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IRELAND TAKES ON THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Ireland officially assumed the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, setting out an agenda focused on strengthening the Union's competitiveness while responding to an increasingly uncertain geopolitical environment. Over the next six months, the Presidency will prioritise the Single Market, regulatory simplification, the digital and green transitions, and closer cooperation across the EU.

The programme also reaffirms Ireland's commitment to Europe's security, continued support for Ukraine and the Union's enlargement process, with cooperation between Member States identified as a key factor in delivering these priorities.

WELCOME



Ireland is honoured to take up the Presidency of the Council of the European Union this year, for the eighth time in its history

Watch the Welcome message from
An Taoiseach Micheál Martin



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EU ACTION PLAN ON CYBERSECURITY AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



The European Commission has presented an Action Plan on Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence in response to the growing impact of AI on Europe's cybersecurity landscape. Building on existing EU legislation, the initiative aims to promote the safe and responsible use of advanced AI, reinforce the EU's cybersecurity and resilience, and strengthen Europe's AI capabilities for cybersecurity. Among other measures, it foresees secure testing environments for critical sectors, enhanced evaluation of advanced AI models and support for innovation in cybersecurity.

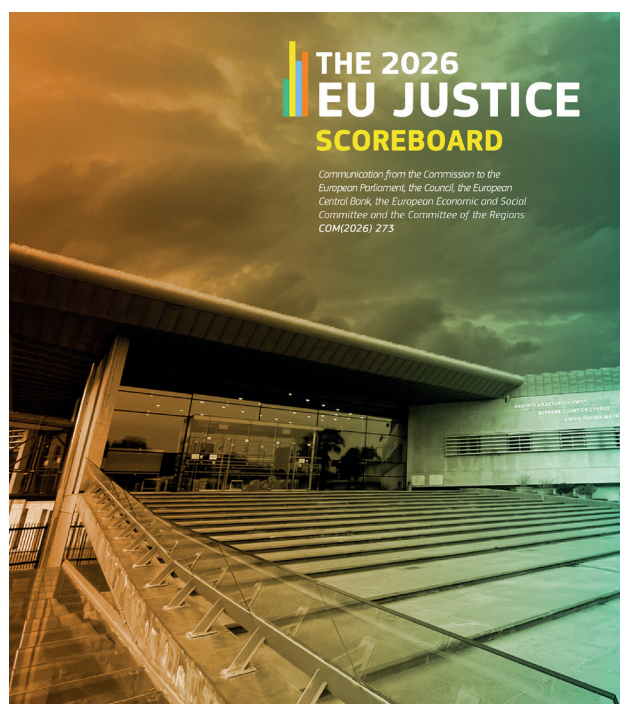
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EU JUSTICE SCOREBOARD 2026 HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF INDEPENDENT BODIES AND EFFECTIVE JUSTICE SYSTEMS

The 2026 edition of the Scoreboard contains 12 new or updated figures that enhance our understanding of three key aspects of an effective justice system: efficiency, quality and independence.

This year's Scoreboard also further develops indicators relevant to the functioning of the Single Market by introducing new and updated measures highlighting how independent authorities—including supreme audit institutions, national competition authorities, first instance public procurement review bodies, and preventive anti-corruption bodies—contribute to its proper functioning.

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ACROSS THE ELRA COMMUNITY

A NEW LOGO, A NEW VISUAL IDENTITY AND A STRENGTHENED COMMITMENT TO ITS STAFF AND THE PUBLIC IT SERVES. WITH THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS, MALTA'S LAND REGISTRATION AGENCY (LRA) HAS MARKED A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE IN ITS ONGOING DEVELOPMENT



The Agency has launched a complete rebranding initiative, including a new logo and branding guidelines designed to reflect precision, security and a modern approach to land administration. The new identity has also been rolled out through the Agency's website, now available under its updated look at [LRA.mt](https://lra.mt).

Alongside the rebranding, the Agency announced the signing of a Collective Agreement covering both Senior and Administrative Grades. The agreement introduces enhanced salaries, improved working conditions

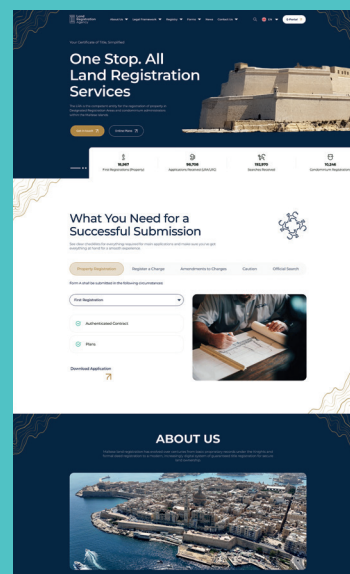
and clearer opportunities for career advancement.

The Agency described the agreement as an investment in its employees and highlighted the importance of supporting a highly skilled workforce while continuing to deliver services to the public.

The dual announcement combines a renewed institutional image with measures aimed at supporting staff, reflecting the Agency's focus on modernisation and professional development.



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2ND ELRN WORKSHOP 3 JUNE 2026 | BRUSSELS & ONLINE



On 3 June, ELRA hosted its second European Land Registry Network (ELRN) Workshop of 2026 in Brussels, bringing together land registry representatives from across Europe in a hybrid format for a day of discussions on the evolving role of land registries within the European Union.



Mihai Taus

Georgi Ganchev



Elena Prada



Mathieu Prengel



Francisco J. Gimeno



Maria Christofidou



Enrique Maside



Opening the workshop, ELRA President Mihai Taus reaffirmed the importance of land registries in guaranteeing legal certainty, while Georgi Ganchev (DG JUST, European Commission) presented the latest findings of the EU Justice Scoreboard 2025.

Much of the programme reflected the increasingly close link between land registries and wider EU policy developments. ELRA Treasurer Elena Prada outlined recent developments surrounding the European Affordable Housing Plan, followed by Mathieu Prengel (Housing Task Force, European Commission), who examined the impact of speculation, financialisation and changing patterns of property use on housing markets.

Cross-border cooperation also remained a central thread throughout the workshop. Francisco J. Gimeno (Colegio de Registradores) presented a comparative study on the registration of cross-border divorces across ELRA member jurisdictions, while Judge Dr. Marta Rekawek-Pachwicz moderated a roundtable in which Beata Mykietyn-Furca (Polish Association of Registrars),

and Lucia Filagová (Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre Authority of the Slovak Republic) shared practical experiences on the application of the European Certificate of Succession.

The workshop also looked ahead to the digital transformation of the sector. Maria Christofidou (DG CNECT, European Commission) introduced the proposed European Business Wallet and its role within the EU Digital Identity Framework, complemented by Cláudia dos Santos' (Registry Services at the Instituto dos Registos e do Notariado) overview of the Portuguese experience. The final session, led by ELRA Secretary General Enrique Maside, focused on anti-money laundering measures and the implementation of the future single access point for immovable property information.

The workshop concluded with closing remarks from ELRA President Mihai Taus, who reflected on the day's discussions and reaffirmed the importance of continued cooperation among European land registries.

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Roundtable



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IMOLA IV CLOSING CONFERENCE 4 JUNE | BRUSSELS & ONLINE



Pedro Pernas and Anabel Fraga

On 4 June, ELRA concluded its two-day programme in Brussels with the IMOLA IV Closing Conference, held in a hybrid format at the Residence Palace. The event welcomed land registry professionals and academics to review the achievements of the IMOLA IV project and examine the technological developments shaping the future of land registries in Europe.

Following the opening remarks by ELRA President Mihai Taus, Project Manager Pedro Pernas and Technical Director Anabel Fraga presented an overview of the project's main achievements. Expanding on these

results, researcher and Professor Ricardo Baeza-Yates (WASP Professor at KTH, Sweden) delivered a keynote on "Responsible AI Governance".

The conference then turned to two panel discussions examining the digital transformation of land registries.

The first panel, moderated by Rafael Vale e Reis (CeNOR), focused on interoperability and digital innovation, with contributions from Kadri Laud (Ministry of Justice and Digital Affairs, Estonia), Filomena Gaspar Rosa (Instituto dos Registos e do Notariado, Portugal), Enrique Maside (Colegio de Registradores, Spain) and Doris Smudde (Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency, the Netherlands), who shared national experiences and initiatives aimed at improving cross-border information exchange.

The second panel, chaired by Jacques Vos (ELRA Board Member and Chair of the AI Working Group), explored the opportunities and governance challenges associated with artificial intelligence, bringing together Professor



Sjef van Erp (Maastricht University), Professor Ricardo Baeza-Yates (KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden), Michelle Piccinino (Land Registration Agency, Malta) and Alessandro De Gaetano (Servizio Libro Fondiario, Autonomous Province of Trento).

The programme also showcased several of IMOLA IV's main outputs, including updates on the Factsheet on Land Registry Publicity and Formants, presented by Elena Prada (ELRA Treasurer) and Elena Ioriatti (University of Trento), together with the launch of the project's e-book edited by Elena Ioriatti (University of Trento) and Rafael Vale e Reis (CeNOR). The conference concluded with a diploma ceremony and closing remarks from ELRA Secretary General Enrique Maside, bringing to an end both the conference and the IMOLA IV project.

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First Panel



Second Panel





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ELRN EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

The European Land Registry Network (ELRN) successfully launched its first Exchange Programme, creating a new opportunity for professionals from different land registries to gain first-hand experience of national registration systems and strengthen cooperation across Europe.

Austria and Portugal took centre stage in this inaugural edition. Representing the Associação Sindical dos Conservadores dos Registos, Fátima Ferreira and Maria Luís Marinho visited the District Court, where they were welcomed by Manfred Buric from the Ministry of Justice of Austria. A visit to the District Court brought the Austrian system into practice, while discussions throughout the exchange explored the close integration between the Land Register and the Cadastre and encouraged participants to compare the two legal frameworks. A strong start for many exchanges to come.



ELRA ON THE MOVE

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WPLA SEMINAR: HOW CAN AI AND THE DIGITALISATION IN THE LAND SECTOR SUPPORT ACHIEVING THE SDGS? 9 & 10 JUNE | BARCELONA

Can digitalisation and artificial intelligence help make land administration more sustainable? This was the central question addressed during the workshop jointly organised by the UNECE Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA) and Registradores Spain on 9 and 10 June 2026 in Barcelona. Over the course of the event, experts from the land sector examined how technological innovation is transforming land administration and its potential contribution to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Much of the debate focused on the role of modern land administration

systems in responding to today's social, environmental and housing challenges. Alongside discussions on improving access to land administration services, strengthening tenure security and reducing the environmental footprint of the sector, participants also analysed the growing issue of housing affordability, drawing on the preliminary findings of the UNECE Housing Affordability Survey and experiences from Spain, Barcelona and other countries and cities. Throughout the workshop, the exchange of national experiences highlighted the growing connection between digital transformation, land administration and more sustainable housing policies.

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**Teresa Rodríguez
de las Heras and
Mihai Taus**

OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE ROMANIAN ELI HUB **16 JUNE | BUCHAREST**

The official launch of the Romanian Hub of the European Law Institute (ELI) took place in Bucharest on 16 June 2026, marking an important step in strengthening Romania's participation in European legal cooperation. Hosted by the Institute for Legal Research "Acad. Andrei Rădulescu" of the Romanian Academy, the new Hub aims to serve as a platform for dialogue between the Romanian legal community and the wider European legal network.

The event brought together representatives from academia, the judiciary, public institutions and the legal professions

to discuss the Hub's mission, governance and future role within the ELI framework. Beyond the launch itself, the programme looked at some of the legal challenges currently shaping the European agenda, including digital transformation and artificial intelligence.

With the Romanian Hub now part of the wider ELI network, the discussions reflected the growing importance of national platforms in connecting legal professionals and encouraging collaboration on issues of common European interest.



EJN: REGULATIONS ON THE SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS AND TAKING OF EVIDENCE **16 & 17 JUNE | BRUSSELS**

The European Judicial Network (EJN) met in Brussels on 16 and 17 June 2026 to examine the operation of the recast Regulations on the Service of Documents (SoD) and Taking of Evidence (ToE), with discussions focusing on their implementation and the progress of their digitalisation. Representatives from the European Commission and the Member States exchanged views on the practical application of the two instruments and shared national experiences.



The programme included updates on recent Court of Justice case law, developments under the 1965 and 1970 Hague Conventions, and the experience of Switzerland in the field of cross-border judicial cooperation. Participants also explored the Judicial Officers Data Exchange System (JODES), the application of the Service of Documents Regulation before the Unified Patent Court and the ongoing work on a Practice Guide for the Regulation.

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ELI SPANISH HUB: XI ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN CASE LAW 18 JUNE | VALLADOLID

The XI Annual Conference on European Case Law, organised at the University of Valladolid within the framework of the European Law Institute (ELI) Spanish Hub, welcomed experts to discuss current developments in European law. During a panel dedicated to the eIDAS Regulation, Pedro Pernas, Project Manager of the IMOLA project, presented the session “eIDAS 2: Challenges for Land Registry Interoperability – IMOLA IV as a Practical Example of its Feasibility”, highlighting the IMOLA project as a



practical contribution to the digital transformation and interoperability of European land registries.

EUROPEAN HOUSING ALLIANCE MEETING 19 JUNE | BRUSSELS



than becoming another forum for discussion.

The exchanges also reflected a broad consensus that Europe's housing challenges require a more integrated approach, combining stronger investment with measures to increase housing supply and make better use of the existing housing stock through renovation and urban regeneration. The European Commission concluded the meeting with an update on the Alliance's next steps, including the gradual development of its governance, future thematic activities, and ongoing work on the Housing Simplification Package and the Pan-European Investment Platform.

The European Housing Alliance met in Brussels to discuss its priorities and the way the initiative will operate in the coming months. Much of the meeting centred on the Alliance's future role as a platform for cooperation, with participants stressing that its added value should lie in improving

coordination between existing European initiatives and facilitating the exchange of practical experience, rather than creating new structures. A recurring message throughout the meeting was that the Alliance should become a practical instrument capable of supporting concrete action rather

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Teresa Ribera



CURRENT CHALLENGES FACING THE EUROPEAN UNION, VI EDITION 20 & 21 JULY | SAN SEBASTIÁN

The sixth edition of *Current Challenges Facing the European Union*, held on 20 and 21 July at the University of the Basque Country, provided a forum for European policymakers, academics and legal experts to examine the strategic challenges facing the European Union at a time of growing geopolitical uncertainty. Organised by the Academia de Práctica Jurídica Europea in collaboration with the Colegio de Registradores de España, the conference explored how competitiveness, legal certainty, digital sovereignty and the EU's external action are shaping Europe's future. The course opened with a welcome from María Rosario Jiménez Rubio, Dean of the Colegio de Registradores de España, alongside representatives of the organising institutions.

The opening session featured European Commission Executive Vice-President for a Clean, Just and Competitive Transition Teresa Ribera.

Discussions throughout the conference explored Europe's strategic priorities from multiple perspectives, covering Spain's 40 years of membership of the European Union, introduced by Pedro Pernas, Project Manager of the IMOLA project, as well as digital sovereignty, competitiveness, the role of national parliaments and regions, and the economic challenges facing the Union.

The programme culminated in a forward-looking debate on the European

Union's foreign and sanctions policy in an increasingly multipolar international context, where David O'Sullivan and Natalie Pauwels, from the European Commission, examined the EU's external action and strategic priorities under the moderation of Francisco Javier Gimeno, former ELRA Secretary General. The two-day conference concluded with a closing address by Daniel Calleja, Director of the European Commission Representation in Spain, followed by final remarks from Dulce Calvo González-Vallinas, European Affairs representative of the Colegio de Registradores de España, and other representatives of the organising institutions.

[Read more about the event](#)



MEET ELRA'S LAND REGISTRY ASSOCIATIONS



INTERVIEW

Agency of Patrimonial
Documentation

MOHAMMED KAMMACHI

ELRN Contact Point

"The Agency of Patrimonial Documentation (AGDP) in its current form was created in the early 2000s as part of the Belgian Ministry of Finance reform (Coperfin), grouping the Cadastre, Registration and Mortgages services. Although the AGDP is recent, the patrimonial services it brings together have existed since the creation of Belgium in 1830 and are rooted in earlier cadastral systems dating back to the 19th century and formalised with the first Belgian cadastral plans in 1834."



TOPICS COVERED

- The creation of The Agency of Patrimonial Documentation.
- The main benefits in being a member of ELRA, both for his organisation and for the country's land registry system.
- His journey as a Contact Point for the ELRN.
- The benefits in participating in ELRA's workshops and network activities, especially in terms of knowledge sharing and advancing best practices in land registration.
- The influence of being a CP for his professional growth and the organisation's work.

Full Interview here!



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As the IMOLA IV Closing Conference continued, the afternoon sessions focused on dissemination activities and future legacy.

The conference turned to some of the project's key outputs. **Elena Prada**, ELRA Treasurer, presented the updated Factsheet on Land Registry Publicity, while **elena ioratti** (University of Trento) provided an overview of the work carried out on Forums, further contributing to a common understanding of land registry information across Europe.

Dissemination also took centre stage with the presentation of the IMOLA IV e-book by editors **elena ioratti** and **Rafael Vale e Reis** (CeNOR), showcasing the knowledge, experiences and outcomes developed during the project.

The programme concluded with a diploma ceremony and closing remarks by **Enrique Maside Páramo**, Secretary General of ELRA, marking the culmination of years of collaborative work and highlighting the project's lasting impact on interoperability and the exchange of land registry information across Europe.

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As the 2nd ELRN Workshop continues in Brussels, discussions have focused on some of the key challenges and opportunities facing Land Registers across Europe.

Participants have exchanged views on the practical implementation of the European Certificate of Succession, with **Beata Mykietyn-Furca** (Polish Cadastre Authority of the Slovak Republic) sharing national experiences during a round table moderated by **Marta Rekawek-Pachwicz**.

The afternoon sessions have explored the European Business Wallet within the EU Digital Identity Framework. **Maria Christofidou** (DG CNECT, European Commission) presented the latest developments at EU level, while **Claudia Santos** (Instituto dos Registos e do Notariado) shared Portugal's experience in its implementation.

The programme also addressed Anti-Money Laundering measures, with **Enrique Maside Páramo**, ELRA Secretary General and ELRN Coordinator, pointing for immovable property information in the implementation of the single access to future developments within the network, including the work of the ELRA AI Initiatives. The workshop concluded with closing remarks by **Mihai Taus**, President of ELRA. A day of valuable exchanges, practical insights and European cooperation in action.

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The 2nd ELRN Workshop has successfully started in Brussels. Today, land registry professionals, policymakers and representatives of European institutions come together to exchange knowledge and discuss the challenges and opportunities shaping the future of Land Registers in Europe.

The programme features a welcome address by **Mihai Taus**, President of ELRA, followed by presentations and discussions on:

- Legal certainty in property rights, with an overview on the role of the Land Registry by **Mihai Taus** and the EU Justice Scoreboard 2025, with **Georgi Ganchev** (DG JUST, European Commission)
- The European Affordable Housing Plan and current housing market challenges, with **Elena Prada** (ELRA) and **Mathieu Prengel** (DG ENER, European Commission)
- Cross-border divorces and the free circulation of public documents in the EU, presented by **Francisco Javier Gimeno Chacaro**.

Throughout the day, participants will explore key topics ranging from legal certainty in property rights and housing policies to digital identity, anti-money laundering measures and the digital transformation of registry systems.

We look forward to a day of productive exchanges and insightful discussions! 🌟

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Upcoming Events

This week, we have two exciting ELRA events in Brussels: ELRN's second Workshop of the year and the IMOLA IV Closing Conference.

On Wednesday, the ELRN Workshop will bring together European land registries to exchange on current priorities, including housing affordability, succession-related matters and anti-money laundering measures.

We will then close on Thursday IMOLA IV with a day dedicated to reflecting on the results achieved and the collective work carried out over the course of the project.

From discussing today's challenges to reflecting on the results of years of collaborative work, the two events offer a snapshot of the issues, initiatives and projects currently driving cooperation among European land registries.

Stay tuned for more updates throughout the events!

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ELRA @ELRAssociation - 4 jun.

How are Land Registers adapting to the digital age? In our first panel, experts from Estonia, Portugal, Spain and the Netherlands share experiences on interoperability and digital services across Europe #ELRA #Interoperability #DigitalInnovation #IMOLAIV



ELRA @ELRAssociation - 4 jun.

With the welcome speech of ELRA President, Mihai Taus, we are thrilled to kick off the IMOLA IV Closing Conference! 🎉



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Today, Brussels becomes the meeting point for the IMOLA IV Closing Conference. Representatives of land registries, academics and professionals who have contributed to the IMOLA IV project come together to celebrate its achievements and discuss the next steps towards a more connected and digitally integrated European framework.

The conference was opened by **Mihai Taus**, President of ELRA, followed by an overall perspective on the achievements of IMOLA IV and the progress made throughout the project, presented by **Pedro Pernas**, Project Manager, and **Anabel Fraga**, PhD CSEP, Technical Director.

The programme was further enriched by a keynote address from Professor **Ricardo Baeza-Yates**, research mentor and technical advisor on Responsible AI, Search Technology and Data Science, who explored the opportunities and challenges of Responsible AI Governance in an increasingly digital world.

The morning session continued with two thematic panels:

- Panel 1: Interoperability and Digital Innovation of Land Registers, moderated by **Rafael Vale e Reis** (CeNOR), featuring **Kadri Laud** (Ministry of Justice and Digital Affairs, Estonia), **Filomena Rosa** (Instituto dos Registos de Portugal), **Enrique Maside Páramo** (Colegio de Registradores de España) and **Doris Smude** (Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency, the Netherlands).
- Panel 2: Artificial Intelligence in Land Registry, moderated by **Jacques Vos**, member of the ELRA Board and Chair of the ELRA AI Working Group, with contributions from Professor **Sjef van Erp** (University of Maastricht), Professor **Ricardo Baeza-Yates**, **Alessandro De Gastano** (Servizio Libero Fondario e Catasto, Provincia Autonoma di Trento) and **Michelle Piccinino** (Land Registration Agency, Malta).

A morning dedicated to interoperability, innovation and the transformative potential of artificial intelligence for Land Registers across Europe.

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ELRA @ELRAssociation - 5 jun.

Wrapping up the IMOLA IV Closing Conference! ELRA Secretary General **Enrique Maside** looks back on the project's key achievements and ahead to new opportunities for cooperation between European Land Registers 🌟



ELRA @ELRAssociation - 3 jun.

Francisco J. Gimeno, from the Colegio de Registradores de España, presents the conclusions of ELRA's comparative study on national requirements for registering cross-border divorces in Land Registers across EU Member States.



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