p> <p>A letter was sent to the Swedish Presidency at the beginning of March. This letter reiterates the CCBE's position on crucial points (supervision, legal professional privilege etc) taking into account the Council General Approach which was published in 2022.</p>	
<p>AML discussion paper - taking matters forward regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - establishing a mechanism for raising awareness about existing and emerging ML/TF risks and to exchange information ("AML alert") - collecting and identifying best practices, 	<p>The AML alert network of contact points was established but has to be operationalised (it has not been used up to the present time). Expected: launch of first actions.</p> <p>The best practices drafting group is due to continue its work based on a methodological framework that was prepared at the end of 2022.</p>	<p>The proposal to create a liaison group / dialogue with the Commission and other institutions has been included in the CCBE's comments on the 3rd SNRA which were communicated to the Commission, DG FISMA, Unit D2. The other aspects of the paper (mechanism and best practices) are rather internal but a reflexion is ongoing regarding what could be shared with DG FISMA (as will be</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - creation of a liaison group with the Parliament and the Commission <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG FISMA, Unit D2) 		discussed during the March Standing Committee)..	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring of and reacting to the consequences of Pandora Papers – AML aspects - EP own-initiative report on Pandora Papers <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ECON & LIBE rapporteurs 	Ongoing	In 2022, the CCBE sent comments on the draft LIBE opinion on this resolution, to the MEP author of the opinion.	
<p>IBA initiative on ethics</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IBA Working Group examining the role of lawyers as ethical gatekeepers 	Ongoing	The CCBE is represented on this working-Group in order to follow discussions. Various exchanges took place with the IBA and the Working Group in February 2023. The latest developments and the latest text (as prepared by the IBA Working Group) was presented to the February Standing Committee.	
<p>Commission’s Supra-National Risk Assessment (SNRA)</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p>	The SNRA was published in November 2022. The committee is due to prepare CCBE’s comments on this (Q1/Q2 2023)	CCBE’s comments were adopted in February and sent to the European Commission, Parliament and the Council as they clarify several issues	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG FISMA, Unit D2) - MEPs working on the AML package (see above) 		<p>that were also discussed during the discussions on the AML package.</p>	
<p>Network of Experts on Beneficial Ownership (NEBOT)</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG FISMA, Unit D2) - Transparency International 	<p>This project has been completed and the project was closed, but it is possible that the network will continue on an informal basis so the CCBE could still take part.</p>	<p>We remain on the mailing list of project participants and it is foreseen to keep in touch with Transparency International.</p>	
<p>Monitoring and contributions to FATF actions</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Persons dealing with private sector - People from IBA and ABA to coordinate our inputs - 	<p>FATF is organising its 2023 FATF Private Sector Consultative Forum (PSCF). The forum will take place on 8-9 May 2023 at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) headquarters, Vienna.</p>	<p>In the past, the CCBE participated in the FATF Private Sector meetings and it is likely that the CCBE will participate in the May 2023 meeting.</p>	
<p>Launching the work on peer review</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p>	<p>To be decided what is to be done</p>		
<p>Engaging with OECD regarding their work on intermediaries <i>*with Tax Committee</i></p> <p>Relevant actors:</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Follow-up to the meeting should be undertaken in 2023 – potentially inviting someone from the Task Force or Secretariat of the task force to a CCBE meeting.</p>	

- OECD Task Force on Tax Crimes and Other Crimes			
Monitoring CoE Moneyval work (assessment of the 4 th AML Directive underway)	Ongoing	Usually, the monitoring is done through our experts in the committee (we do not have direct contact with CoE on this for the moment).	
Analysing Commission Report on the implementation of Directive (EU) 2018/1673 on combating money laundering by criminal law	Expected – analysis to be carried out		
Monitoring of the tender for Feasibility Study for a European Asset Registry in the Context of the Fight Against AML and Tax Evasion	Ongoing		


3. Corporate Social Responsibility



Contact person: Stéphanie Alves-Schuldt

Next online meeting(s):

Scheduled in-person meeting:


Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>Adoption of the CCBE Guide “CSR and the Legal Profession : Key considerations” in November 2022.</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBE 	<p>Q1 2023 ; The Committee will continue to monitor this matter and ongoing developments. The committee may decide to draft additional and more targeted paper on specific issues for bars and lawyers.</p>	<p>(CCBE _ Internal issue)</p>	<p></p> <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>
<p>Current EC Legislative Proposal : “Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence”</p>	<p>Q1 2023 : The Company Law and CSR Committee will continue to monitor this and discuss whether there is a need to take any action. Currently, the proposed Directive is being discussed by the EU legislators. The Council has adopted its position in December 2022, waiting now for the European Parliament’s position before starting the negotiations.</p>	<p>(no external contact - monitoring only)</p>	

	A special CSR meeting would be possibly planned in January 2023 for discussing the proposed directive.		
Directive on Corporate Sustainability Reporting	Q1 2023 : The Directive was adopted and need to be implemented by Member States. The Company Law and CSR Committee will continue to monitor this and discuss whether there is a need to take any action.	(no external contact - monitoring only)	
CSR aspects arising from the war in Ukraine	The Committee is discussing and monitoring this matter.	(no external contact - monitoring only)	
Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP)	The Committee will continue to monitor this and provide support to the Access to Justice Committee if required.	(no external contact - monitoring only)	
Environment and climate change	The Committee will continue to monitor this and provide support to the new Committee on Environment and Climate Change if required.	(no external contact - monitoring only)	

4. Company Law



Contact person: Stéphanie Alves-Schuldt
 Next online meeting(s): not scheduled
 Scheduled in-person meeting: not scheduled

Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>Future EC Legislative “Proposal” : “Upgrading digital company law”</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG Justice, Unit A3 Company law Unit) 	<p>Q1 2023 : The Company law Committee is closely monitoring this initiative which is planned to be published for the first quarter of 2023. It has been announced in the 2023 EC Working Programme as a “Directive to further expand and upgrade the use of digital tools and processes in company law (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 50(1) and 50(2) TFEU”</p>	<p>In October 2022, in preparation of this initiative, a meeting between the Chair of the Company law Committee and DG JUST took place to discuss the views of the CCBE Company Law experts.</p>	 <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>
<p>Current EC Legislative Proposal : “Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence”</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG Justice , Unit A3 Company law Unit) 	<p>Q1 2023 : The Company Law and CSR Committee will continue to monitor this and discuss whether there is a need to take any action. Currently, the proposed Directive is being discussed by the EU legislators (Council / European Parliament). The Council has adopted its position in December 2022, waiting now for</p>	<p>A meeting is scheduled with CCBE experts on 13 March.</p>	

	the European Parliament's position before starting the negotiations.		
<p>Directive on Corporate Sustainability Reporting</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <p>Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DG FISMA <p>Parliament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JURI Committee 	<p>Q1 2023 : The Directive was adopted and need to be implemented by Member States. The Company Law and CSR Committee will continue to monitor this and discuss whether there is a need to take any action.</p>	<p>A meeting is scheduled with CCBE experts on 13 March.</p>	
The below issues are being monitored only	The below issues are being monitored only		
<p>EC initiative "Improving Quality and Enforcement of corporate reporting"</p>	<p>The committee will continue to follow the developments of this initiative.</p>	<p>(no external contact - monitoring only)</p>	
<p>Future EC legislative "Proposal for a Directive on cross-border activities of associations"</p>	<p>Q2 2023 : Monitoring this issue on a regular basis for information. In February 2022, the EP adopted a resolution.</p>	<p>(no external contact - monitoring only)</p>	
<p>Directive 2121/2019 on cross border mobility of companies</p>	<p>Q1 2023: The implementation of this directive at national level will be monitored for information. Member states have until 31-1-2023 to implement it.</p>	<p>(no external contact - monitoring only)</p>	
<p>Recent adoption of the Directive on gender balance on corporate boards (22-11-2022) (see EC Statement: here)</p>	<p>2023: The committee will follow the implementation of this directive at national level. Member State will have to ensure that companies strive to meet the 40% target for non-</p>	<p>(no external contact - monitoring only)</p>	

	executive boards, or 33% for all board members, by 30 June 2026.		
Publication of the EC (legislative) package " Capital Markets Union: new proposals on clearing, corporate insolvency and company listing to make EU capital markets more attractive " (7-12-2022) This is connected to the Capital Markets Union Action Plan	Q1 2023: This will continue to be monitored for information.	(no external contact - monitoring only)	
The developments of the EC regarding Action 12 of the Capital Markets Union Action Plan : Facilitating shareholder engagement	Q3 2023: The committee will continue to follow the developments of this topic.	(no external contact - monitoring only)	


5. Criminal Law



Contact person: Peter Mc Namee

Next online meeting(s):

Scheduled in-person meeting:

Topics & actor(s)	Current and Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>Transfer of proceedings (Commission proposal)</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG Justice (procedural safeguards unit)) - Parliament (LIBE Committee) - Council: Working Party on Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters (COPEN) 	<p>Q1 – The Commission is expected to make a proposal in Q1 or Q2 2023. The Committee will prepare a position paper in response to the proposal.</p>	<p>Although the proposal has not been published yet, the CCBE sent preliminary comments to the Commission in January 2023 in order for the Commission to take these comments into account. These comment were well-received.</p>	 <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>
<p>Commission proposal on the definition of criminal offences and penalties for the violation of sanctions.</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p>	<p>In January and early February 2023 the Committee has prepared a position paper that will be sent to the March 2023 Standing Committee for approval.</p>	<p>Several meetings took place with DG Justice representatives in advance of the finalisation of the proposal.</p>	


<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG Justice, Unit B.1) - Parliament (LIBE Committee) - Council 		<p>Excellent exchange with a Commission representative who participated in the criminal law committee meeting on 28 January 2023.</p>	
<p>European Public Prosecutors Office (EPPO) (ongoing work on practice guidelines with regard to access to the case file/procedural safeguards/information on national cases)</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EPPO Legal Service - Commission 	<p>Q2/Q3 – Following a meeting with the EPPO in Q3 of 2022, a further meeting will take place with the EPPO in Q2 or Q3 regarding emerging practical challenges (from a defence practitioner point of view) and to discuss current challenges and emerging wider issues.</p>	<p>April 2023: A letter will be prepared for the EPPO indicating the issues we are looking at and inviting the EPPO to a CCBE/ELF webinar possibly in June 2023.</p>	
<p>Impact of digitalization on criminal proceedings</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG Justice) - Parliament (LIBE & JURI) - Council (Working Party on eJustice) 	<p>Q2- the committee will discuss this topic and identify issues to be considered going forward.</p>		
<p>Liaison with the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fundamental Rights Agency 	<p>The FRA is working on many issues which the CCBE is working on including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Criminal law - Digitalisation of justice - Artificial intelligence/surveillance - Migration (agenda point 7) - Access to justice and information relating to environmental and 	<p>The CCBE and FRA had their Annual meeting on 3 March 2023 which was extremely informative. There is also continuous liaison with the FRA throughout the year on many issues.</p>	

	consumer matters)	28 January 2023: FRA representative Michal Nesor made a presentation on the outcome and findings of FRA research on EU terrorism legislation	
<p>Procedural safeguards (evaluation/revision/position paper/possible conference)</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (Procedural safeguards Unit) - Council Presidency 	<p>This will remain a regular item for the Committee due to implementation (and non-implementation) issues which emerge on a regular basis.</p>	<p>The Swedish Presidency has been contacted and a letter will be prepared for the upcoming Spanish Presidency.</p>	

6. Deontology



Contact person: Anna Drozd
 Next online meeting(s):
 Scheduled in-person meeting:

Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
Assessment and review of the CCBE code of conduct Relevant actors: - CCBE Deontology Committee	Q1-Q4 2023	(CCBE - Internal issue)	 This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.
Third Party Funding Litigation: possible EU actions : possible actions of the European Commission following the European Parliament's resolution. Relevant actors:	Q1-Q4 2023	The European Commission has been requested to evaluate the legal framework and practices regarding TPLF and present if necessary a legislative proposal. The EC is conducting a 2 years survey, no legislative action before the next mandate.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG Justice, Unit A.1 Civil Justice) - 			
<p>Protection of the core values of lawyers Concept note on professional secrecy / Legal professional privilege</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBE (various committees) 	<p>Q1-Q2 2023</p>	<p>(CCBE – Internal issue)</p>	
<p>Monitoring of international and national developments regarding the deontology of lawyers i.e. IBA initiative concerning lawyers as ethical gatekeepers</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBE (Secretariat/various committees) 	<p>Q1-Q4 2023</p>	<p>(CCBE – Internal issue)</p>	

7. Environment and Climate Change



Contact person: Nathan Roosbeek

Next online meeting(s):

Scheduled in-person meeting:


Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>CCBE draft initial position/statement on climate change</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBE 	<p>The CCBE position was approved at the Standing Committee in Vienna on 16/02/2022.</p>	<p>(CCBE – Internal issue)</p>	
<p>Preparation and Proposals for setting up an extensive analysis on the environmental impact of the CCBE conducted by external experts.</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBE 	<p>This would follow the adoption of the draft initial position/statement on climate change. To be discussed in consultation with the Finance Committee, with the approval of the Standing Committee.</p>	<p>(CCBE – Internal issue)</p>	
<p>Responding, where relevant for the legal profession, to policy and legislative developments at the level of the EU, the Council of Europe and the UN.</p>	<p>The topics to be followed are to be determined by the Committee.</p>	<p><u>Council of Europe</u>: the CCBE is an observer within the CDDH-ENV and closely follows its work and provide inputs where relevant.</p>	

<p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council of Europe (CDDH-ENV) - EU Parliament (JURI) - EU Commission (DG Justice and Consumer) - EU Council 		<p><u>EU:</u> No contact have been made yet.</p> <p>The ENVCC, CSR and Company Law Committee Law Committee will have a meeting in March to discuss possible future work on the CSRD directive and the CSDD Direct proposal</p>	
<p>The impact of climate change on the lawyers' activities and duties, including addressing the issue of identification of lawyers with their clients or the client's cause, as well as to question "How to calculate the lawyer's carbon footprint?"</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBE 	<p>To be discussed in 2023.</p>	<p>(CCBE – Internal issue)</p>	

8. EU Lawyers



Contact person: Stéphanie Alves-Schuldt
Next online meeting(s): not scheduled
Scheduled in-person meeting: not scheduled

Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>1) Monitoring of Commission's activities in the field of regulated professions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updated reform recommendations (targeting lawyers) and any issues related with the "Proportionality test directive" ○ Study in progress: "Competition and its economic outcomes in selected business services professions in the EU: a refined methodology and a comprehensive empirical assessment" (started in 2021) <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG GROW) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with DG GROW Commissioner / head of Cabinet of M. Breton <p>The objective is to keep a regular dialogue by convening a meeting (1 or 2 times a year) with the office of the Commissioner.</p> <p>As the last meeting took place in 2022, we will foresee another meeting (possibly March / April).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of a workshop with inviting the EC on the theme of cooperation between bars (the plan / structure /goal and targeted participants will be discussed/prepared by the committee) <p>After the presentation of the IMI system by the EC which took place on 7 November 2022, the Committee is still discussing the possible next steps.</p>	<p>A meeting took place with the head of Unit <u>Mr Henning EHRENSTEIN</u>, in December 2022.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>

<p>2) Any possible future initiative in connection with the single market for services and self-regulated professions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up actions after the adoption of CCBE comments to the two published DG GROW studies (legal barriers) <p>With regard to the “Study on the legal mapping of barriers in the services sector”, after the additional information published by DG Grow (legal mapping at national level), the Committee is still reviewing the input received from the CCBE delegations. Unfortunately we have not received a lot of responses and have extended the deadline.</p> <p>Depending on the outcome of this input, the Committee will decide the next steps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of the study “Behavioural economic analysis of professionals' incentives in health professions and in business services professions. <p>We will convene a meeting with DG GROW Commissioner as a follow-up (see point 1 above) of the letter sent by the CCBE to Commissioners DG GROW and DG Justice in order to provide some observations regarding the ongoing research.</p>		
<p>3) Free movement of lawyers</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG GROW, Unit E1 Enforcement) 	<p>To continue monitoring the application of the Lawyers Directives (especially 98/5) and assist where queries are arising from their application (based on the CCBE policy) (on a regular basis)</p>		
<p>4) Cooperation between Bars</p>	<p>To elaborate a proposal for enhancing Cooperation between Bars (Establishment</p>		

<p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Commission IMI Unit (DG Grow) 	<p>Directive 98/5). See also point 1 with the preparation of a workshop</p>		
<p>5) Improving Communication toward public/citizens about the role of the lawyer in a democratic society</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A concept note is only being discussed at this stage. The Committee will decide whether or not to take more concrete steps. 	<p>(CCBE – Internal issue)</p>	
<p>- Other activities</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBE statistics: collect of data from CCBE members. - Monitoring of CEPEJ-GT-EVAL exercise re. the evaluation of judicial systems (statistics and report on the legal profession) - Monitoring of EESC activities on liberal professions - Profile Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contacts took place with the CEPEJ working group for the EVALUATION cycle/ they are in the process of finalising the new questionnaire. 	

9. European Convention



*Contact person: Nathan Roosbeek
Next online meeting(s): (see below)
Scheduled in-person meeting: (see below)*

Because of the organisation of the work of the CJ-AV and the short deadline that are given to comment, most of the work is currently done via a written procedure or during Standing Committees or Plenary Sessions. Depending on the advancement of the work within the CJ-AV and the deadlines that are provided, it will be decided at a later stage when a meeting of the WG would be needed.

Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>Promote the adoption and contribute to the drafting of a binding legal instrument on the profession of lawyer accompanied by an implementation mechanism</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <p>Council of Europe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CJ-AV - CDCJ - Committee of Ministers (GR-J) - Lawyers' organisation with an observer status within the CJ-AV 	<p>Active participation as an observer in the new CoE Committee on the protection of lawyer (CJ-AV) in charge of drafting the new instrument (3 meetings planned for 2023):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1-3 March (4th CJ-AV meeting) - 3-5 July (5th CJ-AV meeting) - 17-19 October (6th CJ-AV meeting) <p>Having been granted the observer status within the CDCJ, the CCBE will also follow and contribute to the discussions in Steering Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDCJ 100th plenary meeting (30 May – 1st June 2023) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Progress review of the work of the CJ-AV 	<p>The CCBE is both an observer member within the CDCJ and the CJ-AV and actively contributes to drafting of the draft Convention.</p> <p>From 1 to 3 March, the CCBE participated in the 4th meeting of the CJ-AV. On that occasion the CCBE also participate in an informal reception with the Ambassador of the Member States to the CoE organised by the Ambassador of France in Strasbourg. This was the occasion to further promote the adherence to a future binding Convention on the protection of the profession of lawyer.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>

<p>- UN Special rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review and first examination of the first draft of the legal instrument by the CDCJ; ○ Decision concerning the type of legal instrument <p>- CDCJ 101th plenary meeting (15-17 November 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Progress review of the work of the CJ-AV ○ Second examination of the draft legal instrument and its explanatory report ○ Possible approval depending on the advancement of the work within the CJ-AV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Work on the content of the future instrument ● Continuous lobby toward the Member States ● Coordination with the other lawyers' organisation invited as observers ● Coordination with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers 		
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10. European Private Law



Contact person: Yvonne Göttler

Next online meeting(s):

Scheduled in-person meeting:

Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>EC initiative “Digital fairness – fitness check on EU consumer law”</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission 	<p>The committee is following the initiative</p>		 <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>
<p>EC proposal for a Directive on liability for defective products (Product Liability Directive)</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Commission (DG Just & DG GROW) 	<p>The proposal was published on 28 September 2022.</p> <p>The committee will continue monitoring this initiative.</p>	<p>The committee had sent a response to the European Commission consultation on Product and AI liability. The Policy Officer had also been contacted to ask about the consultation.</p> <p>The Chair also represented the CCBE as an Advisor of the ELI project</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Parliament (IMCO & LIBE) - Council (Working Party on Civil Law matters) - European Law Institute (ELI) 		<p>on the Reform of the Product Liability Directive.</p>	
<p>EC proposal for a Directive on adapting non-contractual civil liability rules to artificial intelligence (AI Liability Directive)</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG Just & DG GROW) - Parliament (JURI, IMCO & LIBE)) - Council (Working Party on Civil Law matters) 	<p>The proposal was published on 28 September 2022.</p> <p>The committee will continue monitoring this initiative.</p>	<p>The committee sent a response to the European Commission consultation in advance of the proposal on Product and AI liability.</p>	
<p>EC initiative on improving compliance with consumer rights across the EU/adapting out-of-court dispute resolution to digital markets</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Commission (DG JUST) 	<p>The committee responded to a related EC consultation in June 2022, but decided not to respond to the latest EC consultation and call for evidence as part of this initiative.</p> <p>The committee will continue to monitor the initiative.</p>	<p>The committee submitted a response to the European Commission consultation on the matter, in addition to some remarks on the consultation per email.</p>	
<p>Third-party effects of assignment of claims</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p>	<p>The committee will continue monitoring this matter.</p>	<p>The Czech delegation was the mediator in the discussions between the EP rapporteur on this topic and the committee. The</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parliament 		<p>committee was asked for their views several times and informal input was given due to the short deadline provided.</p>	
<p>Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP)</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission - Parliament - Council Presidency - Council of Europe - CDMSI Steering Committee on Media and Information Society - MSI-SLP Committee of Experts on Strategic Lawsuits against Public Participation - MSI-SLP Secretariat 	<p>The committee will continue monitoring this matter (the Access to Justice Committee is mainly dealing with this).</p>	<p>See Access to Justice Committee</p>	
<p>EC initiative on package travel</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG Justice and Consumers E2 - Consumer and marketing law) 	<p>The committee will continue monitoring this initiative as the adoption of the proposal has been delayed to Q2 2023.</p>	<p>(the proposal has not been published yet)</p>	


II. Family and Succession Law



Contact person: Yvonne Goettler

Next online meeting(s):

Scheduled in-person meeting: Possibly in May 2023 (TBC)

Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>EC initiative on the recognition of parenthood between Member States</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG Justice, Unit A1 Civil Justice) - Parliament - Council (working Party on Civil Justice Matters) 	<p>The committee had prepared preliminary observations on the matter in anticipation of the proposal, which was adopted on 7 December 2022.</p> <p>11/01/2023: The committee met to discuss the EC proposal.</p> <p>Q1 2023: The committee will prepare a position paper.</p>	<p>The committee sent the EC preliminary observations. These comments were well-received and the Council was also very interested and we had an exchange on this. The Commission and Council is informed that the committee is preparing a position paper now that the proposal is published and are in close contact.</p> <p>An expert of the committee, Janys Scott, has also been involved in the ELI project on parentage/surrogacy and regularly gives feedback.</p>	 <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>
<p>Protection of vulnerable adults (including the recently launched EC initiative on “civil judicial cooperation - EU-wide protection for vulnerable adults”</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p>	<p>The committee responded to an EC consultation on this matter and attended several conferences/workshops regarding this topic. The committee will continue to monitor this matter.</p>	<p>The committee responded to the European Commission consultation on this matter. The Chair of the Committee has also represented the CCBE in several stakeholder meetings on this matter organised by the EJM and the European Commission.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG Justice and Consumers) - European Judicial Network 			
<p>Digital assets and inheritance</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Law Institute (ELI) - Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) 	<p>The committee will continue monitoring the matter (e.g. ELI project on “Access to digital assets”)</p>	<p>The Chair represented the CCBE as a ELI HLEG meeting on this matter. Emails were also exchanged with the Advisory Committee member/Project Co-Reporter, who was invited in the past also to committee meetings.</p>	
<p>EU Succession Regulation</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <p>The legislation is already in force.</p>	<p>The legislation is already in force but issues are continuously emerging and are being discussed by the Committee.</p>	<p>(CCBE - Internal issue)</p>	
<p>Out-of-court divorces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBE Committee on Family and Succession 	<p>The committee will continue monitoring this matter.</p>	<p>(CCBE – Internal issue)</p>	
<p>Child support and maintenance obligations</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <p>The legislation is already in force.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBE Committee on Family and Succession 	<p>The legislation is already in force but issues are continuously emerging and are being discussed by the Committee</p>	<p>(CCBE - Internal issue)</p>	

<p>Relevant HCCH and ELI work/projects</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Law Institute (ELI) - Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) 	<p>The committee will continue to monitor the relevant work/projects done by the HCCH and ELI (e.g. on child protection and intercountry adoption).</p>	<p>The Secretariat Advisor has attended the CGAP meetings of the HCCH, and the Chair has been invited to some meetings of ELI (see above). An expert of the committee, Janys Scott, has also been involved in the ELI project on parentage/surrogacy and regularly gives feedback.</p>	
<p>Relevant Council of Europe work/projects</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council of Europe 	<p>The committee will continue to monitor the relevant work done by the CoE (e.g. Rights and best interests of the child in parental separation and care proceedings).</p>	<p>Connection has been established with the ENF-ISE and the Chair represented the CCBE at a hearing and a conference which we were invited to.</p>	


12. Future of the Legal Services and the Legal Profession



Contact person: Anna Drozd

Next online meeting(s):

Scheduled in-person meeting:

Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>The development of a coherent position on innovation in legal services, taking into account the boundaries and the core values of lawyers (CCBE Strategy 2021-2023)</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBE Committee 	<p>Q1-Q4 2023 Continuation of the work on innovation: definition of innovation in legal services (done) / main points to be developed.</p>	<p>(CCBE – Internal issue)</p>	 <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>
<p>Attractiveness/perception of lawyers :</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBE 	<p>Q1-Q4 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of the work on the attractiveness of the profession: follow up of the EU Forum of legal professions • Development of an structure approach regarding the collection of data. 	<p>The CCBE presidency decided to create a Young Lawyers Committee which, in particular, should assist the Future on the question of Attractivity</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of an EU level communication campaign • Sharing best practices between Member States 	<p>The European Young Bar Association (EYBA) was invited during a Future meeting to discuss on the attractiveness of the legal profession.</p>	
<p>Tackling new issues for lawyers: lawyers in the Metaverse (in coordination with the IT Law Committee).</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBE Future Committee - CCBE IT Law Committee 	<p>Q1-Q4 2023</p>		


13. Human Rights



Contact person: Nathan Roosbeek

Next online meeting(s):

Scheduled in-person meeting(s): 11 May 2023 & 23 November 2023


Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>“Defence of the defenders” activities: Human Rights letters /Joint initiatives/support actions</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See Annex (list of international contacts) - EEAS - EU Special Representative for Human Rights - UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers 	<p>On a regular basis 24/01/2023: CCBE Press Conference on the occasion of the Day of the Endangered Lawyer 2023 (Afghanistan).</p>	<p>On regular basis depending on the context.</p>	<p></p> <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>
<p>CCBE fictitious amicus curiae contest</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBE 	<p>01/09/2022: Launch of the first edition of the contest Mid-January: Announcement of the 3 pre-selected candidates End June: Award Ceremony in conjunction with the Plenary Session in Crete</p>	<p>(CCBE – Internal issue)</p>	

<p>Human Rights Award 2023</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBE 	<p>January 2023- End April 2023: call for nominations</p> <p>Mid-May 2023: recommendation from the HR Committee</p> <p>June 2023: vote within the Plenary Session</p> <p>November 2023: HR Award ceremony (Athens)</p>	<p>(CCBE – Internal issue)</p>	
<p>Report on the study carried out in the Netherlands on Aggression, threats and harassment against lawyers</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBE 	<p>Following the meeting of the Committee on 24/11/2022 members were invited to consult with their respective bar and law society if and how the survey could be circulated to a sufficient number of lawyers in their country.</p> <p>A small working group (3-4 members) will be established to analyse the findings from the various countries and draft a CCBE compiled report.</p> <p>The next steps will be discussed beginning of 2023</p>	<p>(CCBE – Internal issue)</p>	

14. Insurance



*Contact person: Stéphanie Alves-Schuldt
Next online meeting(s): 29 March
Scheduled in-person meeting: not scheduled*


Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>Legal expenses insurance:</p> <p>Monitoring of issues with free choice of lawyers (and more recent decision on mediation) in different countries and with Legal Protection Insurers</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal Protection International 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuation of the dialogue with the representatives of LPI / sharing of experiences and best practices. The last meeting took place on 27 September 2022. - Drafting of a working document with best practices with a focus on the issue of communication between lawyers and insurers. The document could be built on the experience of the Swiss check list between lawyers and insurers. The objective is to adopt a CCBE document to be shared with LPI. - Monitoring of the consequences of the interpretation of the free choice of a lawyer in Kifid case (in the Netherlands) and follow-up of the application of the Court of Justice's judgement (in Case C 667/18) regarding "out of court /mediation" proceedings in other EU countries. 	<p>The international organisation representing the legal expenses insurers (see link below) as to exchange views on topics of mutual interest and defend the views of lawyers</p> <p>Legal Protection International</p>	<p></p> <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>

<p>Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII):</p> <p>Monitoring of relevant European Commission's activities on PII</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG GROW, Unit D1 Skills Services and Profession) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analysis of the responses to the update of the CCBE questionnaire on PII. - Possible re-examination of the CCBE Position on PII (April 2015) for a possible update /revision in light of the results and new questions to the updated CCBE questionnaire on PII. 	<p>External action is not required at the moment.</p> <p>The contact person in DG Grow who was piloting a previous study commissioned by DG Grow on PPI is Ms SABALIAUSKAITE.</p> <p>The Secretariat has been in regular contact with this relevant person who is well acquainted with the CCBE position on PII.</p>	
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15. International Legal Services



*Contact person: Anna Smolińska
Next online meeting(s): not scheduled
Scheduled in-person meeting: not scheduled*

Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>Model Foreign Consultant Status</p> <p>Relevant actors: - DG TRADE, Unit B2</p>	<p>Completed, adopted in November 2022</p> <p>Meetings could be organised with representatives of bars from third-countries to exchange on FLC</p>	<p>CCBE papers are shared with DG TRADE.</p>	 <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>
<p>Liaison with the global legal profession (US/Australia/Canada/New Zealand etc)</p> <p>Relevant actors: - Third country Bars</p>	<p>Meetings/videocalls could be set up – to be prioritised this years as few contacts took place in 2022</p>	<p>Contacts to be updated and undertaken.</p>	

<p>Actions in relation to the provision of services by Ukrainian lawyers</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG GROW, Unit D1 & DG TRADE, Unit B2) 	<p>Monitoring the implementation of the Recommendation on qualifications of Ukrainian lawyers – adopted in June 2022</p> <p>Cooperation with the Migration Committee</p> <p>Collecting information about the number of Ukrainian lawyers in the EU and national initiatives aiming at helping Ukrainian lawyers in the EU (access to the job market, recognition of qualifications, etc).</p>	<p>We have shared our recommendations with the Commission.</p>	
<p>Closer monitoring and engagement with DG TRADE, participation in Civil Society Dialogue meetings</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission, DG TRADE <p>The unit depends on the topic</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>		
<p>Initiative to facilitate the recognition of qualifications of third-country nationals <i>*together with Migration</i></p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission - DG GROW, Unit D1 - DG TRADE, Unit B2 - DG HOME, Unit C2 	<p>Assessing the proposal and the need for a reaction (non-legislative and/or legislative, Q3 2023)</p>	<p>Contacts to be identified and undertaken.</p>	
<p>Monitoring EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement and Brexit consequences</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DG TRADE, Unit B2 	<p>Ongoing</p>		


<p>Monitoring EU Bilateral and Regional Trade Agreements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Including cooperation with ESF <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG TRADE) - ESF 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Reconsideration of the CCBE position in the ESF – ongoing</p> <p>Participation in ESF meetings and participation of ESF director in ours</p>	<p>On a passive basis, we regularly participate in the ESF meetings and meetings organised by DG TRADE.</p>	
<p>Monitoring and exploring of possibilities for MRAs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UK - Australia - Canada - Singapore - <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG TRADE) - Third country Bars - 	<p>Ongoing</p>		
<p>Monitoring WTO work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - on domestic regulation - on e-commerce <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG TRADE) - WTO - 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>In case of need, contact with other CCBE Committees or WGs will be implemented (including IT, EPL, Company Law).</p>		
<p>Passive monitoring of UNCITRAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNCITRAL Working Group II (Dispute Settlement) - UNCITRAL Working Group III (ISDS) & European Commission work on 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>As the CCBE is observatory member of the three working groups of UNCITRAL, the work of these bodies will be monitored to identify any issues relevant for legal services.</p>		

Multilateral Investment Court (MIC) - UNCITRAL Working Group IV (e-commerce)			
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16. IT Law



Contact person: Anna Drozd
 Next online meeting(s):
 Scheduled in-person meeting:


Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>Cloud computing:</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission 	<p>Q1-Q4 2023</p> <p>Eu initiatives on the Cloud</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCBE initiative on the use of cloud computing by lawyers • Monitoring of EU actions on cloud computing 	<p>Contacts have not yet been established with the institution, in order to make a first overview of the use Cloud services by lawyers within the Member States.</p> <p><u>Other Professions:</u> Doctors (CPME) Contacts were taken with the CPME since the e-evidence proposal. A meeting could be organised with the LUCS Group</p>	 <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>
<p>Artificial Intelligence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on the Convention of the Council of Europe <p>Relevant actors:</p>	<p>Q1-Q4 2023</p> <p>Continue active lobbying regarding the legislative process on the AI Act</p>	<p>Contacts were taken with Shadows and Rapporteur following the adoption of the CCBE position on the AI Act. Shadow Rapporteur Petar Vitinov is supporting the CCBE position. He participated in the conference on the presentation on the CCBE guide on AI.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>European Parliament</u> (Rapporteur and Shadows) - <u>Council of Europe</u> 		<p>CoE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Committee on AI</u> - <u>CEPEJ CYBERJUST</u> <p>The CCBE is an observer in both groups</p>	
<p>Data transfer</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Data Protection supervisor (EDPS) 	<p>Q2-Q4 2023 new EU-US framework: assessment and position on the future adequacy decision monitoring (possible judicial proceedings)</p>	<p>Contact were made with the EDPS which is reviewing the new Data privacy Framework. Representatives participated in the Joint IT Law / Surveillance meeting of February 2023.</p>	
<p>EU Declaration on Digital Rights and principles: (ADOPTED) CCBE Statement</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council 	<p>Q1 2023</p>	<p>Contact has been made with the Council Secretariat for Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be shared with the EC (DG Just), EP (LIBE), Council (Alain Pilette) 	
<p>Smart contracts – Follow up of the Data Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBE 	<p>Q1-Q4 2023</p>		
<p>Work on the metaverse (IT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBE 	<p>Q1-Q4 2023</p>		
<p>Develop a structured approach on the collection on data relating to digital innovation in law firms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBE 	<p>Q1-Q4 2023</p>		

17. Migration



*Contact person: Anna Smolińska
Next online meeting(s): not scheduled
Scheduled in-person meeting: not scheduled*

Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>New Pact on Migration and Asylum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Screening Regulation - Common procedure for international protection Regulation - Return directive - Joint roadmap on the Pact <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commissioner for Home Affairs, Ylva Johansson - DG HOME, Units C1-C5 - DG HOME Director of directorate C, Michael Shotter - EP LIBE Committee Chair - Rapporteurs and shadows 	<p>Ongoing. Continuous monitoring of the progress of the work within the EU Parliament and EU Council, potential contacts</p>	<p>In 2022, the CCBE has been in contact with the rapporteurs and their assistants to monitor the state of play of the files.</p> <p>In 2023, contact was made again with regard to the proposal on Instrumentalisation as it has an impact on the Pact.</p> <p>It is foreseen to contact the shadows from EPP and Renew with regards to one particular aspect of the files as this was suggested by an S&D advisor.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>

<p>Proposal for a Regulation addressing situations of instrumentalization in the field of migration and asylum</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commissioner for Home Affairs, Ylva Johansson - DG HOME, Units C1-C5 - DG HOME Director of directorate C, Michael Shotter - EP LIBE Committee Chair - Rapporteurs and shadows - Swedish Council Presidency 	<p>Published. Analysis and preparation of a position paper (Q1 2023)</p>	<p>The paper was adopted in February 2023. It was circulated to the Commission, rapporteurs and shadows in the EP and to the Council Presidency. Also to rapporteurs of the NPMA files that are impacted by the Instrumentalisation proposal.</p>	
<p>Proposal for a long-term residents directive recast</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG HOME, Unit C2 & DG GROW, Unit D1) 	<p>Published. Preparation of a memo/analysis of Article 17(4) regarding recognition of qualifications and its impact on EU Lawyers directive. On this basis, potentially a position paper/comments could be drafted if needed. (Q1 2023)</p>	<p>The memo is now being finalised and has been communicated to the Migration, ILS and EU Lawyers committees. We might reach out to the Commission to seek clarifications on the proposed provision as it is unclear.</p>	
<p>Initiative to facilitate the recognition of qualifications of third-country nationals <i>*together with ILS</i></p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG HOME, Unit C2 & DG GROW, Unit D1) 	<p>Assessing the proposal and the need for a reaction (non-legislative and/or legislative, Q3 2023)</p>	<p>Contacts to be undertaken</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ELIL 	<p>Assessment of the CCBE's involvement, preparation of a paper and a debate/vote during the Standing Committee in February (Q1 2023)</p>	<p>(CCBE - Internal matter)</p>	
<p>Frontex Consultative Forum</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CF Secretariat - CF Chairs - Frontex Management Board - Frontex staff - Fundamental Rights Officer - 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Follow-up and regular contribution to the work of the Forum and participation in observation missions</p>	<p>The CCBE participates in the CF meetings that consist in a series of exchanges with people from Frontex, such as executive director, deputy director in charge of operations etc. It also allows contact with different institutions (UNHCR, FRA) and NGOs.</p>	
<p>EASO Consultative Forum</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CF Secretariat - CF Chairs - EUAA staff 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Follow-up and regular contribution to the work of the Forum (ongoing)</p>	<p>The CCBE in the CF meetings that consist in a series of exchanges with people from EUAA. It also allows contact with different institutions (UNHCR, FRA) and NGOs.</p>	
<p>Council of Europe</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special Rapporteur - PACE Migration Committee - Various CoE working bodies, e.g. CDCJ-MIG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow-up to the meeting with Tatiana Termacic from PACE migration committee – potential participation of a CCBE expert in meetings with PACE committee when the latter is preparing reports on topics on which the CCBE has its position - Further inputs into the Guide for practitioners on administrative detention of migrants to support implementation of existing standards in this field (follow-up to previous work in this area) and subject to the decision of the Committee of Ministers, if considered appropriate in the light of relevant legal developments in this area, 	<p>We are in regular contact with the Special Representative to whom we send all our papers. We also have contact through Frontex CF.</p> <p>We have established contact with PACE committee on Migration last year. Ms Termacic participated in our Migration meeting in November 2022 and since then, we have had some follow-ups. We have communicated our papers to them and helped them to liaise with the Afghan Bar and the Turkish bar.</p>	


	<p>draft Recommendation codifying standards on administrative detention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring the launch of and potential inputs to the work on Guidance on child-sensitive procedures in administrative and migration law matters, as a contribution to the Council of Europe Action Plan on Protection Vulnerable Persons in the Context of Migration and Asylum in Europe (2021-2025) - Monitoring the launch of and potential inputs into the work on Report on good practices in respect of legal aid and representation, access to information and to justice for vulnerable people in the context of administrative and migration law matters, as a contribution to the Council of Europe Action Plan on Protection Vulnerable Persons in the Context of Migration and Asylum in Europe (2021-2025) (possible link with point 3). - Monitoring the Council of Europe Action Plan on Protecting Vulnerable Persons in the Context of Migration and Asylum in Europe (2021-2025), specifically Pillar 2 – Ensuring access to law and justice (human rights and the rule of law): https://rm.coe.int/action-plan-on-protecting-vulnerable-persons-in-the-context-of-migrati/1680a409fc - Possible contacts with the Special Representative on Migration 		
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<p>Actions in relation to Ukrainian refugees</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fundamental Rights Agency - Commission (DG GROW) 	<p>Monitoring issues arising in relation to the implementation of the Temporary Protection Directive</p> <p>Cooperating with ILS Committee</p> <p>Collecting information about the number of Ukrainian lawyers in the EU and national initiatives aiming at helping Ukrainian lawyers in the EU (access to the job market, recognition of qualifications, etc).</p>	<p>We have had contacts and a meeting in 2022 with FRA, the Unit collecting data, as they were interested to have an exchange on TPD.</p>	
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18. PD Lux



Contact person: Stéphanie Alves-Schuldt
Next online meeting(s): not scheduled
Scheduled in-person meeting: not scheduled

Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report on the Reform of the General Court (2020) - Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Court (2022), in particular with the use of videoconferencing tools for online hearings. - Forthcoming amendment of the Statute of the Court of Justice with regard to the preliminary ruling procedure (transfer of certain areas to the General Court). <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Commission (Legal Service) - European Parliament (JURI Committee) - Council Working Group on the Court of Justice 	<p>The Committee will continue to monitor and respond to these developments and upcoming initiatives.</p>	<p>The annual meeting between the CCBE delegation and the Court of Justice, plus the EFTA Court Has taken place on 20 March 2022. A Report on this meeting will be prepared.</p> <p>In addition, regarding point 3. Contacts have been taken with the Legal services of the European Commission, together with the two co legislators (Council and EP) with a view to prepare comments and discuss the proposal.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>

- Next meeting with the Courts	Q1 2023 : A meeting is scheduled for March 2023 in Luxembourg. The last meeting with the CCBE delegations took place on 8 November 2021.	See above.	
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19. PD Strasbourg



Contact person: Nathan Roosbeek

Next online meeting(s):

Scheduled in-person meeting:

Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>Follow-up CCBE work on the reform of the ECHR machinery</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ECtHR - CDDH - CDDH-SYSC - Committee of Minister (CMDH) - Governments Agent before the ECtHR 	Ongoing	The CCBE is an observer member within the CDDH and CDDH-SYSC. Monitoring and input on regular basis base on CCBE positions on reform of the ECHR Machinery	 <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>
<p>Follow-up negotiations EU accession to the ECHR</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDDH ad hoc negotiation group (“46+1”) on EU accession to the ECHR 	Ongoing	The CCBE was recently consulted to provide further input on the negotiation. After consulting its members, the CCBE had no further input to provide. The CCBE in its communication to the ad hoc group reiterated our strong support to the accession of the EU to the ECtHR.	


<p>ECtHR-CCBE event: Bi-annual meeting between the Court and the national bars and law societies of the Council of Europe Member States</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ECtHR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - End 2022-beginning 2023: draft proposed topics for discussion within PD STRAS - February-March 2023: circulation of draft topics for comments to CCBE Members (+ Monaco Bar) - April 2023 : final proposed topics for discussion to be sent to the Court with the aim to have the invitation and program circulated by the Court before the summer. - October 2023: Meeting between the Court and the national bars and law societies of the Council of Europe Member States 	<p>The ECtHR confirmed that the event will take place on 13/10/2023. The CCBE is preparing a list of draft topics for discussion to assist the ECtHR prepare the agenda of the meeting.</p>	
<p>Bilateral meeting with the Governments' agents before the ECtHR</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Agents before the ECtHR: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2023: communication to the Members and follow-up of the report on the meeting with the Governments' agents before the ECtHR on 5 December 2022 - Next meeting foreseen in 2024. 	<p>Met with them on 5 December 2022. And planning to have at least one meeting every two year.</p>	
<p>Update of the CCBE Guide "The European Court of Human Rights: Questions & Answers for Lawyers (2023)"</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ECtHR 	<p>Updated edition for end 2023 (TBC)</p>	<p>The ECtHR publishes the CCBE Guide on its website</p>	
<p>Drafting Group on issues relating to judges of the European Court of Human Rights (DH-SYSC-JC)</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p>	<p>A small working group within PD Stras will be established in 2023 to work on the questions that will be received from the DH-SYSC-JC on the attractiveness of the position of judge at the Court and the adequacy of the current terms of 9 years.</p>	<p>The CCBE is an observer member within the CDDH-SYSC-JC.</p> <p>The CCBE recently at the request of the CDDH-SYSC-JC circulated a survey</p>	

CDDH-SYSC-JC		to its members on the attractiveness of the position of judge at the ECtHR.	
<p>Exclusion of lawyers by the ECtHR from representing applicants before the Court</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ECtHR 	<p>At the PD STRAS meeting on 24/11/2022, it was agreed that the CCBE should address a letter to the Court prior to the meeting in October 2023 addressing our concerns and considerations on this issue.</p> <p>To do that, it was agreed to first gather the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information about examples of exclusion of lawyers from national higher courts and about which procedure was applied in those cases - Information about the disciplinary procedure in the different member bars (This information being already available for some member bars within the CCBE) <p>The next steps will be discussed beginning of 2023.</p>	Letter still needs to be prepared.	

20. PECO



Contact person: Indra Bule
Next online meeting(s):
Scheduled in-person meeting:

Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>Relevant developments in different countries</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Bars and Law Societies - Depending on the subject and issue raised – national governments and presidents, Ministries of Justice, Councils of Judiciaries etc. 	<p>On a regular basis and when requested by members: to monitor and provide assistance to associate and observer members.</p>	<p>Contacts may vary depending on the relevant country and the issue raised.</p>	 <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>
<p>Enlargement policy of the EU</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Bars and Law Societies - Commission (DG Near) 	<p>On a regular basis: to monitor the enlargement policy of the EU, to analyse the annual reports of the European Commission on candidate and potential candidate countries (especially on Chapter 23: Judiciary and fundamental rights and on Chapter 3: Right of establishment and freedom to provide services).</p>	<p>After consultations with relevant associate and observer members, no issues were raised as regards the annual reports of the European Commission on candidate and potential candidate countries. Therefore, there was no need to</p>	

		contact the competent unit of DG NEAR .	
PECO event Relevant actors: - National Bars and Law Societies	Q1: to organise PECO event on AML related issues for targeted participants from associate and observer members Q2-Q4: to assess the need to organise additional PECO seminar/workshop on the topic of interest of observer or associate members.	PECO/AML seminar was successfully already organised in February 2023.	


21. Rule of Law (RoL)



Contact person: Indra Bule

Next online meeting(s): it is not a committee, no meetings foreseen

Scheduled in-person meeting: it is not a committee, no meetings foreseen

Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>EU Justice Scoreboard 2023 (chapter on independence of lawyers and Bars)</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <p>Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DG JUST (Commissioner) - DG JUST (Rule of Law, Fundamental Rights and Democracy (JUST.C)) - DG JUST C1 Unit 	<p>Q1: gathering and analysis of data for the EU Justice Scoreboard 2023 of the European Commission which would be further analyse for the CCBE contribution to the Rule of Law (RoL) Report 2023</p>	<p>In December 2022 and January 2023 following the contacts with the COM the questionnaire was finalised and circulated to the national Bars and Law Societies. Answers were submitted via online system.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>

<p>Public consultations on annual RoL Report 2023</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG JUST) Commissioner - DG JUST C Rule of Law, Fundamental Rights and Democracy (JUST.C) - DG JUST C1 Unit 	<p>Q1: to prepare the input of the CCBE for the RoL Report</p> <p>Q2 -Q3: to analyse the results of public consultation and individual submissions of national Bars</p>	<p>CCBE input was prepared and submitted to the European Commission</p>	
<p>Rule of Law Report 2023</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG JUST) Commissioner - DG JUST C Rule of Law, Fundamental Rights and Democracy (JUST.C) - DG JUST C1 Unit 	<p>Q3-Q4: to analyse the Report and consider the need for the possible reaction of the CCBE</p>	<p>Rule of Law Report is under preparation by the Commission</p>	
<p>Initiatives of the EU institutions and other stakeholders</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parliament (LIBE Committee) 	<p>Monitoring developments and initiatives of the EU institutions and relevant stakeholders on Rule of Law related matters, to ensure and strengthen all necessary contacts and submit contributions, if and where necessary.</p>	<p>In January 2023, the CCBE assisted the EESC with the coordination of relevant members.</p> <p>The input of the CCBE for the 2023 Rule of Law was circulated to the EP LIBE DRFMG and EP LIBE chair.</p>	

<p>LIBE Democracy, Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights Monitoring Group (DRFMG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EESC - FRRL Group Secretariat - European Court of Auditors 		<p>23.03.2023 European Court of Auditors - CCBE Secretariat informal meeting with the team of the European Court of Auditors concerning activities of the CCBE in the area of the rule of law in the EU specifically concerning the Rule of Law (RoL) Report. This meeting was held in the margins of the work of the European Court of Auditors preparing preliminary research for a plan of the Review on RoL reporting to be published in 2024. Informal observations about the RoL Report and its methodology as well as explanations on the work of the CCBE preparing its input for the RoL Report were provided</p>	
<p>Developments at national level</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Bars and Law Societies 	<p>Monitoring developments on the rule of law related issues relevant for the Bars and lawyers.</p>	<p>(CCBE – Internal issue)</p>	
<p>Relationship with the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Venice Commission 	<p>To monitor and analyse the initiatives of the Venice Commission in the area of rule of law of Bars and lawyers, as well as to strengthen the contacts with the Venice Commission and to consider possible ways of collaboration between the CCBE and the Venice Commission, particularly by identifying topics on which a cooperation would be relevant in particular, where the reference is made to independence of the Bars and lawyers.</p>	<p>Contacts with the Venice Commission were established in 2021 and 2022. However, no interest was expressed by the Venice Commission on suggestion for closer cooperation.</p>	


22. Surveillance



Contact person: Anna Drozd

Next online meeting(s):

Scheduled in-person meeting:


Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>PEGA Report: CCBE active lobbying and monitoring</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>European Parliament</u> PEGA Committee of Inquiry (Rapporteur and Shadows) 	Q1-Q2 2023	<p>European Parliament: Chair and Rapporteur of the PEGA Committee EDPS</p> <p>The Rapporteur and the Chair of the PEGA Committee participated in the joint CCBE/ELF Webinar on Surveillance in October 2022.</p> <p>The issue of the use of spywares in Europe were also discussed with the EDPS during the Joint IT Law / Surveillance meeting.</p>	 <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>
<p>Biometric identification systems: possible CCBE report</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p>	Q1-Q4 2023		
<p>Monitoring and active lobbying on CSMA proposal: the proposal for a</p>	Q1-Q4 2023	European Parliament	

<p>regulation laying down rules to fight online child sexual abuse</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parliament - Commission 		<p>EDPS : during the discussion with IT Law Committee and Surveillance WG, the EDPS raised a lot of concerns regarding the proposal.</p>	
<p>Monitoring of national and international developments / possible interventions before the Courts if requested by a delegation.</p>	<p>Q1-Q4 2023</p>	<p>(CCBE – Internal issue)</p>	

23. Tax



Contact person: Anna Smolińska
 Next online meeting(s): not scheduled
 Scheduled in-person meeting: not scheduled


Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>Upcoming. Analysis of the proposal and potential position paper</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DG TAXUD, Director General, - Director for Directorate D - Unit D2 - DG JUST - Commissioner Reynders 	<p>Upcoming Commission initiative on regulating tax advice</p>	<p>23.03.2023 CCBE representatives had a meeting with representatives from the European Commission, Directorate General for Customs and Taxation (DGTAXUD). The meeting focussed on two topics - DAC6 and the upcoming proposal on Securing the Activity Framework of Enablers "SAFE"</p>	 <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>
<p>Ongoing To be discussed and decided whether the CCBE intervenes at the CJEU level when the Belgian case is referred to the Court</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p>	<p>Monitoring of challenges regarding certain provisions of the DAC 6 Directive (Belgium, France, Portugal, Spain...)</p>	<p>The question of the revision of DAC6 after the ruling from December 2022 will be discussed with the director from DG TAXUD.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission (DG TAXUD, Director General) - Commission (Director for Directorate D) - Unit D2 			
	Evaluation of the implementation of <u>DAC 6</u> and legal professional privilege aspects etc		
<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <p>In the parliament:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ECON - FISC 	<p>Monitoring of and reacting to the consequences of Pandora Papers – tax aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring of any news regarding the proposal to come – DAC8 – after Pandora Papers revelations, the EC is reflecting about additional changes to propose as part of this revision of the directive - Monitoring of any other potential initiatives <p><i>*together with AML committee</i></p>		
<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IBA (IBA Working Group examining the role of lawyers as ethical gatekeepers) 	<p style="text-align: center;">IBA initiative on ethics</p>	<p>The CCBE is represented on this working-Group in order to follow discussions. Various exchanges took place with the IBA and the Working Group in February 2023. The latest developments and the latest text (as prepared by the IBA Working Group) was presented to the February Standing Committee</p>	
<p>Ongoing but probably no reaction is required</p>	<p>Monitoring Commission’s proposal to fight the use of shell entities</p>		
<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OECD Task Force on Tax Crimes and Other Crimes 	<p>Engaging with OECD regarding its work on intermediaries</p> <p><i>*together with AML committee</i></p>	<p>Follow-up to the meeting should be undertaken in 2023 – potentially inviting someone from the Task Force or Secretariat of the task force to a CCBE meeting.</p>	

24. Training



Contact person: Indra Bule
Next online meeting(s): 30 March 2023
Scheduled in-person meeting: 30 March 2023

Topics & actor(s)	Current and planned actions	Contact with the relevant actors	Useful contacts
<p>Implementation of the European Judicial Training strategy</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <p>Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DG JUST - Commissioner - DG JUST - Director General - DG JUST A Department- Justice Policies - DG JUST.A.1 Unit - Parliamnet (EP LIBE Committee Chair) 	<p>On regular basis: to monitoring the implementation of the Strategy and to follow the work of expert group of the Commission Q3-Q4: to consider, analyse and discuss the possible elements to be addressed by the new Strategy</p>	<p>Implementation of the Strategy is monitored annually (Annual Judicial Training Report) by the COM and the CCB.</p> <p>The presentation and discussion based on the results of the Annual Judicial Training Report planned during the first Training Committee meeting in 2023 – 30 March 2023.</p>	<p></p> <p><i>This column contains the names and contact details of various contact points concerning the relevant actors working on the various files (Commission, Parliament, Council, EU Courts, Council of Europe, EU agencies, International organisations, EU Networks, etc.). These contacts can be both formal and informal, and for this reason they are not visible in the present document. Specific contacts on any file can be obtained from the CCBE Secretariat if required.</i></p>
<p>CCBE Action plan for the high-level 3-year policy objective (2021-2023) to improve access to EU training funds for lawyers</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <p>Commission</p>	<p>On a regular basis: follow and monitor implementation of the action plan and discuss the possible further suggestions</p>	<p>In the margins of implementation of the Action plan, draft project proposal was adopted by the Standing Committee in February 2023.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DG JUST: Commissioner <u>Didier Reynders</u> - DG JUST Director General - DG JUST A Department-Parliament - LIBE Committee Chair - Council - Council Secretariat - Presidency of the Council - ELF 			
<p>European Judicial Training conference (April 2023)</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <p>Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DG JUST: - Commissioner <u>Didier Reynders</u> - DG JUST Director General - DG JUST A Department-Justice Policies - DG JUST.A.1 Unit - National Bars and Law Societies 	<p>Q1 – Q2: to provide support to the Commission in preparation for the upcoming 2023 conference</p>	<p>Assistance was provided to the Commission. The CCBE will be represented by 3 speakers.</p>	
<p>Framework of competences and skills of lawyers</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Bars and Law Societies - ELF 	<p>Q1-Q4: to monitor and coordinate, if and where necessary, the implementation of the BREULAW project of the BREULAW, especially as regards the creation of the training curricula on EU law for lawyers.</p>	<p>The kick-of meeting of the BREULAW project took place on 8 March 2023. Further activities will be realised.</p>	

<p>Annual Judicial Training Report</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission - DG JUST: - Commissioner <u>Didier Reynders</u> DG JUST Director of directorate ANA GALLEGO - DG JUST A Department-Justice Policies - DG JUST.A.1 Unit - National Bars and Law Societies + informal list of contact points to improve the data collection at national level on the number of trained lawyers (EU and Western Balkans + potential EU candidate countries) 	<p>Q1-Q4: to analyse the results and data of the Report and to consider any further steps to improve collection of data on judicial training of lawyers, including by strengthening the coordination via established informal network of contact points.</p> <p>Q3: to coordinate the collection of data on judicial training of lawyers for the new report</p>	<p>The presentation and discussion based on the results of the Annual Judicial Training Report planned during the first Training Committee meeting in 2023 – 30 March 2023.</p>	
<p>European Training Platform (ETP)</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission - DG JUST: - Commissioner - DG JUST A Department-Justice Policies - DG JUST.A.1 Unit - Possibly ELF 	<p>On regular basis: to promote the use of the ETP platform</p>		

<p>National developments affecting training (initial and continuing legal education) of lawyers in different countries</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Bars and Law Societies 	<p>On a regular basis: to monitor the developments in different countries based on presentations provided.</p>	<p>(CCBE – Internal issue)</p>	
<p>Cooperation with Council of Europe HELP</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council of Europe Directorate General of Human Rights & Rule of Law (DG1) - Council of Europe - Conseil de l'Europe CoE HELP Secretariat - National Bars and Law Societies - HELP Info Points 	<p>Promoting activities and available training possibilities for lawyers provided by HELP, to ensure participation of the CCBE in the EU Network Conference of HELP and to support HELP in updating the list of Information points nominated by nations Bars.</p> <p>Q1-Q3: to analyse the results of the first joint CCBE/HELP training course and consider the need to launch additional training course for lawyers.</p>	<p>In January 2023 following the excellent results of the joint CCBE/HELP training course for lawyers launched in 2022, certificates were distributed to relevant participants.</p> <p>During the first Training Committee meeting, experts will be invited to consider results of the first joint training course and possibly launch the next joint CCBE/HELP training course for lawyers.</p>	
<p>Cooperation with the Fundamental Rights Agency</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fundamental Rights Agency 	<p>To consider the possibility to develop further cooperation with the FRA, possibly organising a webinar</p>	<p>In February 2023, contacts have been established with the new responsible person on training.</p> <p>Discussion on the interest of members to organise a webinar/event with the FRA will be discussed during the first Training Committee meeting (the same approach as for the webinar in autumn 2021)</p>	
<p>Specialisation</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p>	<p>To consider and assess the national developments regarding specialisation of lawyers</p>	<p>(CCBE – Internal issue)</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Bars and Law Societies 			
<p>Young Lawyers Contest</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Academy of Law - National Bars and Law Societies 	<p>Q1-Q4: coordinate and ensure visibility for the Young Lawyers Contest, coordinate the appointment of jury members of the CCBE</p>	<p>Jury members for the semi-finals have been appointed.</p>	
<p>Project on the CJEU hearings' recording as a judicial training tool</p> <p>Relevant actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission DG JUST – leader of the project (DG JUST A Department-Justice Policies DG JUST.A.1 Unit) - CCBE Appointed experts 	<p>Q1-Q3: in cooperation with the PD LUX coordinate the participation of the CCBE experts in the project</p>		