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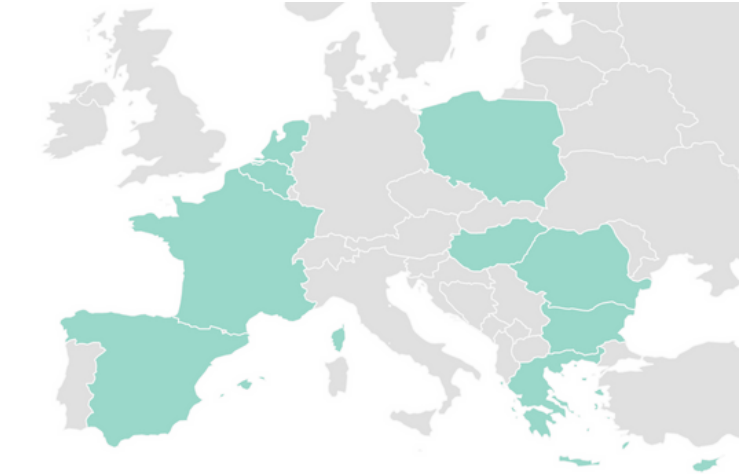
TRAVAR PROJECT

In 2023, the European Commission awarded the TRAVAR project to a consortium led by ELF. Among the partners are the CCBE and EU Bars from Spain, Greece, Cyprus, Hungary, France, Romania, Poland, and Bulgaria.

TRAVAR aims to train 2.000 lawyers on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights through the holding of 8 webinars on rights enshrined in the Charter, and to train 205 lawyers from 9 EU Member States (Spain, Greece, Cyprus, Hungary, France, Romania, Poland, Austria and Bulgaria) in three procedural rights directives and the European Arrest Warrant.

Similarly, the project will focus on updating ELF's Infosheets on the national implementation of the three procedural rights directives and creating new Infosheets for 3 Member States (Austria, Bulgaria and Romania).



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AML WEBINAR

On 26 February 2024, in the framework of the operating grant awarded by the EC to ELF, we organised (in cooperation with the CCBE) a webinar on anti-money laundering for lawyers.

The webinar focused on the new EU AML package, with the presence of AML experts and an EC representative. More than 1000 lawyers participated in the webinar, which can be viewed in our YouTube channel through the hyperlink embedded in the image below.

The new EU AML package is of great relevance for lawyers. All rules applying to the private sector will be transferred to a new regulation which will, for the first time, exhaustively harmonise rules throughout the EU, closing possible loopholes, while the new directive aims to improve the organisation of national anti-money laundering systems.

The AML webinar trained 1158 lawyers from 38 countries on the new EU anti-money laundering package

VENEZUELA

Since 2015, ELF has been actively working on Venezuela, where many lawyers have been arrested and/or are harassed for the simple fact of representing people and their rights.

As part of its work in relation to the investigation into Venezuela conducted at the International Criminal Court (ICC), ELF has conducted various capacity building events for Venezuelan lawyers on the proceedings before the ICC.

ELF also participated in the XXII session of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) to the Rome Statute of the ICC, which took place in New York in December 2023. Among other things, the ASP elected 6 new ICC judges, who will soon replace the same number of current ICC judges whose mandate is expiring.

ELF will continue its support for Venezuelan lawyers, especially those who are working to fight against impunity for the crimes against humanity allegedly committed by the Venezuelan government.

Since its establishment, the European Lawyers Foundation has been actively working on Venezuela to support the Venezuelan lawyers.

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