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## A STORY OF COLLABORATIVE SUCCESS

The collaboration between ELF and the Cyprus Bar Association (CBA) is a clear story of successful collaboration between ELF and the Bars of the EU Member States, to benefit lawyers across the continent. In this issue of ELF in brief, we have conducted a short interview with Ms. Georgia Constantinou-Panayiotou representative of the Cyprus Bar at the ELF's Advisory Board, who gives her views on her Bar's work with ELF and how its lawyers benefit from it.

**Q: What is the main benefit for your Bar from its collaboration with ELF?**

The CBA is proud to support and participate in a foundation that promotes access to justice, the rule of law as well as the defence and protection of human rights and human rights defenders. Because of the CBA's active participation in ELF, a very large number of Cypriot Lawyers are actively enrolled in activities relating to legal services and the exercise of the profession of lawyer across Europe, and are being trained on substantive developments in European law itself.



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This collaboration benefits the CBA in terms of achieving some of our major targets: external collaboration with other European Bars and lawyers across Europe, as well as the opportunity to work on projects of collective value to our European legal society. These combined offer to our members knowledge, practical skills and essential tools for their professional development.

**Q: What is the most positive impact for your lawyers, of this collaboration?**

First and foremost, Cypriot Lawyers are given access to quality training from qualified experts on various areas of the law, and at the same time they follow up both practical and theoretical developments in European Law. Another positive impact is that Cypriot Lawyers can connect with their European colleagues and interact as well as cooperate, by creating a valuable network of peers. The fact that such a large number of Cypriot Lawyers chooses to participate and enrol in ELF seminars and projects is proof that they not only enjoy the training but they also acknowledge and appreciate the continuous benefits to their professional development.

**Q: What more do you want from ELF to continue benefiting Cypriot lawyers in a fast-changing world where the legal profession also faces many challenges?**

The legal industry across the globe is facing continuous and significant challenges which affect not only legal services and the careers of lawyers, but also undermine the rule of law. ELF's role is crucial for the years to come: it should maintain strong reflexes, emanating from the thousands of lawyers participating in its projects, to identify new challenges and the way to tackle them, in order to provide lawyers with the knowledge and practical skills to navigate this minefield.

*Ms. Georgia Constantinou-Panayiotou, Representative of the Cyprus Bar at the ELF's Advisory Board*



*“Living in an era where the rule of law is under constant duress, the ELF should remain concentrated to serve the Law, as the glue that holds democracy and the rule of law together.”*

# Webinar on SLAPPs

ELF, in collaboration with the [CCBE](#), will be holding a webinar for lawyers on Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPPs) on 25 October 2023. The holding of this webinar is very timely as the EU institutions are negotiating the SLAPPs directive, which is one of the priorities of the Spanish Presidency of the EU in the field of justice. Among the issues to be covered during the webinar will be: the EU anti-SLAPP directive and the European Commission's Recommendation to Member States on SLAPPs and its impact on lawyers' ethics. This training is free of charge and EU lawyers interested in participating can register through the following [link](#).

# TRADATA 2 comes to an end

On 31 October 2023, the TRADATA 2 project will come to an end after 24 very successful months of implementation. The main objective of the project was to train 408 lawyers from 7 EU Member States on EU data protection legislation, namely Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and Directive (EU) 2016/680. Similarly, the project aimed to facilitate the creation of informal networks among lawyers participating in the project's cross-border seminars and to produce training material. After the last of the seminars was held in Athens in June 2023, the final number of lawyers trained through the project were 443, a slight increase over the target, which proves the interest of EU lawyers in data protection and in the training offered by ELF and its Bar partners. More information about TRADATA 2 can be found [here](#).



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