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XXXIV General Assembly

On **29 October**, the **XXXIV General Assembly** of the European Land Registry Association (ELRA) was held in **Barcelona** in a **hybrid format**, co-organised with **Registradors de Catalunya**.

The session was formally opened by **Mihai Taus, ELRA President**, and **Vicente José García-Hinojal López, Dean President of Registradors de Catalunya**, who welcomed the participants and emphasised the importance of cooperation between land registries, public administrations and European bodies to guarantee legal certainty and the protection of citizens' rights.



Keynote Speeches



Prof. Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell, President of the European Law Institute (ELI) addressed "The Role of Soft Law in Digital Regulation: Challenges and Opportunities."

Prof. Dr. Sergio Nasarre-Aznar, from the Universitat Rovira i Virgili, offered a comprehensive overview of housing policies in Europe, addressing current trends and highlighting the role that land registries may play in fostering transparency and access to housing.



Al-Karim Kara and Greg Steves from the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia (Canada), presented the Canadian approach to interoperability and public trust in land data, illustrating practical developments and technological tools that reinforce digital registry services.



Panel Discussions

Artificial Intelligence: A New Challenge for Legal Professions, moderated by **Jacques Vos** (ELRA Board Member).

Panelists:

- Manel Santilari Barnach, Barcelona Bar Association
- José Ramón De Blas, Superior Court of the Valencian Community
- Walter Szöky, President of EUR
- Heidi Leppikus, Centre of Registers and Information Systems, Estonia



Housing Crisis in Europe, moderated by **Elena Prada** (ELRA Board Member), addressed registry-related aspects of the European housing situation. Contributions were provided by:

- **Dulce Calvo González-Vallinas**, Registradores de España – Colegio de Registradores.
- **Manuel Szapiro**, Representative of the European Commission in Barcelona.

[Full article here!](#)

3rd ELRN Workshop

The **3rd ELRN Workshop** took place on 30 October 2025 in **Barcelona**, hosted by **Registadors de Catalunya**. The event gathered representatives from multiple Member States, providing a forum for practical exchange, comparative analysis and discussion on cross-border legal issues relevant to land registration.

The workshop opened with welcoming remarks by **Mihai Taus**, ELRA President, followed by the presentation of the ELRN 2025 Report by **Francisco J. Gimeno** (CORPME), outlining the Network's ongoing activities and studies.

Anti-Money Laundering Session



Mihai Taus, ELRA President, highlighted the implications of Directive (EU) 2024/1640, with special emphasis on Article 18 concerning the creation of a Single Access Point to real estate information and its significance for registry authorities.

Pilar Verdejo, ELRA Contact Point for Spain, presented the functioning and objectives of the Anti-Money Laundering Registration Centre (CRAB), illustrating how registry data serves as a key instrument to prevent illicit financial activities through improved traceability and institutional coordination.



Francisco J. Gimeno (CORPME) continued with a case-based presentation on the free circulation of public documents in the EU, which introduced a roundtable moderated by **Elena Prada** (ELRA Treasurer), examining the practical requirements and legal implications for registering cross-border divorces across different land registry systems.

Judge Dr. Marta Rekawek-Pachwicewicz, ELRA Board member, presented the ongoing ELRN study on the EU Succession Regulation, including an overview of relevant CJEU case law (C-354/21) and the new ELRA Factsheet on national registration requirements.



Enrique Maside as the new
ELRA Secretary General

Afternoon Session

Enrique Maside, new ELRA Secretary General, examined recent developments related to the Proposal for the Insolvency Regulation (COM/2022/702).

Lucia Filagová, Contact Point for Slovakia, presented the results of the ELRN comparative questionnaire on the status and functioning of Land Registries.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER

- **EUR:** Congress of the European Union of Rechtspfleger - Vienna, 18th September. Participant: Manfred Buric
- **ELI:** Annual Conference + Council meeting - Vienna, 22nd - 24th September. Participant: Mihai Taus and Manfred Buric
- **IMOLA IV:** 5th Training Seminar - 17th September. Participants: IMOLA IV Members, ELRA Board & Secretariat
- **ELI, ELRA & CORPME:** AI, Other Disruptive Technologies and the Law - Madrid, 25th & 26th September. Participants: Jacques Vos & ELRA Secretariat



Manfred Buric, 2021 - 2025 ELRA Board Member, Congress of the European Union of Rechtspfleger



Jacques Vos, ELRA Board Member, AI, Other Disruptive Technologies and the Law

IMOLA IV: 5th Training Seminar



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Guided visit to the Land Registry offices



CALENDAR: OCTOBER

- **EJN Meeting:** Service documents and taking of evidence - Brussels, 22nd & 23rd October
- **ELRA & CORPME:** Board meeting - Barcelona, 28th October
- **ELRA & CORPME:** Barcelona, 30th October: Guided visit to the Land Registry offices

MEET ELRA'S LAND REGISTRY ASSOCIATION

INTERVIEW: COLEGIO DE REGISTRADORES (CORPME)



TOPICS COVERS:

Enrique Maside, Director of European Affairs, who shares insights on:

- Key responsibilities within Spain's land registry
- Alignment of CORPME's work with ELRA's objectives
- Impact of recent EU regulations

María Teresa Touriñán, Contact Point within the ELRA Network (ELRN), who discusses:

- Her role and experience as a Contact Point
- Challenges and importance of CPs within ELRA
- Significance of the recently published Fact Sheets for members and EU policies



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 **COLEGIO DE REGISTRADORES**

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[Full interview](#)



EUROPEAN NEWS

European Parliament own-initiative report on the housing crisis in the EU



The European Parliament's draft report on the EU housing crisis highlights a severe and growing shortage of affordable, decent, and sustainable housing, particularly affecting young people, low- and middle-income households, and essential workers. It attributes the crisis to rising construction costs, limited land availability, slow planning procedures, and a lack of comparable data across Member States.

The text calls for stronger multilevel governance, simplified building regulations, and the mobilization of both public and private investment to boost housing supply. It also urges targeted support for vulnerable groups, improved data collection through a European housing platform, and protection of property rights, emphasizing that housing is not just an economic issue but a cornerstone of social stability and citizens' well-being.

Commission Work 2026 Programme

The European Commission's 2025 Work Programme, "Europe's Independence Moment," focuses on boosting the EU's strategic autonomy and resilience. Its priorities are strengthening competitiveness and innovation, enhancing defence and security cooperation, and supporting social cohesion and citizens' well-being. It calls for simpler regulations, faster implementation, and major investments—preparing the ground for the next EU budget (2028–2034) and new initiatives in energy, digital transformation, climate, and migration.



The European Commission presents the "Apply AI Strategy"



The European Commission has introduced the "Apply AI Strategy", a comprehensive plan to accelerate the adoption of artificial intelligence across all strategic sectors in the European Union. Building on the EU's commitment to human-centric and trustworthy AI, the strategy aims to strengthen Europe's technological sovereignty and competitiveness by promoting widespread integration of AI in both industry and public services. It emphasizes helping small and medium-sized enterprises adopt AI solutions, fostering innovation, enhancing productivity, and addressing societal benefits such as improved healthcare diagnostics and more efficient public administration. The plan also establishes sector-specific "flagships," cross-cutting initiatives to develop AI skills and trust, and a new governance mechanism including an AI Observatory to monitor progress and impact.

Source (websites): the official European Commission



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