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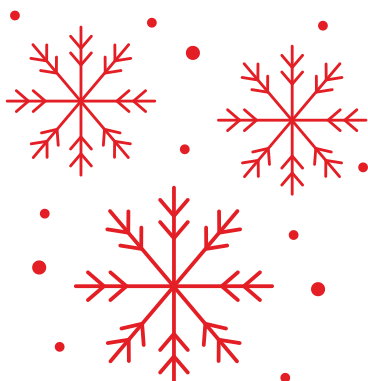
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HAPPY 2026!

With this last issue of ELF in brief for 2025, we end a year that has been very busy for us. In July, we launched our operations from our new headquarters in Florence, Italy, following a relocation from The Hague, which we expect will make our operations more efficient.

In addition, we held 7 free of charge webinars which have been attended by thousands of lawyers across the EU. And we did not stop there: we also organised more than 10 in-person seminars on issues dealing with various areas of EU law: from family law to succession law and criminal procedural safeguards.

All this was topped off by research on EU digitalisation of justice, an area where we also organised a very relevant event (see below).



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EVENT ON DIGITALISATION OF JUSTICE

On 3 October, ELF (together with the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe – CCBE) organised a pan-European event on digitalisation of justice in the EU.

The event, organised in the framework of the EU co-funded TRADICIL project, took place in person at the European Parliament in Brussels and also online.

In total, more than 250 participants took part, which included high-level speakers from the European Parliament, the European Commission, the General Court of the EU, the Council of Europe, the EU Fundamental Rights Agency, along with lawyers and experts on digitalisation of justice systems.

Information about the event is accessible on ELF's website ([here](#) – section on digitalisation). The video-recording of its various sessions is accessible on our YouTube channel (link below.)



255 EU lawyers were trained during the Digitalisation of Justice event, on 3 October 2025 at the European Parliament in Brussels. 101 were trained onsite and 154 attended the event online.



MEETINGS WITH THE BARS OF REUNION AND MAYOTTE

In June 2023, ELF organised a webinar on data protection in Martinique. Its success, together with the reported needs in terms of training in EU law at cross-border level in the EU's outermost regions, was behind the creation of an ELF strategy to bring EU training to lawyers in these regions.

In consequence, ELF met in 2024 with representatives of the Bars and lawyers' training schools in Guadeloupe, Martinique and French Guiana, which then decided to join the ELF network.

As a result, two in-person training sessions were organised in 2024 in Fort-de-France and Cayenne, and one webinar focused on these regions in the second semester of 2024.

Continuing with this policy, ELF representatives met in October 2025 with representatives of the two Bars of Réunion (Saint Denis and Saint Pierre) and Mayotte.

Following a successful meeting, these three Bars signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ELF to join its network, which is now composed of 38 members from 19 EU Member States in three continents (more information about our network [here](#)).



The Chair of the ELF's Board of Directors, Dominique Attias, signs an MoU with the President of the Saint-Denis Bar of Réunion, Laurent Benoiton

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