

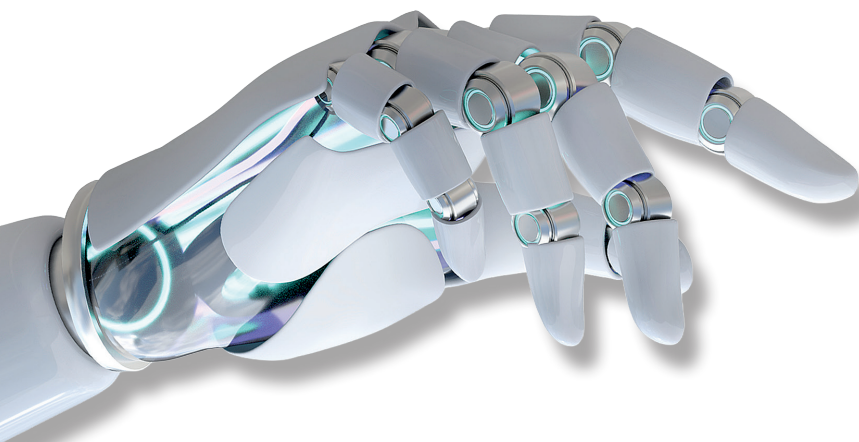
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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: COUNCIL AND PARLIAMENT AGREE TO SIMPLIFY AND STREAMLINE RULES

The Council of the EU and the European Parliament reached a provisional agreement on 7 May 2026 to simplify parts of the EU's artificial intelligence framework as part of the broader "Omnibus VII" simplification package. The agreement aims to reduce administrative burdens and provide greater legal certainty for businesses, in particular regarding the implementation of rules for high-risk AI systems, alongside new measures intended

to reinforce safeguards against harmful AI-generated content. The revised approach forms part of the EU's wider effort to balance technological innovation, competitiveness, and regulatory oversight within the evolving digital landscape.

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ACCELERATE EU TO STRENGTHEN EU ENERGY RESILIENCE

The European Commission has recently presented a set of measures aimed at protecting citizens and businesses from the current energy crisis, while at the same time accelerating the transition towards a model based on clean energy produced within the Union itself.

The initiative—framed within the strategy known as AccelerateEU—is based on a clear diagnosis: for the second time in less than five years, Europe is facing the economic and geopolitical consequences stemming from its dependence on imported fossil fuels. In response, the Commission aims to

strengthen the EU's energy resilience by boosting renewable energy production, modernising energy infrastructure, and increasing investment in strategic projects across Member States.

The plan also includes measures to support vulnerable households and industries affected by rising energy prices, while reinforcing Europe's long-term objective of achieving greater energy independence and a more secure, sustainable energy system.

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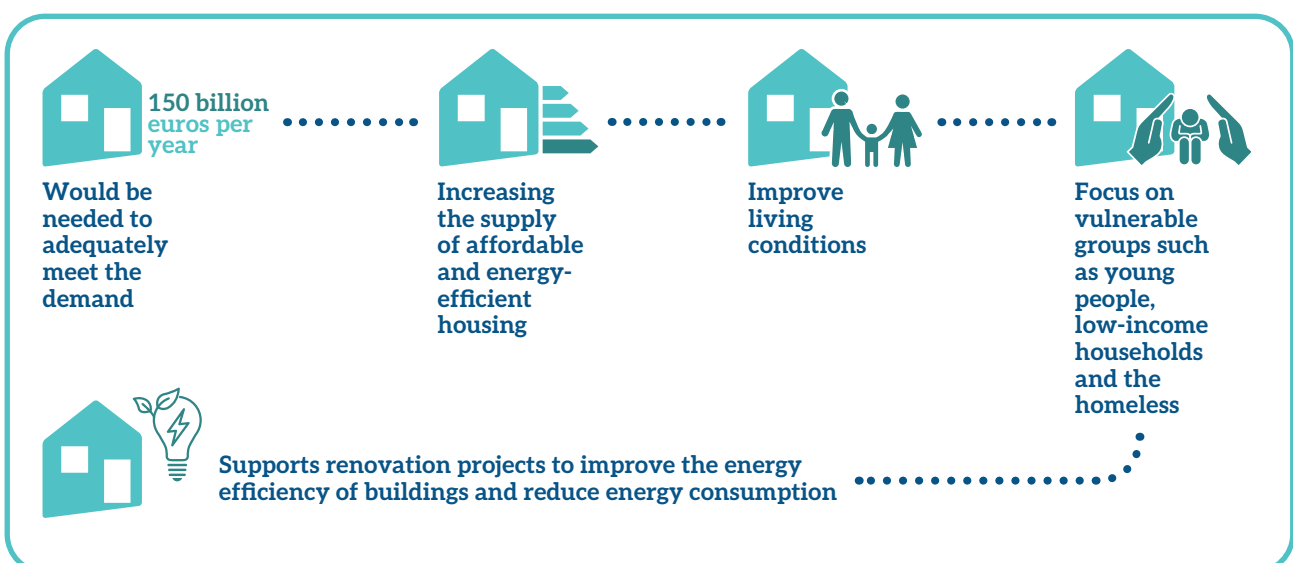
MAKING HOUSING AFFORDABLE IN THE EU

Access to decent housing has become one of the main challenges in the European Union. Over the past decade, the rise in housing and rental prices has outpaced income growth, while supply remains insufficient. It is estimated that around €150 billion per year would be needed to adequately meet demand.

In response, the European Union is supporting Member States through the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), the central instrument of the NextGenerationEU recovery

plan. Through the RRF, the EU finances reforms and investments aimed at increasing the supply of affordable and energy-efficient housing. The initiative also aims to improve living conditions, with a particular focus on vulnerable groups such as young people, low-income households and the homeless. It also supports renovation projects to improve the energy efficiency of buildings and reduce energy consumption.

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ELRA ACTIVITIES

BRUSSELS & ONLINE 2ND ELRN WORKSHOP • 3RD JUNE 2026



On 3 June 2026, ELRA will organise the 2nd ELRN Workshop of 2026 at the Residence Palace in Brussels in a hybrid format. The event will take place in the framework of ELRN activities and will serve as a platform for discussing current developments affecting European land registration systems.

The workshop will bring together members of the European Land Registry Network and officials from several European Commission departments, including DG JUST, DG ENER, and DG CNECT, who will participate in the different sessions throughout the day.

Discussions will focus on the growing intersection between land registries and major European policy debates, particularly regarding cross-border cooperation within the EU, the practical application of the European Certificate of Succession, and ongoing digitalisation initiatives such as the European Business Wallet. The programme will also address anti-money laundering measures linked to property registration systems, together with broader legal and technological developments currently shaping the work of European land registries.

BRUSSELS & ONLINE IMOLA IV CLOSING CONFERENCE 4TH JUNE 2026

Following the ELRN Workshop on June 3, ELRA will continue its two-day programme in Brussels with the IMOLA IV Closing Conference, to be held on June 4 in a hybrid format at Residence Palace. Organised as the final event of the IMOLA IV project, the conference will bring together representatives from national land registries, university professors and partner institutions involved in the IMOLA IV project.

Discussions will focus on interoperability and digital innovation in land registries, the growing role of artificial intelligence within the sector, and broader questions surrounding responsible AI governance. The conference will also present the main results of the IMOLA IV project,



including updates related to land registry publicity and dissemination initiatives such as the project's e-book.

OTHER MEETINGS



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BRUSSELS, 27TH MARCH: EXPERT WORKSHOP ON LAND POLICIES IN FAVOUR OF AFFORDABLE AND SOCIAL HOUSING

Affordable housing and land management were at the centre of discussions during the expert workshop “*Land Policies and Affordable Housing*”, held on 27 March 2026. Bringing together policymakers, economists, local authorities and practitioners, the event explored how land-related policies are shaping Europe’s response to growing housing pressures, increasingly affecting not only vulnerable groups but large parts of the population across Europe.

The workshop highlighted the growing importance of housing within the European Commission’s policy agenda, particularly through the European Affordable Housing Plan. Discussions focused on the impact of rising land prices, planning constraints and regulatory complexity on housing affordability and supply, while also underlining that increasing supply cannot rely exclusively on new construction.



Local and regional experiences illustrating different approaches to improving access to affordable housing across Europe:

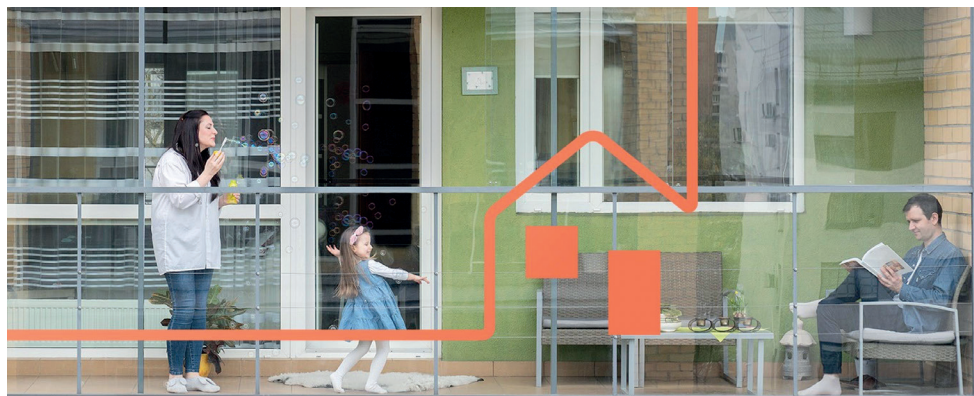
- Paris presented measures aimed at expanding social and affordable housing through building conversions, long-term leasing arrangements and stricter planning requirements.
- The Brussels-Capital Region highlighted its Community Land Trust model, which separates land ownership from ownership of the dwelling in order to preserve long-term affordability.
- Other local experiences, including initiatives in Heusden-Zolder and Ireland, focused on land activation strategies and planning mechanisms designed to increase housing supply.

These exchanges also highlighted the practical difficulties faced by public authorities and developers, especially regarding land acquisition, financing and the growing tension between housing needs and environmental or land-use constraints.

OTHER MEETINGS

ONLINE, 30TH MARCH: WORKSHOP ON HOUSING FOR STAKEHOLDERS

Housing affordability and the regulatory challenges affecting housing supply were at the centre of discussions during the Workshop on Housing Stakeholders, organised online on 30 March 2026 by the European Commission’s Housing Task Force. Bringing together representatives from public authorities, industry and social organisations, the event explored how planning rules and financing conditions are contributing to growing housing pressures across Europe, alongside the impact of rising construction costs. The debate also



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revealed diverging views on how affordability challenges should be addressed, notably regarding market intervention and the role of short-term rentals in high-demand urban areas.

Attention also turned to possible ways of increasing affordable and social housing beyond new construction alone.

Participants discussed the potential of renovating existing buildings and converting underused spaces, while urban densification was also presented as a way to expand housing supply. Speakers also acknowledged the legal and coordination challenges that continue to slow housing delivery across Europe.

BRUSSELS, 17TH APRIL: IV ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE LEGAL SERVICE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

On 17 April 2026, the European Commission Legal Service gathered EU officials, academics, and legal practitioners for its Fourth Annual Conference, focusing this year on the evolution of EU defence policy and the simplification of the European regulatory framework. Against a backdrop of growing geopolitical instability, much of the morning centred on the legal and political

challenges linked to Europe’s evolving role in defence and security. Speakers reflected on whether the current Treaty framework is fully adapted to today’s realities, particularly as Europe assumes greater responsibilities within NATO, while discussions also touched on the increasing use of industrial and internal market instruments in support of defence objectives.



Later in the day, the focus moved from defence policy to the growing debate around regulatory simplification and its impact on competitiveness and cross-border economic activity. Throughout the exchanges, participants repeatedly returned to the practical difficulties created by overlapping European and national rules, particularly for businesses operating across borders, as well as the broader need for greater legal clarity and coordination within the Union.

OTHER MEETINGS

ONLINE, 29TH APRIL: ELI WEBINAR ON EXTRA-JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN CROSS-BORDER FAMILY AND SUCCESSION MATTERS



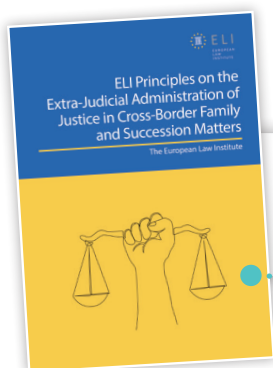
On 29 April 2026, the European Law Institute (ELI) hosted the webinar “Beyond the Courts – Family & Succession Across Borders”, dedicated to the presentation of the *Principles on Extrajudicial Administration of Justice in Family and Succession Matters*. Developed through a comparative research project covering sixteen European jurisdictions, the Principles aim to strengthen legal certainty and coherence in the growing use of extrajudicial mechanisms across the EU.

Much of the webinar centred on the growing shift away from traditional court proceedings in family and succession matters across Europe. Speakers reflected on how procedures such as divorce agreements or succession arrangements are increasingly being handled by notaries and administrative authorities, raising new questions when these situations involve more than one Member State.

The exchanges repeatedly returned to the importance of legal certainty and procedural protection, in particular for children and vulnerable people. Attention was also



given to the difficulties linked to the recognition of extrajudicial acts across borders, with the ELI Principles presented as an attempt to provide a more consistent European framework for this rapidly evolving area.



ELI PRINCIPLES ON THE EXTRA-JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN CROSS-BORDER FAMILY AND SUCCESSION MATTERS

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OTHER MEETINGS

BRUSSELS, 5TH MAY: HIGH LEVEL EVENT ON THE HOUSING CRISIS IN THE EU, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

The growing housing crisis across Europe was the focus of a High-Level Event held at the European Parliament in Brussels on 5 May 2026. The event gathered representatives from European institutions, local authorities, financial actors, the construction sector and civil society to examine how rising housing costs are increasingly affecting not only social inclusion, but also economic growth, workforce mobility and regional cohesion across the EU.

Much of the debate centred on affordability and investment challenges, particularly for young people and families facing increasing difficulties in accessing housing. European Parliament President Roberta Metsola and Commission Vice-President Teresa Ribera described affordable housing as both a social and economic priority, while the Commission reaffirmed its intention to continue developing initiatives such as the future Affordable Housing Act. Financing also emerged as a recurring issue, with participants pointing to the estimated annual investment gap in the sector and highlighting the need for stronger public and private investment mechanisms.

Practical obstacles affecting housing delivery across Europe also featured prominently throughout the discussions, notably rising construction costs, administrative burdens and slow permitting procedures. Innovation within the construction sector was presented as one possible way to improve efficiency and accelerate development, while several interventions also highlighted the growing difficulties younger generations face in accessing student accommodation and entering the rental market.



OTHER MEETINGS

ONLINE, 5TH – 7TH MAY: PCC CONFERENCE. “INTEGRATING AI AND LAND REGISTRY DATA FOR A GREEN EUROPEAN FUTURE” BY ELENA PRADA

From 5–7 May 2026, the Joint PCC–EuroGeographics CLRKEN Conference welcomed leading European experts in cadastre, land registry, and geospatial information to Paphos, Cyprus, to discuss the future of digital land administration and interoperable geospatial ecosystems. Organised under the Cypriot Presidency, the event provided a valuable platform for exchanging experiences and exploring how emerging technologies are transforming the sector across Europe.

Throughout the conference, participants addressed key topics such as GeoAI, BIM, digital twins, cybersecurity, and sustainable land governance, while several European countries shared innovative national initiatives and best practices in cadastral modernisation and digital transformation.

ELRA was also represented at the conference by its Treasurer, Elena Prada, who participated with



the presentation “*Integrating AI and Land Registry Data for a Green European Future*”. Her presentation explored the role of artificial intelligence, automation, and interoperable land registry and cadastral data in strengthening legal certainty, supporting resilience, and enabling the transition towards a greener and more sustainable European economy.

BARCELONA & ONLINE, 21-22 MAY 20; ERA, ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN SUCCESSION LAW



Cross-border succession law took centre stage during the Annual Conference on European Succession Law organised by the Academy of European Law (ERA)

on May 21 and 22 in Barcelona and online. The event gave legal practitioners, academics and notaries from across Europe the opportunity to reflect on some of the practical and legal challenges that continue to emerge in international inheritance cases under the EU Succession Regulation.

Much of the programme focused on recent case law of the Court of Justice of the EU and on the day-to-day use of tools such as the European Certificate of Succession. The exchanges also highlighted how digitalisation is gradually reshaping succession procedures across Europe, while broader discussions looked ahead to the possible future evolution of the European succession framework.

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On the 4th and 5th of February, ELRA President **Mihai Taus**, ELRA Secretary General **Enrique Maside Páramo**, ELRA Secretariat and **Dulce Calvo González-Vallinas** (Director of European Affairs, **Registradores de España Colegio de Registradores**) participated in the 24th Annual Meeting of the European Judicial Network (EJN) in Civil and Commercial Matters in Brussels.

Discussions focused on:

- 2025 EJM updates
- European eJustice Portal
- Future of Civil Justice Cooperation

Two very productive days that allowed us to exchange ideas and objectives!

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Today, ELRA's XXXIV General Assembly opened in Barcelona, co-organised with **DECANATO REGISTRADORES CATALUÑA PROPIEDAD, MERCANTILES Y BIENES MUEBLES**

The session was inaugurated by **Mihai Taus**, ELRA President, and **Vicente José García-Hinojal López**, Dean President of Registradores de Catalunya, who welcomed all the participants.

A stimulating start to a day full of exchanges and insights!

ELRA @ELRAssociation - 19 nov. 2025

ELRA President, **Mihai Taus** took part yesterday in a meeting organised by **@anticorruption** on the role of reliable information, public registries and digitalisation in fighting corruption and money laundering.

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Today, ELRA successfully held the first workshop of 2026, organised online with members of the European Land Registry Network (ELRN).

Key topics discussed:

- European Commission Working Plan 2026
- Practical case studies on the European Certificate of Succession

COMMISSION WORKING PROGRAMME FOR 2026
Relevant initiatives for Land Registers
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Free circulation of public documents in the EU
Land Registry as legal professional

Many thanks to all speakers and participants for their valuable contributions

ELRA @ELRAssociation - 17 dic. 2025

The 6th IMOLA IV Training Seminar took place online, focusing on the EU legal framework on data

Contributions by **Giorgia Bincetto**, **Elena Prada** and **Anabel Fraga**, with closing remarks by **Pedro Pemas**.

Thanks to all the participants!

IMOLA IV Project 6th Seminar - online

Ongoing activities
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