

XXXIII General Assembly

20 Years of Commitment

On **November 6th**, the **XXXIII ELRA General Assembly** took place in Brussels in a hybrid format, celebrating two decades of ELRA's commitment to legal security and registry collaboration across Europe.

The event gathered a total of 70 representatives from member organizations across Europe as well as prominent figures from European Commission, judges, university academics, and representatives from leading associations within the European and legal landscape.



The Assembly began with an opening speech by ELRA President, **Mr. Mihai Taus**, who highlighted the association's ongoing contribution to the improvement of transnational legal cooperation.

Following, **Mrs. Ana Gallego**, Director-General, DG Justice, European Commission, emphasized the crucial role ELRA plays in strengthening judicial cooperation, highlighting the collaborative mechanisms that ELRA has developed over the past 20 years.



Keynote Speeches



Dr. Sjef van Erp, em Professor of Civil Law and European Private Law at Maastricht University: "Why is Data Ownership Important for Land Registrars?"



Mr. Paul Prettitore from The World Bank: "Development Trends in Land Administration in ECA (Europe and Central Asia)."

Panel Discussions

3rd ELRN Workshop

EU Succession Regulation and European Commission Report, moderated by Francisco J. Gimeno, ELRA Secretary General.

This space allowed for a deeper understanding of the particularities and challenges posed by the Succession Regulations, providing a multidisciplinary perspective thanks to the contributions of prominent experts:

- **Mrs. Caterina D'Ousualdo**, DG Justice, European Commission
- **Judge Dr. Marta Rekawek-Pachwicewicz**, ELRA representative EC working group
- **Judge Michele Cuccaro** from the Rovereto Court in Italy
- **Mr. Jacques Vos**, ELRA Board Member and Land Registrar from The Netherlands

Proposal Regulation on Vulnerable Adults in Cross-Border Situations, moderated by Rafael Vale e Reis, ELRA Partner (CENoR).

This panel focused on analyzing the legal and practical implications of this EU proposal, highlighting the importance of protecting vulnerable adults in transnational context:

- **Mrs. Lenka Vysoka**, DG Justice, European Commission
- **Mrs. Luisa Clode**, former ELRA President and Land Registrar from Funchal, Madeira
- **Mrs. M^a Dolores Villar Guzmán**, Counsellor-Coordinator Legal Affairs, Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU



IMOLA IV Kick-off Conference

The IMOLA IV project commenced on 1 August 2024 and will be developed over the subsequent 24 months. The project was inaugurated with a **kick-off conference held on 5 November in Brussels**, conducted in a hybrid format.

IMOLA IV, which is funded under the **Civil Justice Programme of the European Commission**, represents the continuation of the MOLA I, II and III Projects. The project's primary objective is to enhance the quantity, quality, and accessibility of the Knowledge Organization System (KOS) developed for European property registry connection and harmonisation of juridical information.

The event counted on the participation of 60 representatives from land registries across Europe, and professors from European universities. Additionally, ELRA had the honor of hosting as speakers prominent figures from the European Commission:



Mrs. Natalia Aristimuño, Director of Digital Services (DG DIGIT):
"An overview of the new Interoperable Europe Act"



Mrs. Alina Nedea, Head of Unit Sanctions (DG FISMA):
"The implementation of EU sanctions: Identifiers and Uniform Implementation"



Mr. Cristian Nicolau, Head of Unit (DG JUSTICE): "Building an IT system for cross-border judicial cooperation"

Work Packages

Mr. Pedro Pernas, IMOLA Project Manager, and the Project's Coordinators: Mr. Jorge López and Mr. Paulo Garces, presented the Project's objectives and outlined strategies for improvement.



Mr. Jorge López



Mr. Paulo Garces

Academic Vision

Mrs. Elena Ioriatti (Trento University), presented the latest development in research on the harmonization of European legal concepts.



Mrs. Elena Ioriatti

Partners' Vision

The project partners: Mr. Enrique Maside (CORPME), Mrs. Filomena Rosa (IRN) and Mr. Rafael Vale e Reis (CENoR) shared their invaluable insights as partner representatives.



Mrs. Filomena Rosa (IRN)



Mr. Enrique Maside (CORPME)



Mr. Rafael Vale (CENoR)

1º Training Seminar

The first training seminar of IMOLA IV was conducted by Mrs. Anabel Fraga, Technical Director, and Mr. Pedro Pernas, IMOLA IV Project. They addressed the key challenges related to the project, emphasizing the importance of collaboration in advancing the interconnection of land registries.

The session was concluded by Mrs. Prof. Dr. María-Esther Vidal, who addressed the topic of «Advancing the European Single Market: Semantic Data Management and Knowledge Graphs.»

[More information here!](#)



Mr. Pedro Pernas & Mrs. Anabel Fraga

AN OVERVIEW OF OUR ACTIVITIES

CALENDAR: November & December

Main Event of the year:

- **ELRA:** Kick-off Conference of IMOLA IV Project - Brussels (Belgium), 5th November
- **ELRA:** XXXIII General Assembly - Brussels (Belgium), 6th November

Events of EU Associations in Collaboration with ELRA:

- **EJN (European Judicial Network):** Service and Evidence Regulations Meeting - Brussels (Belgium), 4th & 5th December
- **IPRA CINDER XXIII International Congress:** Costa Rica Convention Center, 4th - 6th December

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IPRA CINDER
website!

IPRA CINDER: XXIII INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

The **International Property Registries Association** (IPRA CINDER) is an independent and international organization related to real property registration law.

The association stands out as a hub for exchanging publications on law, technology, and registry organization.

ELRA Members' Intervention

4th December

- **Heidi Leppikus** (Centre of Registers and Information Systems, Estonia): "Seamless Transition: Legal & Technical Considerations in Land Registry Software Development – The Case of Estonia."
- **Jacques Vos** (ELRA Board Member, Land Registrar from The Netherlands): "Land Administration" in the field of artificial intelligence".
- **Francisco J Gimeno** (ELRA Secretary General): "Digitisation of Registers: Interconnection, Interoperability and Harmonised Cadastral Information in the EU".

5th December

Panel Topic: Artificial Intelligence's impact on land registries, including its benefits, practical applications, and potential risks.

Moderator: Enrique Maside, European Affairs Director of Colegio de Registradores.

- **Mihai Taus** (ELRA President): "Addressed "AI's Role in Land Registries".
- **Jacques Vos** (ELRA Board Member): "AI Practices in Land Registries" based on Kadaster's experience".
- **Manfred Buric** (ELRA Board Member): "AI in the Judiciary and its applications in Austria's Landbook system".



ELRA Board and Secretariat

Congress Programme

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ELRA Board and Mr. Enrique Maside (CORPME)

EU HIGHLIGHTS

European Parliament approves the “von der Leyen II” Commission

The New College of Commissioners will take office on 1 December



This decision paves the way for a new team of commissioners who will work on pressing issues such as tackling climate change, accelerating digital innovation, fostering economic resilience, and strengthening the European Union’s role on the global stage.

The Commission’s agenda includes bold commitment to achieving carbon neutrality, advancing social inclusion, and boosting competitiveness while adhering to democracy values. This moment underscores the EU’s commitment to addressing the challenges of the modern era with renewed vigor and unity. The Parliament’s endorsement marks a significant step forward for the EU’s strategic agenda for the next five years.

The European Parliament has officially approved Ursula von der Leyen’s second European Commission, which will lead the EU for the 2024 - 2029 term.

For further information, you can read the full new [here](#).



President von der Leyen

“My view is that our era’s greatest challenges, from security to climate change to competitiveness, can only be solved through joint action. Against this backdrop, I believe Europe must choose its best option: Union.”

Source: European Parliament website

EUROPEAN NEWS



Commission adopts 2024 Enlargement Package

The European Commission's 2024 Enlargement Package highlights progress in EU accession efforts by potential candidate countries, including Albania, Ukraine, and Türkiye. This package emphasizes the geopolitical importance of EU enlargement as a strategy for promoting democracy, stability, and economic growth. Key advancements include Albania's and Bosnia and Herzegovina's progression in negotiations, Ukraine's continued reforms despite the ongoing war, and Kosovo's achievements in crime reduction and visa liberalization. The package also introduces economic growth plans for integrating future members more effectively into the EU framework.

The European Parliament has adopted a report on the 2025 budgetary procedure, focusing on the draft general budget for the European Union. This process includes negotiations and the presentation of a joint text between the Council of the EU and EU Parliament. The decision reflects the European Parliament's involvement in finalizing budget allocations and financial planning, ensuring transparency and strategic alignment with the EU priorities.



European Parliament secures an EU budget by 2025

The European Commission adopted standards for European Digital Identity (eID) Wallets, ensuring secure, interoperable tools for identification and data sharing across the EU, with strong privacy protections and broad use cases like travel and payments. The initiative is part of the broader European Digital Identity Framework, expected to be rolled out in the end of 2026.



Commission adopts standards for Digital Identity Wallets

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