

European Lawyers Day 2021

No justice without independent lawyers

ROUNDTABLE:

A binding international legal instrument on the legal profession:
a necessity for the proper administration of justice
and the respect of the Rule of Law

25 October 2021
13.00 – 15.10 CEST

Participation in this event is free but
registration is compulsory via the following link:
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Please note that registration is possible until 19 October 2021.

Background

On the occasion of [the European Lawyers' Day 2021](#) which theme is "No justice without independent lawyers", the CCBE is organising a Roundtable to discuss the topic of a future European Convention on the profession of lawyer. Based on the findings of the [feasibility study](#) on "a new, binding or non-binding, European legal instrument on the profession of lawyer - Possible added-value and effectiveness" which was prepared by Jeremy MacBride under the auspice of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ), the aim of this Roundtable is to bring together representatives of the Council of Europe and representatives of lawyers' organisations to discuss the need for a European Convention on the legal profession, the content of such a binding instrument, as well as the system for its implementation in order to prepare for the work of the future expert group of the CDCJ on a future legal instrument on the profession of lawyers.

Introduction (20 min)

Opening remarks by **Margarete von Galen**, CCBE President

Keynote intervention by:

→ **Christophe Poiriel**, Director of the Council of Europe Human Rights Directorate

Panel discussions (1h30)

Moderator: **Laurent Pettiti**, Chair of CCBE European Convention Working Group

1. Why a legal instrument on the profession of lawyer is needed

Speaker **Christoph Henrichs**, Vice Chair of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ)

Discussion with the participants

2. The European Court of Human Rights and lawyers: assessment and prospects

Speaker **Frédéric Krenc**, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights

Discussion with the participants

3. The implementation/monitoring mechanism of a Convention on the profession of lawyer

Speaker **Diego Garcia-Sayan**, UN Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers

Discussion with the participants

Closing remarks (10 min)

Aleksandr Bashkin, Russian Federation, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights of the PACE