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MEPs adopt 2026 EU budget



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For next year's EU budget, Parliament secured more support for research, cross-border infrastructure, border management, climate action and foreign policy.

In a deal with member states, reached on Saturday 15 November, Parliament obtained an additional €372.7 million for its priorities on top of what the Commission had initially proposed in its <u>draft budget</u>. Parliament focused on increasing funding for programmes and policies aimed at improving people's lives, boosting competitiveness, and addressing defence challenges.

To boost competitiveness and improve cross-border infrastructure, MEPs increased funding for <u>Horizon Europe</u> by €20 million and for <u>transport and energy networks</u> by €23.5 million.

<u>Commission presents strategy to transform and digitalise justice systems across the EU</u>

The 20th of November, the European Commission presented the <u>Digital Justice package 2030</u>, an initiative to modernise justice systems across the EU and ensure that justice professionals are equipped with tools fit for the digital age. This strategic roadmap aims to accelerate the digitalisation of justice systems across the EU, empowering citizens, businesses, and justice professionals through innovation and cross-border collaboration.

Simpler EU digital rules and new digital wallets to save billions for businesses and boost innovation



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Europe's businesses, from factories to start-ups, will spend less time on administrative work and compliance and more time innovating and scaling-up, thanks to the European Commission's new digital package. This initiative opens opportunities for European companies to grow and to stay at the forefront of technology while at the same time promoting Europe's highest standards of fundamental rights, data protection, safety and fairness.

At its core, the package includes a digital omnibus that streamlines rules on artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity and data, complemented by a Data Union Strategy to unlock high-quality data for AI and European Business Wallets that will offer companies a single digital identity to simplify paperwork and make it much easier to do business across EU Member States.

Source (websites): the official European Commissio







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SEMIC Conference Copenhagen (Denmark), 25 & 26 November

On November 25th and 26th, 2025, a new SEMIC conference was held in Copenhagen. The SEMIC conference is the main European meeting about interoperability and takes place each year in the country that held the European presidency. Anabel Fraga, as IMOLA IV contractor and me, participated in the conference where the main challenges to the interoperability inside and across borders were discussed.

In the conference it was told that there are invisible borders for citizens and that a unified market is required to secure economic competitiveness.

The obstacles to the interoperability are structural, organizational and strategic and require overcoming the "public servant mindset" that implies an aversion to risk, the fear of failure and the conception of modernization as another task when is something that ultimately helps reducing workloads.

The specific recommendations suggested were to define a clear map and ensure multiyear pollical commitment and, as a necessary foundation for future, the definition of a common vocabulary.





Also, it was suggested to identify high-value use cases and those organizations that have developed successful projects. These organizations can be considered as interoperability twins and can help speed up the improvement of our organizations.

Successful projects as the Estonian X-Road, the Poland State Information Architecture, the Italian National Data Platform, the Belgium Regional Model Open Standards for Linked Administration (OSLO) and the Finish National Cost Analysis were identified. Also, a recognition of the huge improvement in the electronic administration of Ukraine with the help of Estonia was made.

The SEMIC conference is a great opportunity to identify the challenges of the interoperability in Europe and around the world and the main ideas and projects that arise in this community.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

CALENDAR: NOVEMBER

- Online, 5 November: ELI Webinar Targeted Revision of EU Data Protection Law
- **Online**, 5 November: <u>PCC EuroGeographics</u> CLRKEN Conference. ELRA representative: Elena Prada, ELRA Treasurer
- **Brussels**, 18 Novembre: Strengthening Enforcement against Cross-Border Corruption and Financial Crime by <u>Transparency Crime</u>. ELRA representative: Mihai Taus, ELRA President

36th Central European Colloquium of Civil Law Notaries Manfred Buric from Austria & Lucia Filagová from Slovak Republic

The 36th Central European Colloquium of Civil Law Notaries was held in Szeged, Hungary, from 20 to 22 November at the University of Szeged, József Attila Department of Education and Information Centre.

The presentations focused primarily on the current land registration systems in Hungary, France, Slovakia, England, and Austria, with particular emphasis on the registration of agricultural land in several countries.

"It was a great honor to be part of the event entitled "36th Central European Colloquium of Civil Law Notaries" and I would like to thank MOKK - Hungarian Chamber of Civil Law Notaries for inviting me and allowing me to present my presentation regarding E-property registration in Slovakia"

Lucia Filagova

Lawyer at Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre Authority of the Slovak Republic







OTHER ACTIVITIES

CALENDAR: DECEMBER

Brussels, 4 & 5 December: European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters

- The European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters held its Maintenance Meeting in Brussels, bringing together EJN Contact Points, central authorities, legal practitioners, and observers from across the EU and beyond. ELRA is an institutional observer member and plays an important role as the only expert in land registry matters.
- Maintenance continues to play a crucial role in cross-border family law, ensuring that children and vulnerable family members receive the support they are entitled to. Over the two days, participants exchanged practical insights, examined challenges in applying the EU Regulation, and discussed ways to further enhance judicial cooperation.
- Highlights included: Updates on the implementation of the Maintenance Regulation, presented by Haldi Koit and Angele Sears-Debono from DG Justice, European Commission



Source: European Commission





OTHER MEETINGS DECEMBER:

• Online, 18 December: 4th Meeting ELRA Al Working Group, chaired by Jacques Vos and composed of WG members as well as the ELRA Secretariat.





MEET ELRA'S LAND REGISTRY ASSOCIATION

INTERVIEW: Kadaster (The Netherlands)



TOPICS COVERS:

Jacques Vos, ELRA Board Member and ELRN Contact Point, who shares insights on:

- · Core responsibilities of Kadaster
- Future Challenges with ELRA
- The great digitisation of the Kadaster
- His opinion being Chair of the ELRA Al Working Group

Doris Smudde, ELRN Contact Point who spoke about:

- New technologies can improve efficiency in land registration
- Legal certainty, data quality, and sustainability must remain priorities
- Future registrars will need strong technological and interdisciplinary skills



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