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ABOUT ERA

The mission of the Academy of European Law (ERA) is to provide practitioners of law – judges, prosecutors, notaries and lawyers in private practice, business or public administration – with training and a forum for debate on EU law. In this annual report of our activities in 2013 we put the spotlight on those practitioners and give you an insight into why they choose to participate in ERA's programmes.

Founded in 1992 on the initiative of the European Parliament, ERA is a non-profit public foundation, supported by the EU, and whose patrons include most EU Member States. In 2013, our four sections (Private Law, Business Law, Criminal Law and Public Law) were more active than ever in organising conferences, seminars and other training programmes in Trier and around Europe. While the overall number of participants at our face-to-face events remained stable, we considerably enlarged our range of online training resources with the launch of new e-learning courses and in-depth video presentations by Europe's leading experts on European law, as well as registering a record number of downloads for our quarterly legal journal, ERA Forum.

Throughout this Annual Report 2013 you can view selected examples of our online content by scanning the QR codes with your smartphone or tablet.

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PREFACE

ERA's European mission – a brief initiated by the European Parliament

It is an honour for me as President of the European Parliament to contribute to the 2013 Annual Report of the Academy of European Law.

Since its creation more than twenty years ago following an initiative of the European Parliament, ERA continues to foster a better understanding of laws adopted at EU level. As elected representatives, we are keen to see the rules we enact have the intended impact on the ground and therefore consider such in-depth and high-quality training in EU law to be essential for all legal practitioners, be they national judges, prosecutors, lawyers, notaries or civil servants.

ERA will have a lot on its plate in the months to come. To take only a few examples, the complete overhaul of our asylum legislation, the new rules on governance of the Schengen area, the Banking Union and, I hope in the near future, the Data Protection Package and the EU's accession to the European Convention on Human Rights will require detailed attention.

In many ways the Treaty of Lisbon still remains to be implemented. This year will see whole sections of the justice and home affairs acquis finally come under the full purview of the Commission and Court of Justice. It will see the voting rules change in the Council. Novelties such as the possibility to delegate legislative powers to the Commission remain contentious and the subject of litigation.

I am pleased to see that ERA seeks not only to develop its centre of excellence in Trier but also to decentralise its activities, for example, with seminars on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in eight Member States or topical seminars in Brussels.

As we look to the aftermath of the Stockholm Programme, the Parliament continues to attach great importance to the development of a European judicial culture and, more generally, to increased EU training for all legal professionals. The in-depth study commissioned in 2011 by the Parliament showed the massive scale of what is still left to do, for example in developing e-learning, exchanges and language training. Dialogue between courts is essential to make our Area of Freedom, Security and Justice work properly and to develop an understanding of our diverse legal landscape.

This year sees European citizens going to vote for their MEPs in 28 Member States and by that same token determining who will preside over the next European Commission. The election will take place at a time of crisis when xenophobic and populist parties risk drawing increased support, and when, to paraphrase the words of my friend Wim Wenders, the fascinating idea that is the EU is increasingly and unfortunately being reduced in the minds of some to a mere bureaucratic construction.

I have always believed that the European Union has been built in large part by citizens and businesses, women and men making use of their rights as they go about their daily activity, thus breathing life into the Treaties and legislation adopted thereunder. This is impossible to achieve without sound legal advice and without a judiciary which sees its European vocation as a necessary complement to its national role.

I therefore look forward to another successful and ambitious year of training from the Academy of European Law.

MARTIN SCHULZ

President of the European Parliament

PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

DR JACQUES SANTER

Former Prime Minister of Luxembourg, former President of the European Commission, former Member of the European Parliament, Luxembourg

In October 2013 the ERA Governing Board adopted the Academy's new long-term development strategy 2014-2020 setting ambitious goals for the future of ERA's programme activities. The strategy addresses major strategic challenges such as a new economic and political environment as well as the changing training environment. ERA will work increasingly in partnership with local bars and judiciaries in order to reach larger target audiences in the Member States. I am confident that with this strategy ERA will be able to secure its pivotal position in the European Union's legal training architecture.

FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

KLAUS-HEINER LEHNE

Member of the European Court of Auditors, Luxembourg, former Chairman of the European Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs

Since I joined the Executive Board in 2004 ERA has evolved into the leading training institute for legal practitioners in the EU. The last years saw the successful implementation of ERA's development strategy 2007–2013. The enlargement of ERA's premises and the recruitment of new staff were followed by an expansion of its activities to new areas of European law and an increase in the number of participants. The ERA Foundation also welcomed a number of new patrons and now includes almost all EU Member States.

I am relieved that the European Parliament, which had launched the initiative to create the Academy in 1991–92, and the Council secured ERA's basic financing under the new Erasmus+ programme for the next seven years. And in line with repeated calls by the European Parliament I am confident that ERA will continue to be an important player in judicial training in the EU, whatever structure it will be given in the future.

CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DR PAULIINE KOSKELO

President of the Supreme Court of Finland

For ERA, the year 2013 was marked in particular by strategy work. I would like to extend my warm thanks to all those who contributed to this process.

The need for legal professionals to know EU law, not just superficially but with a proper grasp of its relevance and impact in various situations, is growing. The demands of today's complex and dynamic legal environment can't be met without continuous training efforts. Especially with the constitutional developments of recent times, together with the expansion of EU law into new areas, the challenges of building up necessary knowhow, as well as a requisite legal and judicial culture, are as important as ever. This was also highlighted at the Assises de la Justice organised by the European Commission in November, where Robert Badinter, with his lifelong perspective on Europe, reiterated a call for creating *"un institute des hautes études judiciaires européennes"*. ERA's role and contribution in this field are topical.

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Interview
with the Director

DR WOLFGANG HEUSEL

Director of the Academy

INTERVIEW WITH THE DIRECTOR

Dr Heusel, what were the highlights of ERA's programme activities in 2013 in your opinion?

Wolfgang Heusel: I think 2013 was not really a year with many very outstanding events in the sense of highly politically interesting or with huge numbers of attendees. The reason for this was probably that in 2013 we didn't have as many important legislative proposals from the European Commission as in the years before. Nevertheless I would like to mention a few events which were particularly interesting. For example, we organised a major conference with more than a hundred participants in January to discuss the expected proposal of the European Commission to create a European Public Prosecutor's Office. This is a topic which will, if adopted, radically change the system of criminal justice proceedings in the participating Member States and we had the pleasure and the honour to organise a second event on this topic together with the Lithuanian Presidency in September after the publication of the proposal. Another event which gathered a high level of attendance was our Annual Conference on European Labour Law. We have a series of annual conferences which cover more than twenty areas of European law and the one on labour law is particularly successful because for years it has managed to attract a high number of participants. A third example of an event which we could consider a "highlight" was a conference on the emerging regulation of the European Banking Union co-organised with the Irish Presidency in April in Dublin.

Besides these examples I would really like to emphasise that in 2013 there was a high focus on training events and there we covered all areas of European law which are relevant for European law practitioners. Complementing what I said on the annual conferences it is interesting to see that also the range of summer courses which we offer annually (every summer there are one-week seminars on different areas of European law) has considerably expanded. In 2013 we had, I think, ten summer courses ranging from tax law to trade law to environmental protection, cross-border civil litigation, criminal justice cooperation and so on. So I think we did a lot in standard training.

Having said this I would like to add that a really outstanding event, an unusual exercise in which ERA was involved in 2013, was the *European Jurists' Forum in Barcelona*. We organised this event together with the Bar Association of Barcelona and the Autonomous University of Barcelona and it gathered some 600 participants from all over Europe in April 2013. It dealt with very interesting questions around asylum and migration law, new horizons for European criminal law and in financial markets and banking law. ERA provided about 50% of the speakers and gave a major input in devising the programme as such. So that was a very exceptional event and it was really a great privilege and great fun to be involved.

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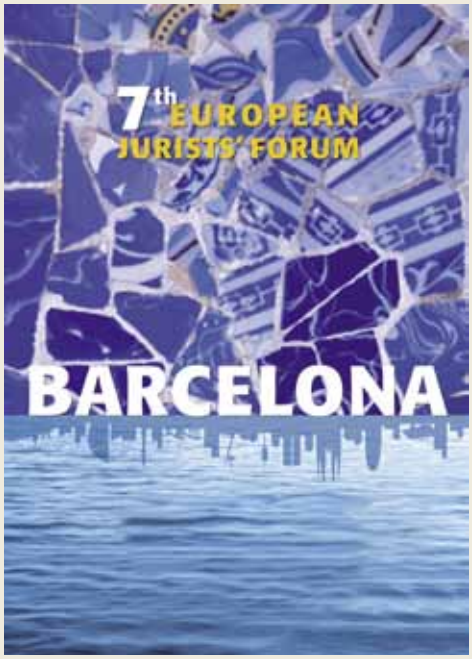
7th European Jurists' Forum



This event, organised by the Bar Association of Barcelona with ERA and the Autonomous University of Barcelona on 18-20 April, gathered some 600 participants from across Europe.

In 2013, ERA was specifically named as one of the six institutions to receive operating grants under the European Union's new Erasmus+ programme for 2014-2020. What does this mean for the future development of the Academy?

Wolfgang Heusel: Well this is really crucial for our future development insofar as it gives us the stability and a sound basis in view of our financial forward planning. ERA, as a public interest institution set up on the initiative of the European Parliament in 1992, has always fulfilled a European mission and serves European public objectives. In that context it is really important that, as we can't live as a commercial institute just on the income raised through our events because we have to cover more areas than are commercially exploitable, for that reason it is very important to have part of our costs covered by an institutional grant coming from the European Union. The legal basis for this grant is always adopted in parallel to the midterm financial planning of the European Union, so the new period starting in 2014 and running until 2020 required a new EU programme as legal basis for such grant. Together with a few other institutes which were similarly concerned we were struggling to be again mentioned in that programme but in the end Member States in the Council and the European Parliament made sure that ERA was again integrated in this legal basis and that we receive our European grant for the next seven years of the financial forward planning. And I would like to emphasise our cooperation with other partners who like us had been in that programme before, such as the European Institute for Public Administration in Maastricht, in order to persuade the European institutions that it would be important to continue to receive such funding. We succeeded in doing so also by highlighting that we have complementary roles, that we are not competitors but that all institutions funded under the operating grant programme have complementary roles and missions to fulfil in the European interest. This was made clear to the European Institutions and they eventually accepted it.

ERA again increased the number of events organised in 2013. However, the number of participants remained stable. How do you assess this development?

Wolfgang Heusel: Well, there is a number of reasons which I think explain this result. First of all, it is important to note that we were able to again increase the total number of our events in 2013 because the European Parliament and the European Commission decided to increase our operating grant, which I have just mentioned, in the past two years to be able to provide more training to reach out to more legal practitioners in the European Union. So, we have recruited more staff, we have been able to offer more trainings, but the average number of attendees of these trainings has gone down and one reason for that is that we have introduced new types of events which are not looking at great numbers of participants but which are by definition targeting smaller groups. We are organising more decentralised events, as we call them. We go out to the Member States, cooperating with local bars, with local institutions where there are

only fifteen, twenty participants and this of course has an effect on the average number of participants. And then of course the financial and economic crisis is still there which means that registration numbers have a tendency to still go down or remain at a lower level. There are very few conferences which attract huge numbers of participants, far less than in the years before. So, all these elements come together but by and large we are quite happy that we succeeded in keeping more or less the number of around 8,000 participants at all our events in 2013.

ERA has significantly expanded its e-learning offer in 2013. What is the objective for next year?

Wolfgang Heusel: In the area of e-learning we had the intention to put many new products on the market, many new tools in 2013. In fact, we were a bit running behind schedule with our production which meant that we could reach out to the market at a later stage than foreseen. We put on the market a quite comprehensive number of e-presentations, as we call them, video podcasts which are refined by references to sources, judgments by hyperlinks and so on, which could only be presented to a larger public once we had a sufficient critical mass of them; you can't come out with three or four of these e-presentations. In parallel we have produced a number of e-courses where again you underestimate perhaps the time necessary to finalise such a course. However, we now see first successes in selling these products. They are not yet satisfactory but I think the first target for 2014 is really to be noticed by the market, by the target groups. We have to make an effort to make them aware that there is this new offer and that in fact this is an interesting and complementary tool to what we offer as face-to-face training. In essence, we want to finalise a number of in-depth courses, e-courses, and we aim also to publish more and update more e-presentations, and we will see by the end of the year how far we make progress, whether additional marketing efforts are necessary or whether we have to reconsider our concept in one or the other aspect.

After focusing on ERA's staff and speakers in 2011 and 2012, this year's report will highlight the participants in ERA events. Apart from all being practitioners of law, they come from diverse backgrounds – so what do you think brings them to ERA?

Wolfgang Heusel: Well, that is a good question. I hope that in the first instance, what brings them to ERA is

our quality programmes. Quality programmes means that we offer very interesting and topical subjects for discussion, that the programmes as such offer excellent experts as speakers, that the methodology is of interest, a high degree of interactivity in our training programmes in particular, case studies, workshops and so on. But then of course they will come because they see our events as a very important networking opportunity and this coming together among different legal professions, for practitioners from different national backgrounds and professions, this is in fact one of the core elements of our mission. If we want to create a kind of European legal community we have to offer this opportunity to network, to meet people from other backgrounds and to establish contacts which are operative even after the conferences or seminars, because that will help to communicate, to cooperate better across the borders, and in the end it will help to strengthen mutual confidence which is of course a cornerstone of all European cooperation and of the European Union in general. And last not least, I think and I hope that these attendees come to ERA because they also enjoy the hospitality which our staff offers. They like the ambiance of the venues which we have, not only in Trier but also elsewhere in cooperation with our partners.

The ERA Governing Board adopted the Academy's new long-term development strategy 2014-2020 in October. In light of the new strategic objectives, where do you see the Academy in 2020?

Wolfgang Heusel: Yes, this will be the end of the financial period which I mentioned before. So, first of all it is important to be able to project the ERA development on the basis of a secure operating funding, but besides that I hope that by 2020 ERA will continue to be the first address for legal and judicial training in European law in the European Union. We hope to be able to develop programmes which are even more than today really focusing the needs of our target groups. We hope to create more strategic partnerships with the legal professions in all Member States, with the judiciaries in all Member States. We don't know what the format and institutional framework for judicial training in the widest sense will be on EU level in 2020. We will see a new Commission and a new Parliament coming into office very soon. There might be very interesting proposals. At least we will do what we can and hope to be successful in that to maintain and develop our key role in partnership with the European judicial training institutions from all the Member States, with the bars of the European Union and to be really the core reference in view of European law training.

ERA IN NUMBERS 2013

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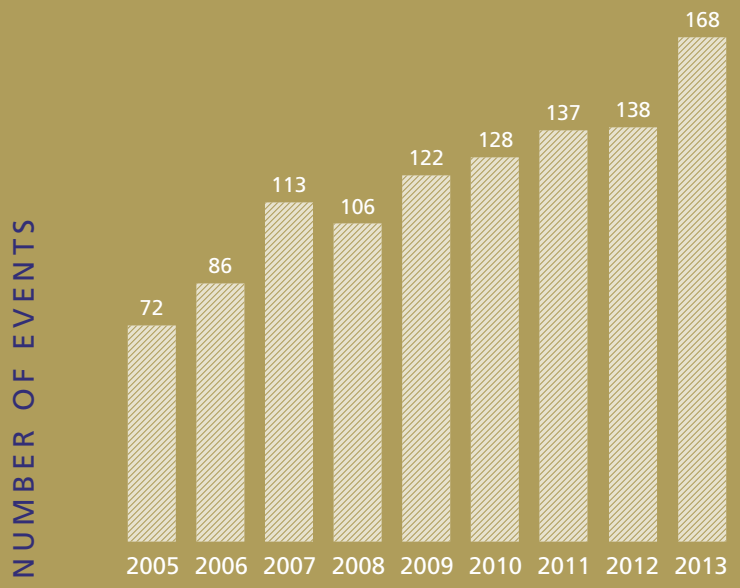
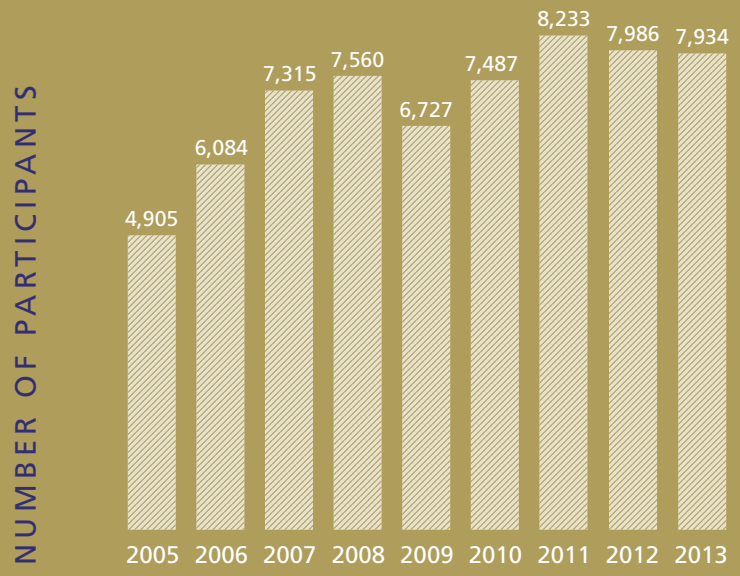
7,934 *Participants*

From 57 *Countries*





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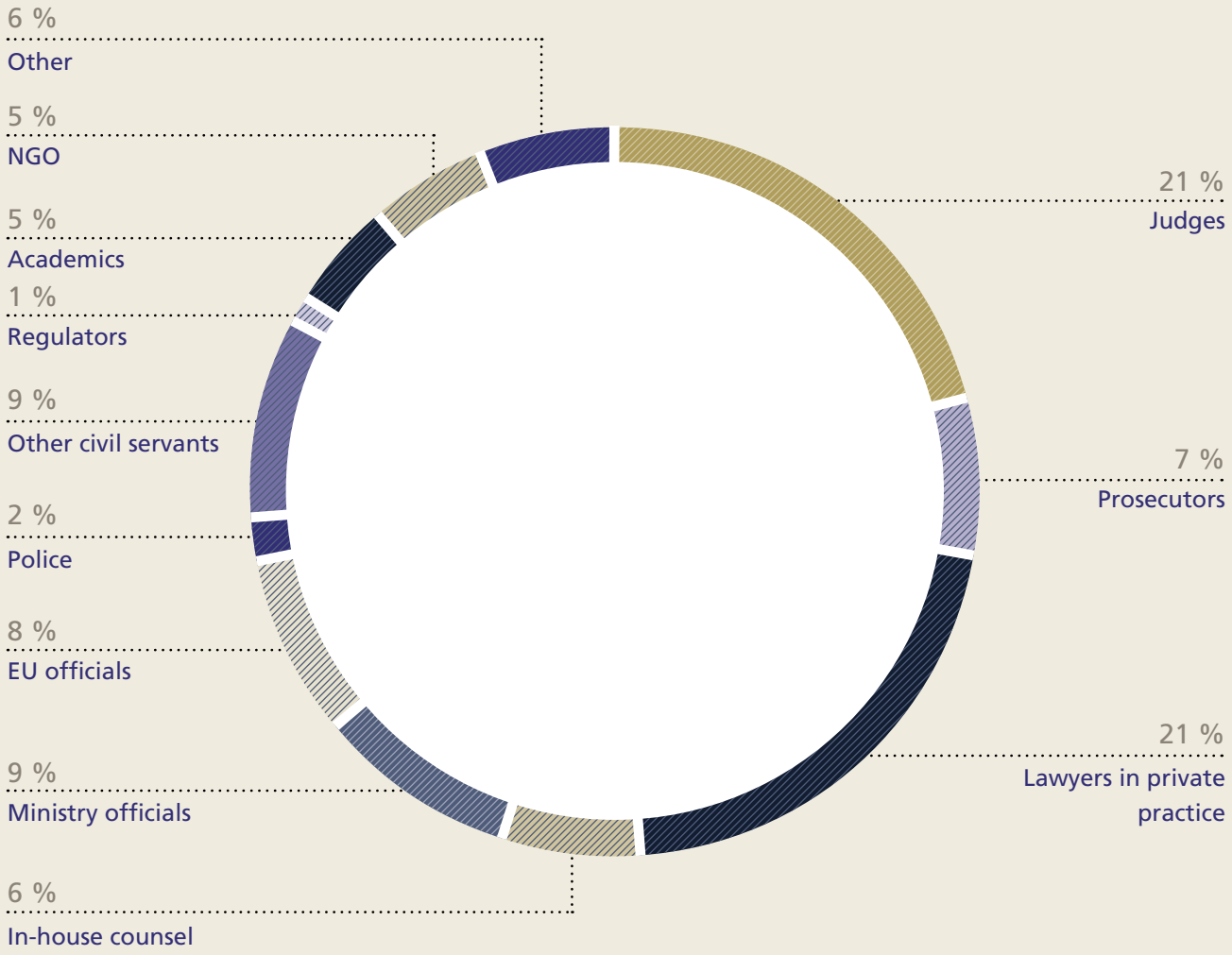

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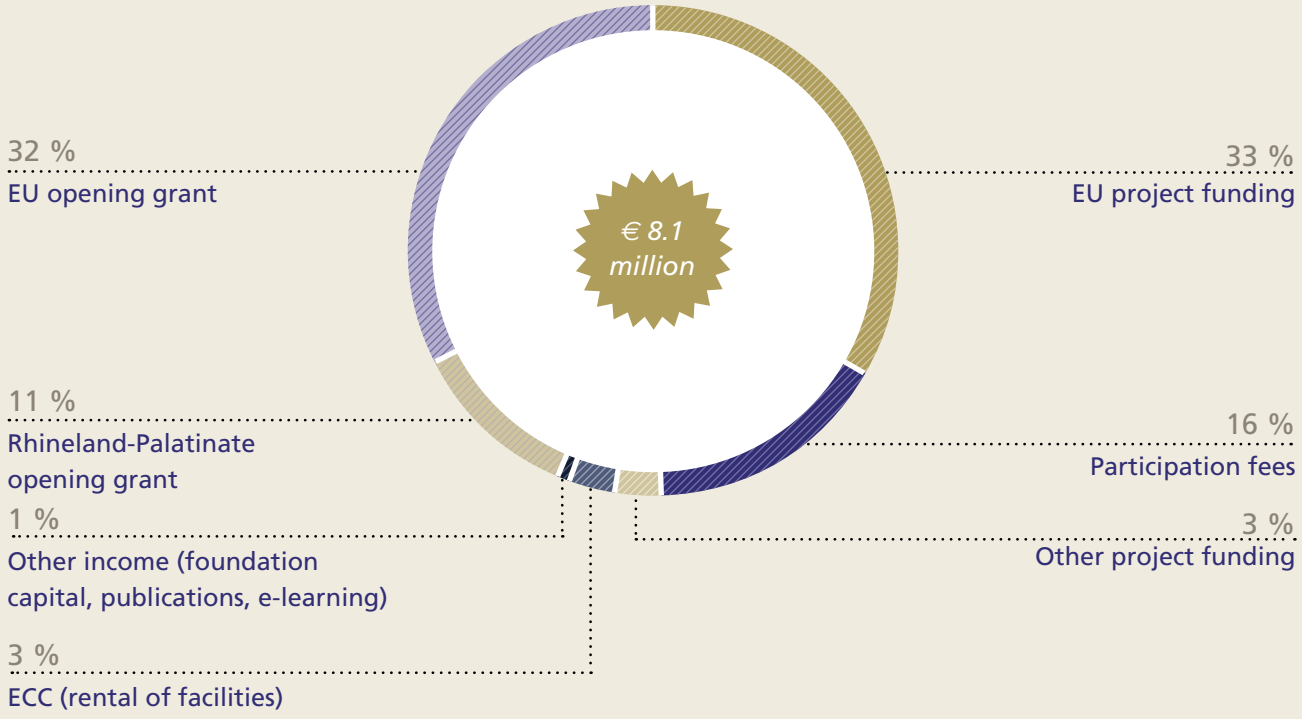

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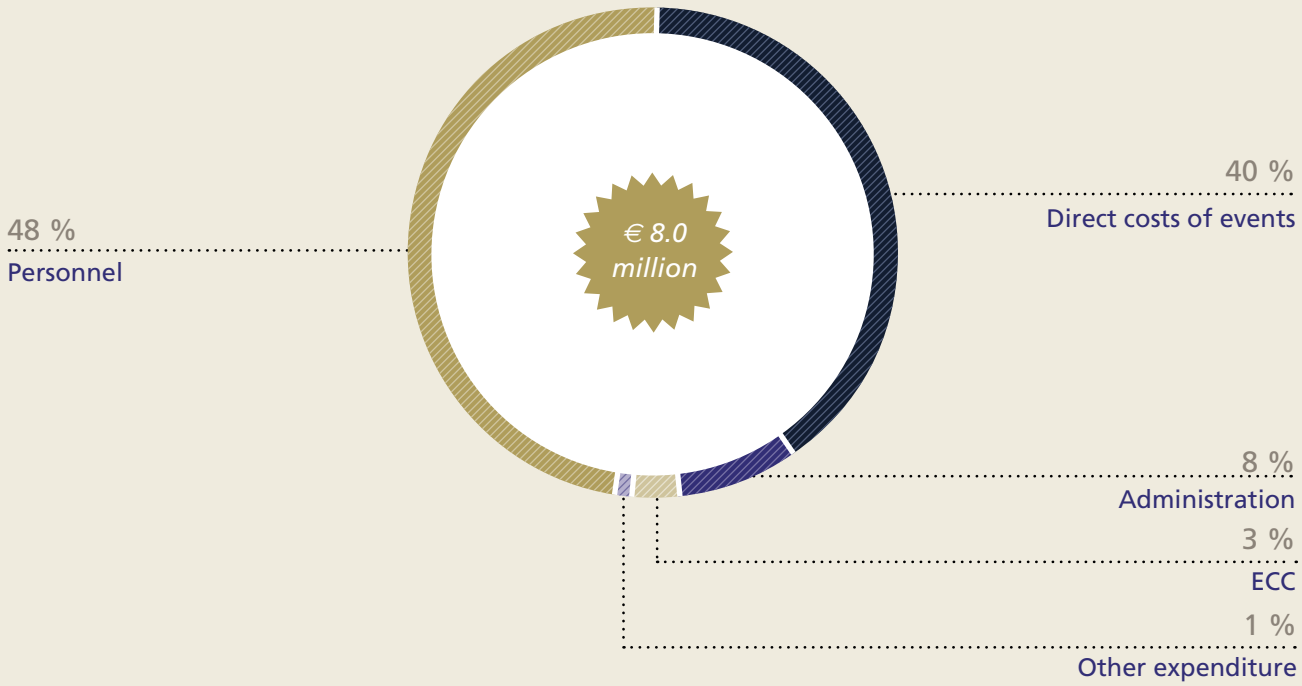

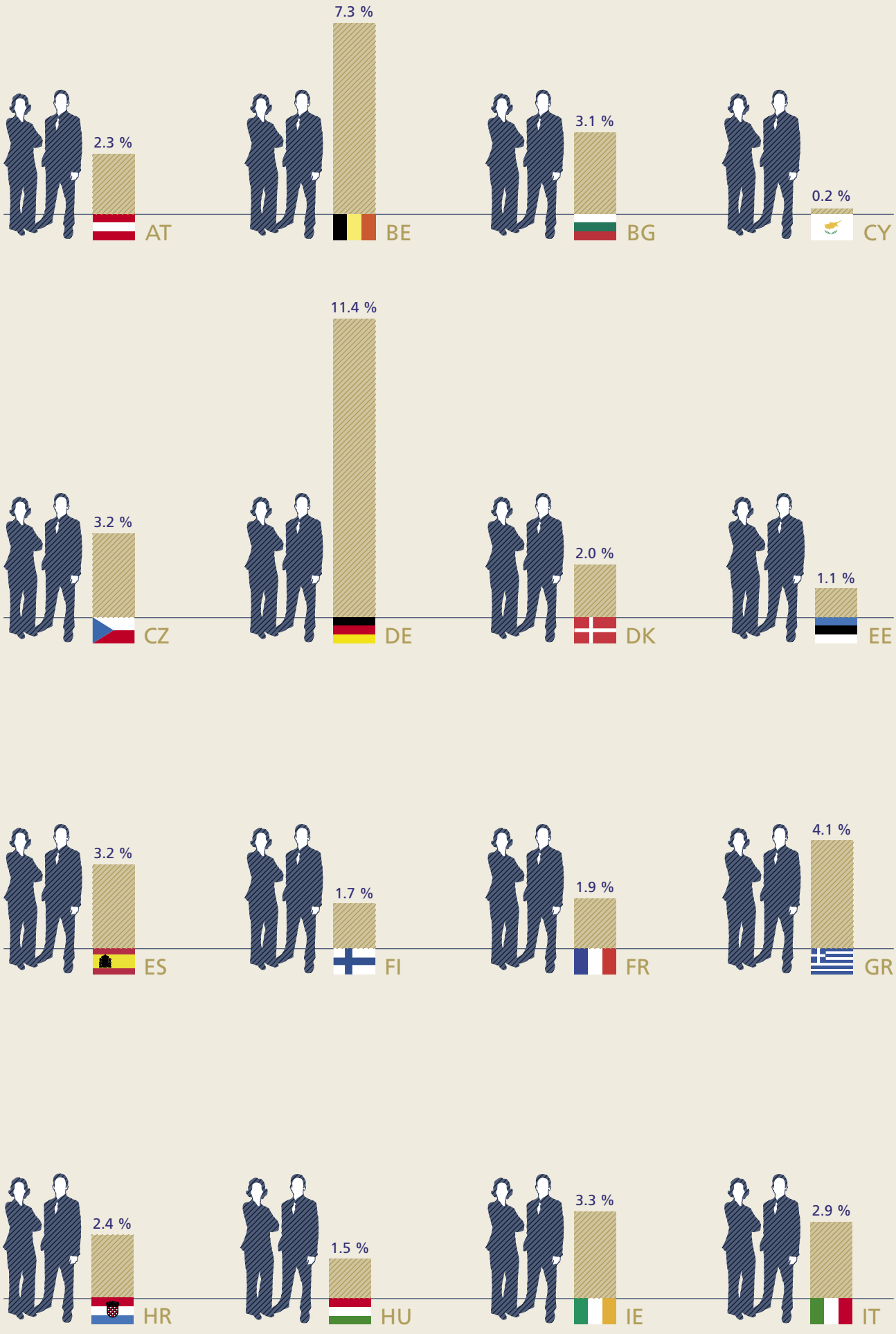
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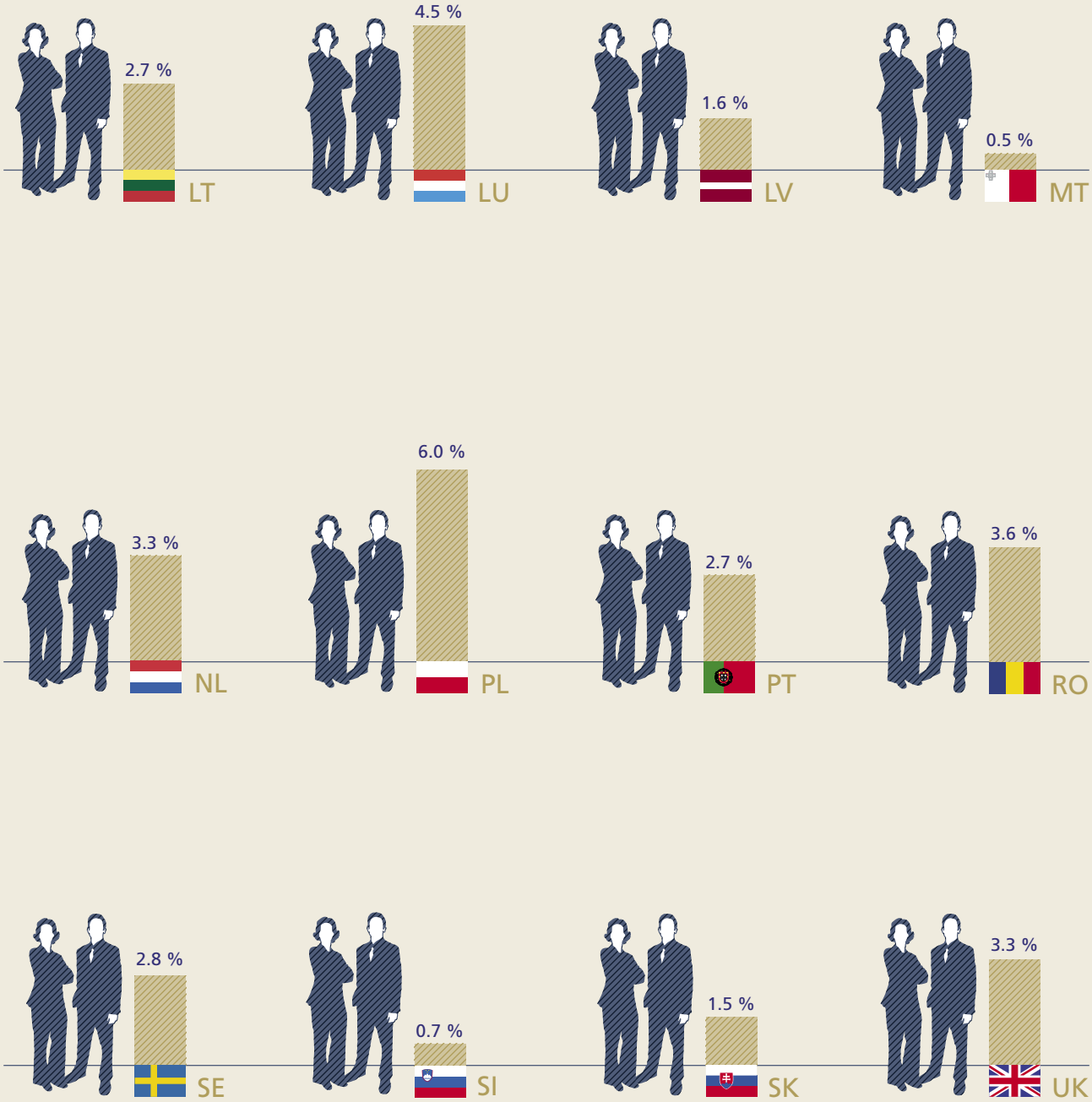
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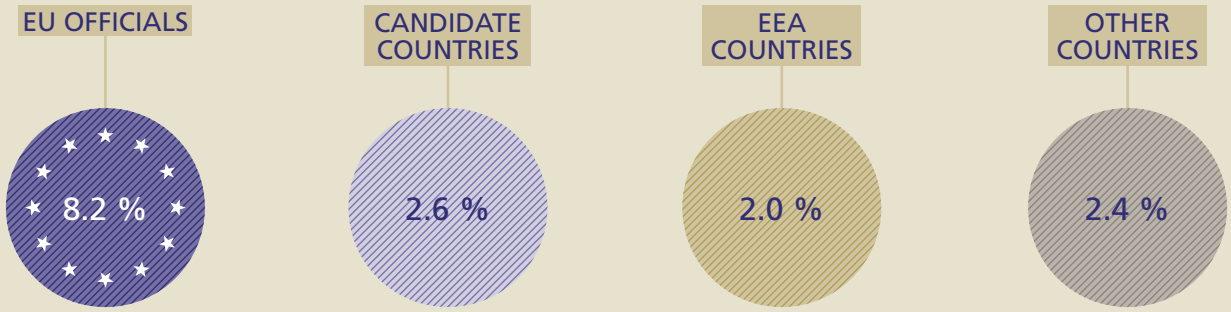
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As a longstanding participant, what does ERA mean for you?

"Always professional and now even more user-friendly – since my very first visit, ERA offers year-for-year a genuine added value for lawyers. For me as a practitioner in the area of international civil law ERA is one of the top addresses."

MARKUS ARTZ,
LAWYER,
DR. ARTZ, LÓPEZ & COL.,
KOBLENZ, GERMANY

What does it mean for you to receive an ERA scholarship?

"Thanks to the scholarship granted to me by ERA, I had the chance to attend the conference on geographical indications in the EU. I acquired a lot of up-to-date information from the speakers who are experts in their field and I had the chance to exchange information with the other participants from all over Europe."

DIDEM ÖZGÜR,
EXPERT, ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY,
ISTANBUL, TURKEY

What is the most important reason for you to attend an ERA event?

"ERA conferences provide a unique platform for discussion with judges, private practitioners and other experts from different Member States. Professionally organised and specifically tailored for an experienced audience, the conferences offer high-quality training and support fruitful exchange of multi-jurisdictional experiences on topical issues."

TONI KAARRESALO,
REFERENDARY COUNSELLOR,
THE SUPREME ADMINISTRATIVE COURT,
HELSINKI, FINLAND

OPEN PROGRAMME IN 2013

The challenge for ERA over the years has been to maintain diversity and breadth in its open training programme despite the ever-increasing number of areas in which EU law applies and despite the growing 'Europeanisation' of domestic law. Updating, deepening and enlarging the programme to match the growing training needs and expectations of legal practitioners have been our main concerns.

A comprehensive programme of annual conferences

ERA offers annual conferences where the main aim is to cover the most recent developments in a specific area of EU law. Given the success of this formula, this type of event has been expanded to cover direct and indirect taxation, public procurement, company law, consumer law, *State aid*, insurance law, asylum law, immigration law, social security law, data protection law, the Schengen regime, copyright law, pharmaceutical law, trade law, trade mark law, and food law. These highly technical events, aimed at specialists who wish to keep up-to-date in a particular field, gather each year an impressive number of legal practitioners from all over Europe. The 2013 annual conferences on European family law and on *European labour law*, which gathered 97 practitioners from 20 Member States and 105 delegates from 26 countries respectively, are particularly significant in that respect. The Annual Conference on European Family Law celebrated its 10th anniversary.

Events on very specific topics

Complementary to the series of annual conferences, ERA offers individual events on very specific and/or topical themes. In the 2013 programme, these events dealt inter alia with victim's rights, internet domain names, services of general economic interest, cross-border insolvency proceedings, cloud computing and

★HIGHLIGHT

Annual Conference on European State Aid Law 2013

This conference on 14-15 November 2013 was successful not only in terms of the number and diversity of participants but also with regard to the high-profile speakers who spoke at the event.

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Annual Conference on EU Labour Law 2013

This conference on 21-22 March 2013 provided more than 100 participants with an overview of the impact of current economic reforms on social rights.

social networks against the background of EU data protection legislation, the fight against terrorism, OTC derivatives regulation, EU travel law, and CJEU case law on VAT.

2013 saw ERA dealing with detention law for the first time in its programme. Two events co-funded under the European Commission's Criminal Justice programme took place in Strasbourg, one on the role of the ECHR, the European Court of Human Rights and national courts in improving conditions related to detention and the other on supervising matters related to detention and the role of the Council of Europe and international bodies' work in improving conditions. These seminars brought together legal professionals, officials from judicial training institutions, prison administrations, the probation system, prison monitoring bodies and ministry officials to discuss, analyse and learn about how detention conditions in Europe could be improved, often bringing their own experiences of dealing with these issues. This led to a very fruitful exchange of information and lively discussions.

Practical training and workshops

For young professionals and/or non-specialists ERA has enhanced its programme of intensive summer courses over the recent years. Besides summer courses on constitutional law, tax law, civil litigation, criminal justice, competition law, intellectual property law, labour law and environmental law, ERA offered in 2013 a five-day comprehensive introductory course on the regulation and supervision of financial markets, including a visit to the ECB.

In terms of the programme of advanced practical training that ERA has considerably intensified in recent years, for example by offering seminars on litigation before the CJEU and its separate jurisdictions designed for specific target groups, two innovative training events in 2013 should be specifically mentioned.

The first provided civil servants with practical knowledge on the decision-making process in the EU. This training focused on the ordinary legislative procedure and consisted of presentations and a practical exercise: a negotiation game, which simulated the transformation of a national mandate into actual behaviour during negotiations on a legislative proposal in a Council Working Group. Participants were assigned the roles of Member States, Presidency or Commission. They learned not only how to negotiate in the framework of the given mandate but also how to apply the procedural rules in practice.

The second event, organised in Belfast in cooperation with the Law Society of Northern Ireland, dealt with steps being taken on EU level to ensure respect for the rights of children in legal proceedings. Besides providing practical information for practitioners including judges, lawyers, civil servants and child rights workers on the application of international and European law, the seminar incorporated practical training elements aimed at improving the substantive knowledge and soft skills of participants. Practical advice was provided by leading experts on matters such as age-appropriate communication and child-sensitive approaches to evidence. This was complemented by applied workshops on communication techniques in which participants actively engaged in role-play and group-work exercises with a view to deepening their understanding of elements of child psychology relevant to judicial proceedings.

A platform for the discussion of legal policy

In line with its Statute, ERA does not confine itself to the dissemination of European law via training, but also serves as a European platform for the discussion of legal policy. In so doing, ERA attaches great importance to remaining neutral and independent, for example by not becoming directly involved in the drafting of specific legal policies. ERA's neutrality and independence have given it a role in a number of topical and fundamental debates at European level. The aim of such events is to stimulate reflection on future political developments in the field of law or – where future legislation is already at an advanced stage – to put forward practical considerations from legal practitioners and stakeholders for the evaluation of proposed regulation.

In late 2013 a major conference in Brussels gathered experts from most EU Member States to examine the state of play in the creation of a unitary patent in the EU and the settlement of a new centralised court system. Taking place a couple of weeks after the closing date of the public consultation on the draft rules of procedure of this new court, it offered legal practitioners, judges and stakeholders an update on the work of its Preparatory Committee, as well as a platform to discuss the future strategic filing and litigation options opened up by this new system.

The same applies to the debate around European contract law. In October 2011, the European Commission published a proposal for a CESL Regulation to facilitate the sale of goods and services across borders, especially for small and medium-sized companies. Under the new Regulation, the seller and buyer would be able to jointly choose to apply the new CESL, otherwise the national contract rules would apply. The European contract chosen under the "blue button" should offer a similarly high level of consumer protection in all Member States. The proposed Regulation is, however, highly disputed among Member States, online retailers and consumer organisations. The European Parliament Legal Affairs Committee, the lead committee on this proposal, voted on it in September 2013 right after the ERA conference 'CESL for e-commerce?'. At this crucial stage, the ERA conference offered a platform to discuss the main issues of the debate with practitioners, stakeholders and representatives of the Commission, Parliament and Presidency.

As part of this type of policy debate, the 'ERA Briefings' in Brussels on topical developments in EU law continued in 2013. These short sessions offer a taster of ERA training to the Brussels legal community and provide a valuable method for ERA to react quickly to emerging developments. Of particular interest in 2013 were the briefings on the European Commission's proposals for a revision of the Regulation on the Community trade mark and for a recast of the Directive approximating the laws of the Member States relating to trade marks, on the European Commission's initiatives on antitrust damages and collective redress, and on the European Commission's proposals on procedural safeguards in criminal proceedings, the latter organised in cooperation with the CCBE.

What makes ERA different in your view from other training providers?

"What makes ERA different is its focus on the legal perspective of EU affairs and its methodology: a humanistic approach to legal training, facilitating dialogue and interaction among participants and enabling them to exchange best practices and diversify their professional network."

ROBERTO RANDO,
EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK (EIB),
LUXEMBOURG

DISTANCE LEARNING

In 2013 ERA considerably expanded the number of stand-alone distance learning products available on its e-learning platform www.era.int/e-learning.

e-Presentations

The largest quantity of material is in the form of e-presentations, online packages consisting of a film of one of ERA's speakers combined in a split-screen format with their presentation and all relevant background documentation embedded at the relevant moment. The e-presentations focus in particular on the latest case law of the European Court of Justice and other recent developments in order to provide viewers with up-to-date online training as and when they need it. The largest numbers of e-presentations are in the areas of banking and financial services law, State aid and public procurement law, tax law and intellectual property. The packages can also be downloaded as audio files allowing users to follow them when they are on the move.

★HIGHLIGHT

EU Disability Law and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

For this event on 9-10 December 2013, ERA provided a live webstream of the presentations with sign language interpretation.

The most recent e-presentations include an option to watch the package from beginning to end and then to take a short quiz, allowing for a certificate to be issued that can contribute to fulfilling a viewer's CPD obligations. Access can be purchased for single e-presentations or for licence packages, which provide one or more users access to a given number of e-presentations of their choice. By the end of 2013, there were some 70 e-presentations available on ERA's e-learning platform.

Numerous podcasts were also recorded in the framework of projects co-financed by the EU and can be accessed for free on ERA's website.

e-Learning courses

Adding to the three introductory courses already available on its platform, ERA launched a number of new e-learning courses during 2013. These included "Essential EU Competition Law in Charts", "EU Competition Law for National Judges" (a project co-funded by the EU), "Introduction to European Environmental Law" and a specialised course entitled "CJEU Case Law on European Criminal Justice: 10 Key Questions".

Further courses were developed to be used as part of a blended learning concept, i.e. combined with face-to-face training, in the framework of EU-funded projects on civil justice instruments and on environmental law for national judges. In the latter case, these were combined with video recordings of the seminars conducted in order to produce complete, self-standing online modules. These materials are destined eventually to be made freely available on the EU's e-justice portal but can already be accessed on ERA's website.

Live-streaming and webinars

On the request of the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM), ERA produced a series of seven webinars in 2013 on various aspects of trade mark law for the staff of OHIM and national trade mark offices.

It also live-streamed one EU-funded seminar on *"EU Disability Law and the UNCRPD"*, with more than three times as many practitioners able to participate in the event online as actually attended in person.

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PRESIDENCY EVENTS AND COOPERATION WITH MEMBER STATES IN 2013

At the service of ERA's patrons

Requests from the patrons of the ERA Foundation for commissioned events for their staff or for third parties have increased significantly. Besides cooperation with a number of ministries of justice in the organisation of training events, mainly aimed at their national judiciaries, in 2013 ERA was entrusted for example with the organisation of an *event on behalf of the Government Offices of Sweden (Regeringskansliet) which debated the state of play and future development of the EU Area of Freedom, Security and Justice*. The agenda covered developments in all major policy areas, including asylum and migration, police cooperation and judicial cooperation in criminal and civil matters. Another example was the request of the Irish Department of Finance for a tailor-made in-house training in the field of State aid law and procedures in the financial sector.

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The European Banking Union – A Turning Point?

This conference organised in the framework of the Irish EU Presidency on 25-26 April 2013 in Dublin discussed the institutional and regulatory consequences of Banking Union and banking regulation as well as crisis management in the EU.

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Follow-Up of the Stockholm Programme – What is Next on the Agenda for Freedom, Security and Justice?

Photo: Pawel Flato

This seminar, organised on behalf of the Government Offices of Sweden on 13-14 June 2013, discussed challenges and developments in all major policy areas covered by the outgoing Stockholm Programme.

Involvement in EU Presidency events

Cooperation with successive EU presidencies is also a traditional and prestigious facet of ERA activities at the service of Member States. Since the Luxembourg EU Presidency in 2005, all ERA patrons have involved ERA in major events during their presidencies.

This was again the case in 2013 when ERA, in association with the Irish Presidency of the EU, organised a *conference on the European Banking Union* at the premises of the Law Society of Ireland in Dublin. The event encompassed legal, political and economic aspects of Banking Union. Leading experts, regulators and policymakers contributed to a holistic analysis of the proposed measures focusing on their impact on the future of the European Union and

the local banking sector. The attendees represented mainly the national supervisory authorities, European institutions and banking associations.

Two further events in the framework of the Lithuanian Presidency focused on civil and criminal justice. In September 2013, a conference in Vilnius co-organised by the Lithuanian Presidency and the European Commission with the help of ERA, served to raise awareness of the European Small Claims Procedure (ESCP). The ESCP aims to simplify and speed up litigation in cases concerning amounts up to € 2,000 by providing a uniform procedure conducted through standard forms. The resulting judgment is automatically enforceable in other Member States but, according to a recent report by the ECC-Net, there is a lack of awareness among judges, lawyers, retailers and consumers about this instrument. The conference proceedings were taken into account by the European Commission when preparing its proposal of 19 November 2013 on strengthening the position of consumers and businesses in low-value cross-border disputes. ERA also cooperated with the Lithuanian Presidency and the European Commission on the conference *"European Public Prosecutor's Office: Constructive Approach towards the Legal Framework"*, which looked concretely at the institutional setting of the EPPO, its procedural regime and material scope. The conference was attended by more than 100 participants from across the EU. The topic had already been twice on the ERA programme for 2013. In January, ERA organised with the financial support of OLAF a seminar entitled 'Towards the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)', attended by more than 100 legal practitioners. And a few days after the publication of the proposal, ERA organised a lunch briefing in Brussels, where the Commission official in charge of the dossier discussed the institutional and practical challenges of establishing the EPPO with participants.

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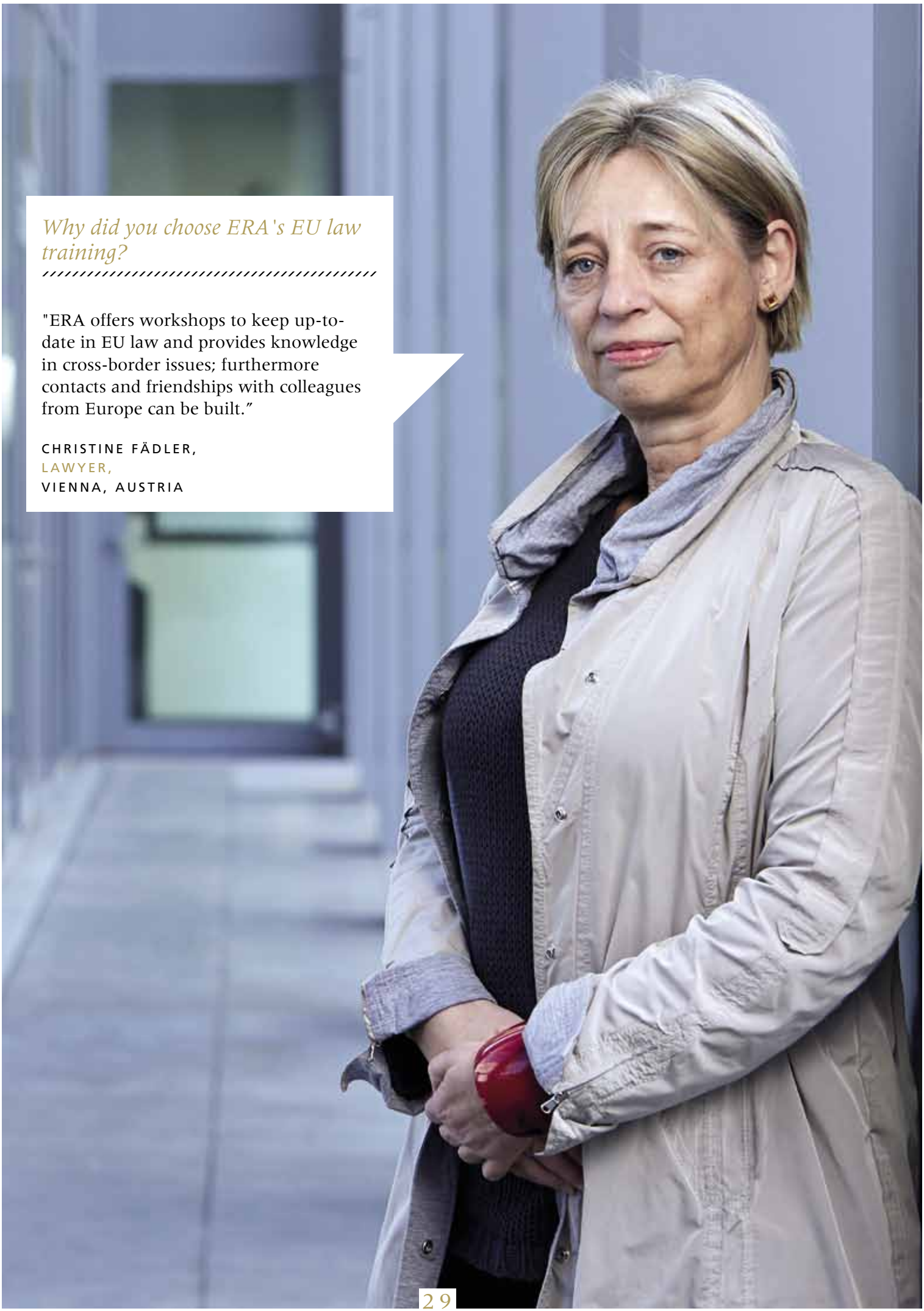
European Public Prosecutor's Office: Constructive Approach towards the Legal Framework

This conference was organised by the Lithuanian Presidency in cooperation with the European Commission and ERA on 16-17 September in Vilnius.

How will you use the training you receive from ERA in your daily work?

"Attendance at ERA has provided me with a much broader understanding of the interface between specific EU legislation and related law. A better understanding of these inter-related subjects and the update on recent developments will be invaluable in advising Ministers on legal issues related to the campaign in Scotland as this work develops."

WILLIAM ADAMSON, POLICY BRANCH HEAD, FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY SCOTLAND, ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND



Why did you choose ERA's EU law training?

"ERA offers workshops to keep up-to-date in EU law and provides knowledge in cross-border issues; furthermore contacts and friendships with colleagues from Europe can be built."

CHRISTINE FÄDLER,
LAWYER,
VIENNA, AUSTRIA

COOPERATION WITH THE EU INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES IN 2013

For many years, European Union institutions have regularly commissioned seminars from ERA for their own staff or for third parties.

Equality law training on behalf of the European Commission's DG JUST

Projects funded by the European Commission have for example included three major long-running training projects on 'Anti-discrimination Law', 'EU Law on Equal Treatment between Women and Men' and 'EU Disability Law and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities'. All three projects developed by ERA are aimed at judges, legal practitioners and academics from all EU Member States, EEA/EFTA and candidate countries and have been implemented on behalf of and in cooperation with the European Commission's DG Justice under the PROGRESS Programme. With these series, the first of which has run since 2003, ERA has contributed to the training of 4,280 legal professionals – more than 50% of whom were members of the judiciary – in the field of EU equality law.

Training modules and workshops on behalf of the European Commission's DG ENV and DG JUST

On behalf of the European Commission's DG Environment, ERA started in 2013 a four-year project entitled *'Cooperation with National Judges in the Field of Environmental Law'*, which aims to develop training modules on various topics of EU environmental law as well as to organise workshops for – mainly administrative – judges (www.era.int/judges&environmental_law). For this project, ERA secured the partnership of the judicial training bodies of 15 EU Member States. Support to ERA has also been given by the Association of the Councils of State and Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions of the European Union (ACA-Europe) and the Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ). In the course of 2013 ERA developed training modules on 'EU Law on Industrial Emissions' and 'The Interaction between the EIA and the Nature Directives'. These training modules, which contain innovative e-learning elements, were tested in real conditions in the framework of two-and-a-half day workshops held in Barcelona, Budapest and twice in Trier.

A similar project in the field of EU civil justice has been implemented by ERA on behalf of the European Commission's DG Justice since 2011

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Cooperation with National Judges in the field of Environmental Law

The project aims to develop specific training modules that will promote the knowledge of European environmental law and strengthen application.

(www.era-comm.eu/EU_Civil_Justice_Training_Modules). In the framework of this project, which was supported from the beginning by the national judicial training actors of eight EU Member States, training modules have been developed on 'Cross-border Divorce and Maintenance', 'Parental Responsibility in a Cross-border Context', and the 'European Small Claims Procedure'. 2013 saw ERA implementing various workshops on the basis of the first two modules in different languages and for different target groups in Dublin, Innsbruck, Riga, Scandicci, Thessaloniki and Trier. Under the same framework contract and as part of the European Commission's actions in support of the Greek Ministry of Justice, ERA implemented in Patras and Heraklion two workshops, part of a series of activities on mediation in Greece, which aimed at raising awareness of mediation and its potential in improving judicial efficiency as a dispute resolution method. Upon completion of these events, ERA had contributed to the training of more than 500 Greek legal professionals on this instrument.

Continuation of the training activities with TAIEX

Building on ERA's experience since the beginning of the 1990s in organising tailor-made trainings to prepare lawyers from Central and Eastern Europe for the integration of the acquis into national law, ERA has been working intensively since 2006 with the European Commission's TAIEX Office (within DG Enlargement). 2013 saw the continuation of a training series launched by TAIEX in cooperation with ERA entitled 'Combating Terrorism: EU Standards, International Cooperation and Experiences from Member States'. Seminars were implemented in Zagreb, Skopje and Belgrade with police officers, ministry officials, members of the judiciary and others involved in the field of counter-terrorism. Also together with TAIEX, ERA organised an event in Vienna on 'The Fight Against Illicit Trafficking in Firearms and the Securing of Explosives'.

In-house training for the European Central Bank

A tailor-made, hands-on course organised for the European Central Bank in Frankfurt in 2013 on 'Banking Union, the Single Supervisory Mechanism and CRD IV' was developed initially to offer ECB staff practical training in view of the future supervisory challenges faced by the ECB. Due to high interest among national central banks, a limited number of places was granted also to delegates representing competent authorities from several Member States.

Cooperation with EU Agencies, such as Europol, Frontex and OHIM

The close work of ERA with a number of EU agencies should also be stressed. In June 2013, ERA and Europol organised a joint conference at Europol's headquarters in The Hague which brought together its members, law enforcement agents, civil society representatives, ministry officials and legal practitioners to debate the European Commission's proposal of March 2013 on Europol's legal reform. The proposal aims to align Europol with the requirements of the Treaty of Lisbon, to establish it as a hub for information exchange between law enforcement authorities in the Member States, to set up a robust data protection regime, and to create synergies in EU support for policing by giving Europol the police training functions so far carried out by the European Police College (CEPOL). In October 2013 ERA also organised a major conference in cooperation with Frontex in Warsaw which aimed to provide input to the debate on the feasibility of a European System of Border Guards (ESBG) by looking at the added value that such a system could bring. By focusing the discussion around different aspects such as the legal framework, the operational challenges, the necessary capacities as well as interagency cooperation, different stakeholders were able to provide their views on the feasibility of an ESBG, notably which gaps it would fill, and what shape it should take, if any. A further example of cooperation with EU agencies is the long-standing relationship with the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM) in Alicante, which was considerably strengthened through a series of seven webinars for its staff and the staff of national trade mark authorities.

You are a regular participant in ERA events, what makes you come back?

"The courses organised by ERA enable me to gain insight into what directives or amendments are being proposed by the EU Commission. It helps me prepare employers for eventual changes in labour-related legislation."

CHARLOTTE CAMILLERI,
EXECUTIVE IN EU & LEGAL AFFAIRS,
MALTA EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION,
VALLETTA, MALTA

Why is training in EU law important for lawyers from non-EU countries?

"Training in EU law is very important also for Norwegian lawyers and every year there are many Norwegian lawyers present in the different ERA events. As an EFTA country, EU directives must be implemented into our national legislation.
I have worked with EU labour law for many years, both as a private lawyer and as a public servant. Coming to ERA's annual labour law conference gives important updates and new knowledge that is very important for us."

MONA NAESS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, ROYAL MINISTRY OF LABOUR, OSLO, NORWAY

ERA AND JUDICIAL TRAINING IN 2013

In 2013 ERA reaffirmed its strong commitment to judicial training. Nearly 1,700 judges and prosecutors from all over the European Union took part in ERA events in 2013; most of these events were specially organised for the judiciary in cooperation with the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) or its members.

ERA within EJTN: facts and figures

ERA again increased its contribution to EJTN's work. ERA made available 30 training activities in the EJTN Catalogue in 2013 in which 546 judges and 252 prosecutors took part. It was also active in the training activities developed by EJTN in the administrative and penal subgroups. ERA's commitment to EJTN was reflected by the confidence demonstrated by the large majority of national judicial training institutions at the elections to EJTN bodies in Dublin in June 2013, where *ERA was re-elected to the EJTN Steering Committee and as Convener of the Working Group on 'Programmes'* for another three-year term.

National judicial training bodies

ERA continued its cooperation with individual national bodies for judicial training, inter alia in submitting joint projects for co-funding by the EU. Bilateral multi-annual framework agreements with a number of EJTN

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EJTN General Assembly

The EJTN General Assembly in Dublin in June 2013 re-elected ERA to the EJTN Steering Committee, as Convener of the Working Group on 'Programmes' and to the Working Group on 'Technologies'.

members have also led to an increased participation at preferential rates of judges and prosecutors from these countries in ERA's 'open events' and to the joint organisation of training activities for their judiciary. For example, ERA organised a training event with the Polish Judicial School for a group of 30 Polish judges on 'The Rome I Regulation in Judicial Practice' in Warsaw. In 2013, ERA was also a strategic partner of the Bulgarian Institute for the Judiciary (NIJ) in the implementation of two projects funded under the "Administrative Capacity" operational programme of the European Social Fund. ERA assisted in the organisation of 20 training events organised between April 2013 and February 2014. This series consisted of two train-the-trainer workshops; eleven seminars on European criminal law and judicial cooperation and five seminars in other specific areas of European law, all for judges and prosecutors at first or second instance; and two seminars for members of the higher judiciary dealing with civil, administrative or criminal justice. The train-the-trainer events were conducted by ERA staff members specialised in European civil, criminal and public law. For the remaining 18 events ERA recruited 36 expert speakers representing different professions (private practice, judiciary, civil service and academia) from a dozen Member States and the EU institutions. In parallel, 50 Bulgarian judges, prosecutors and court clerks attended thirteen ERA training events between December 2012 and November 2013, mainly in seminars on criminal law.

Criminal law and procedure on new technologies

Training projects on the various challenges that the judiciary faces with the use of new technologies have recently been of increasing relevance in ERA's programme. Since 2012 ERA has implemented two multiannual projects on cybercrime, both with financial support from the European Commission's ISEC Programme. The first, entitled 'Training Centre on Cybercrime for Judges and Prosecutors', consists of eight seminars on the legal and technical aspects of cybercrime, and aims at providing judges and prosecutors from all Member States with the essential basic skills necessary to cope with internet-related offences (www.era-comm.eu/Cybercrime). The second, entitled 'Fighting the Illegal Use of the Internet', consists of a series of events in Lisbon, London, Madrid, Vilnius, Sofia and Stockholm, mostly in cooperation with national judicial training bodies. Each event has a specific, advanced topic such as fighting child pornography online or online financial crimes and fraud committed with electronic means of payment. To complete the picture, 'The Impact of Internet, New Technologies and Social Networks on EU Criminal Justice', in particular the concept of *electronic evidence* and its admissibility in courts, have been the focus of a third project co-financed under the Criminal Justice Programme, with seminars in Seville, Milan and Prague. Together, these three projects will have contributed to the training of c. 1000 legal practitioners (mainly judges and prosecutors) by mid-2015 on these very topical issues.

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Challenges Related to Electronic Evidence

The Seminar organised in cooperation with the University of Milano-Bicocca on 21-22 November 2013 in Milan in the framework of a project sponsored by the European Commission discussed the validity and admissibility of electronic evidence in criminal proceedings.

Preparing for the new role of the CJEU in criminal matters

One major change introduced by the Lisbon Treaty concerns the competence of the CJEU on acts adopted under the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice. The Lisbon Treaty gives the CJEU full competence on EU law in criminal matters from 1 December 2014 on, following a transitional period of five years. In order to prepare criminal law practitioners, in particular judges and prosecutors, for the full jurisdiction of the Court in criminal matters, enabling a consistent and uniform application of EU law in line with the most recent procedure and recommendations, ERA — with co-financing under the Criminal Justice Programme — launched in 2013 a training project consisting of three seminars in different languages, each including a visit to the CJEU and the possibility to attend a hearing.

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Cross-border Civil Litigation in Practice

The series consists of five decentralised seminars on practical issues of cross-border litigation with a focus on cross-border monetary claims and European e-justice.

Regional training projects on EU civil justice instruments

Within the framework of the Civil Justice Programme, ERA implemented a series of five regional seminars on practical issues of *cross-border litigation* with a focus on cross-border monetary claims and European e-justice. The seminars were developed in cooperation with judicial training institutions from Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Romania and Spain. Each seminar grouped participants from selected Member States to allow for an optimal exchange of national experiences and to enhance networking possibilities, bearing in mind linguistic barriers and specific legal traditions. Some 160 civil judges from most EU Member States took part. In 2013, the EU also provided co-financing for a series of four regional seminars entitled 'Using EU Civil Justice Instruments' organised by ERA in partnership with the national judicial schools from the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, with some 50 judges from all four countries participating in each. The series covered family law, cross-border procedures, cross-border civil litigation, and conflict of laws. Analysis of the European instruments, their implementation in the Visegrad countries, as well as the recent CJEU and national case law, were at the heart of the training.

Practical application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU

'The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in Practice' is the subject of a training project launched in 2013 with the financial support of the EU Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme (www.era.int/charter). Eight decentralised seminars across the EU bring the essence of the Charter and the common European human rights culture closer to legal practitioners, including members of the judiciary. The project addresses the legal nature of the Charter, its relevance for the national legal order, its scope of application, hints on its application and interpretation, as well as the relationship with the ECHR and other human rights provisions. In 2013, training sessions for members of the judiciary were offered in various language combinations in Bucharest, Krakow, and Paris (for the very first time in cooperation with the French Conseil d'Etat). By the end of the project in June 2014, ERA and its partners will have offered training for 342 legal practitioners, including 191 judges and prosecutors.

Language courses

Finally, in 2013 ERA was awarded for the third time a service contract for the organisation of a five-day intensive legal English course for EJN contact points. The course in The Hague focused on judicial cooperation in criminal matters.

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The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in Practice

The project consists of eight decentralised seminars spread across the EU designed to bring the essence of the Charter closer to legal practitioners.

What does it mean for you to be trained together with judges from across Europe?

"It is a unique experience. Such trainings help me to improve my understanding of difficult issues we all of us as national judges are facing in our daily work. It is also very important that discussions among judges can be really open and sincere. Thanks to this I can make better decisions for the benefit of society. It is of the outmost importance."

ŁUKASZ KONRAD PIEBIAK,
JUDGE, DISTRICT COURT,
WARSAW, POLAND

ERA AND LEGAL COUNSEL IN 2013

ERA provided face-to-face training on European law to 1,344 lawyers in private practice and a further 370 in-house counsel in the course of 2013. Legal counsel have always constituted one of the core target groups for ERA's open programme but 2013 also confirmed the recent growth in the number of practising lawyers participating in programmes fully or mostly supported by EU project funding.

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Annual Conference on European Family Law 2013

This conference organised on 26-27 September 2013 with a focus on family life, divorce and maintenance in cross-border situations was attended by some 100 participants.

Programmes designed for the civil law practitioner

ERA's open programme is by definition open to practitioners from all the legal professions. Some events are of particular thematic importance for private practitioners, however, such as in 2013 "Cross-border Insolvency Proceedings", "Encouraging Mediation, ADR & ODR", "Summer Course on Cross-border Civil Litigation" and the *"Annual Conference on European Family Law"*. For such events ERA usually accords lawyers in private practice a preferential discount of 25% on the participation fees.

In the context of a major and multi-faceted project for the European Commission, ERA also implemented workshops targeted at lawyers in private practice, notaries and other legal practitioners. One in Trier was designed to test training materials on cross-border family law whereas two others in Heraklion and Patras (the latter in cooperation with the local Bar Association) were part of a project to promote knowledge of procedures and techniques in mediation in civil and commercial matters to improve the efficiency of justice in the wake of the economic crisis.

Programmes designed for criminal defence lawyers

Equality of arms in the application of the rapidly growing number of EU criminal justice instruments has been a concern for some time. ERA continued to contribute to raising the awareness of EU criminal law among defence counsel with a project co-financed –

for the second time – by the European Commission. In 2013 four seminars were organised in cooperation with the European Criminal Bar Association (ECBA) and local partners in Vilnius (Lithuanian Bar Association), Rome (Studio Legale Cirese), Dublin (Law Society of Ireland) and Prague (Czech Bar Association).

Other training projects co-funded by the EU, in this case by its Prevention of and Fight against Crime (ISEC) Programme, also addressed issues of economic crime that are highly relevant to lawyers in private practice and in-house counsel. One seminar in 2013 dealt with "Organised Crime in the EU: Cases, Trends and Tools" and another with "Money Laundering in the EU: Recent Developments".

A new focus on fundamental rights

The project launched in 2013 with EU co-funding on "The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in Practice" and described in the report on ERA and the judiciary is targeted not only at judges but also at other legal practitioners. Alongside the seminars previously mentioned, further sessions aimed at lawyers were offered in Barcelona with the cooperation of the Barcelona Bar Association and in Edinburgh in cooperation with the Scottish Faculty of Advocates.

An innovative seminar on "Child-friendly Justice: Guaranteeing Children's Rights within the EU Legal Framework" was also organised in Belfast in cooperation with the Law Society of Northern Ireland.

Programmes designed for lawyers specialised in EU law

For the average lawyer or in-house counsel, EU law often seems distant from daily legal practice. With most of its programmes, ERA aims to bridge this gap by demonstrating the relevance of EU law in areas where the average practitioner might not previously have considered it. For a small number of lawyers, however, EU law is their daily practice and ERA aims to offer advanced training programmes to meet their specific needs. One such seminar in 2013 was "How to Litigate before the CJEU: Procedure before the General Court and the Court of Justice for Lawyers in Private Practice", organised on this occasion in cooperation with the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE).

ERA also launched in 2013 a new format of advanced half-day workshops in Brussels focused on very specific issues of EU competition law. Five such workshops were organised on "Competition Challenges related to Vertical Agreements", "Merger Review Around Europe", "New Kinds of Abuses Under Article 102 TFEU", "Restrictions of Competition by Object: the Changing Landscape" and *"Dawn Raids: Current Issues and New Challenges"*.

Cooperation with national and regional Bars

In recent years, ERA has considerably strengthened its bilateral cooperation with Bars at national and regional level across Europe. One form of such cooperation, first

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Dawn Raids: Current Issues and New Challenges

ERA launched a new format of half-day competition law workshops in Brussels in 2013. The fifth event on 13 December 2013 explored the seizure and handling of electronic documents during dawn raids and pre-inspection legitimacy issues.

launched with the Barcelona Bar Association, is the organisation of one-day courses related to specific EU law topics targeted at the practical needs of lawyers in private practice and in-house counsel. In 2013, ERA implemented such joint seminars with the Hamburg Association of Lawyers (Hamburgischer Anwaltverein) on "EU Labour Law and the Case Law of the CJEU", on "Cross-border Insolvency Proceedings" and on "EU Industrial Property Law", with the Koblenz Bar Association on "European Family Law", with the Czech Bar Association on "EU Labour Law and the Case Law of the CJEU" and with the Law Society of Ireland in "Cross-border Insolvency Proceedings". ERA expects to organise more such joint events with local and national Bars, which aim to complement what is offered by national providers by bringing a genuine European dimension to the programme.

ERA continued in 2013 its long-standing cooperation with the Czech Bar Association in the form of a cooperation agreement according to which the Bar publicises ERA's training programme amongst its members in return for members of the Bar receiving a special discount on participation fees at ERA's events. Following the accession of Lithuania to the ERA Foundation at the end of 2012, to which the Bar contributed, a similar cooperation agreement was also concluded with the Lithuanian Bar Association.

In 2013, ERA was honoured to be invited by the CCBE to participate in the development of the "European Training Platform", an internet-based project co-funded by the European Commission to provide lawyers in private practice with a central database of training offers on EU law. ERA participated in numerous preparatory consultations in the course of 2013 together with the representatives of national Bars and legal training providers. ERA was also pleased to contribute to a study being prepared by the European Institute of Public Administration in cooperation with the CCBE on the training of lawyers in private practice in the EU.

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EELA-ERA Annual Seminar on European Labour Law 2013

The seminar on 22 November 2013 was the first event organised together with the European Employment Lawyers Association. In future, the seminar will be organised on an annual basis.

Cooperation with lawyers' associations and networks

Besides its cooperation with Bars, ERA also works frequently with associations or networks of individual lawyers or law firms. In 2013 it organised the *first annual joint seminar in Brussels with the European Employment Lawyers Association* and signed a cooperation agreement with the Eurojuris International network of law firms. ERA also attended the Annual Conference of the Association of Corporate Counsel Europe in Barcelona and the annual German Lawyers Convention (Deutscher Anwaltstag) in Düsseldorf.

ERA FORUM
JOURNAL OF THE ACADEMY OF EUROPEAN LAW

The Academy's quarterly journal on European law, ERA Forum, is published in cooperation with Springer Science+Business Media (Heidelberg/Berlin/New York). Since the launch of this cooperation in 2007, ERA Forum has grown from being a small-circulation printed journal to being part of an online package available to thousands of institutional subscribers around the world. With a significant increase in article downloads from 21,120 in 2012 to 26,014 in 2013, the journal continued to enjoy high readership levels.

Articles published in the journal are drawn primarily from the most outstanding presentations delivered at ERA's conferences. The conference provides a "market test", ensuring the journal's quality and relevance.

Four issues of ERA Forum were published in 2013, with articles on issues as diverse as ethical public procurement, fighting fraud in the EU, access to environmental information, the conflict between labour protection in the Member States and the economic rules of the internal market and child-friendly justice.

The second issue of the year focused on the future of Eurojust with the editorial written by the President of Eurojust Michèle Coninsx. It contains several articles drawn from the conference "10 years of Eurojust" by Anne Weyembergh, Jörg Monar, Marianne L. Wade and Ignazio Patrone. The issue also contains a contribution from Judge Maria Berger on "European Union law and cooperation in criminal matters".

ERA further increased its marketing efforts in social media to promote ERA Forum among a larger audience of legal practitioners.

Members of the Friends of ERA association are offered an annual subscription (print and online) to ERA Forum at a preferential rate.

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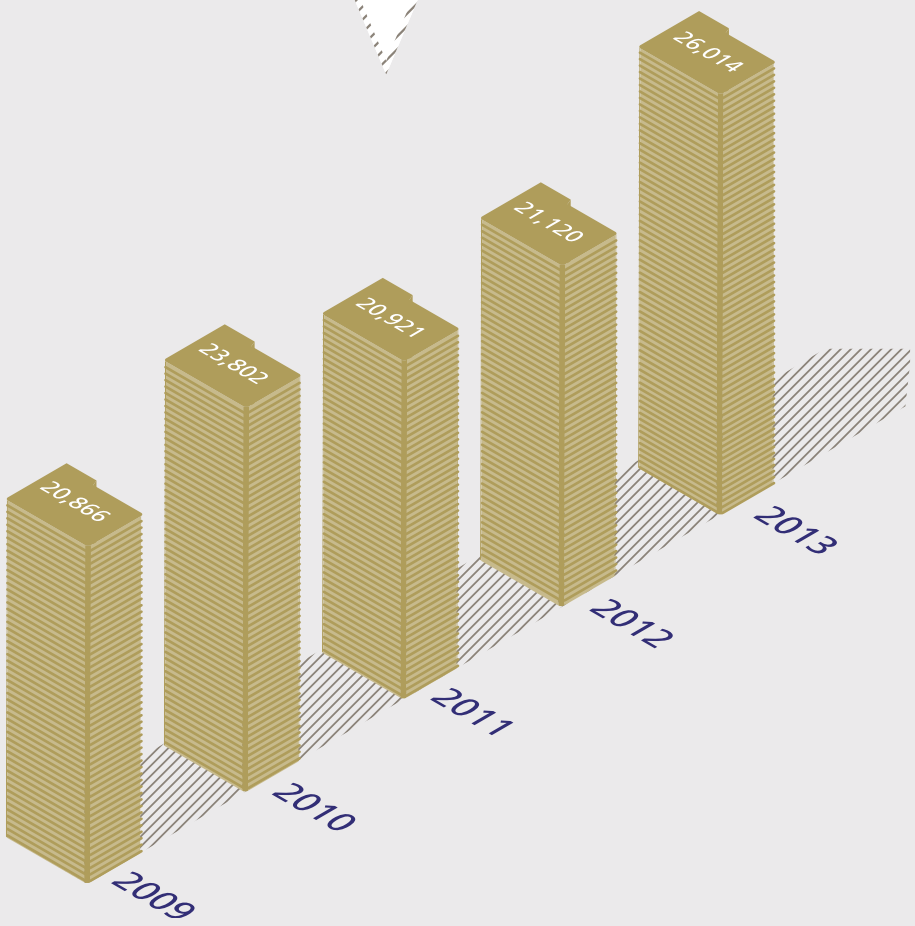

What do you as a legal practitioner gain from EU law training provided by ERA?

"Established in Paris and Brussels, we are eager to strengthen our skills in European labour law. The ERA conferences are wonderful regarding the variety and quality of the participants, and therefore meet our need for training".

CAROLE HELMER,
LAWYER, SELARL VALLUET-ACHACHE,
PARIS, FRANCE

Why should national judges like you follow EU law training?

"I work at the highest administrative court of the Netherlands that decides in competition and telecommunication cases. It's a very demanding job. ERA helps me to gain insight into the rules I'm applying. It's also really comforting to meet judges from all over the EU encountering the same obstacles!"

MARIELLE VAN DER WEELE, JUDGE, ADMINISTRATIVE HIGH COURT FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS

What do you like most about attending ERA conferences?

"I have regularly attended ERA events during the last years. This has allowed me to exchange views with my EU colleagues in panel discussions on family and employment laws and to disseminate the impact of EU Regulations to members of my own practice in England and in Italy."

GUISEPPE CALÀ,
HEAD OF NEW COURT CHAMBERS AND STUDIO LEGALE CALÀ,
LONDON, UK
AND ROME, ITALY

ERA CONFERENCE CENTRE

The additional rental and service activities provided within the framework of the ERA Conference Centre (ECC) were again successful in 2013. Compared to the previous year both turnover and the net result increased to new records. As ever a healthy mixture of different kinds of events (in terms of the nature as well as the size of the events) was the basis for a positive year-end close.

Since many years ERA is a self-provider for conference services such as documentation sets and catering. In order to limit the production of print documents ERA opted in 2013 where appropriate for the electronic distribution of training materials (e.g. by providing USB sticks to its participants instead of large folders).

Rental highlights in the ECC

Not only because of the large (national) media exposure was the plenary assembly of the German Bishops' Conference (Frühjahrstagung der Deutschen Bischofskonferenz) the 2013 event highlight in the ECC. In February the German Catholic bishops held a four-day conference in the ERA facilities and the neighbouring hotel. The members of the Conference discussed a number of ongoing issues, including the resignation announcement of Pope Benedict XVI.

The trade fair for global mobile tele-communications manufacturers ForumMobility 2013 was again implemented in the ECC. This two-day event offers various workshops, expert presentations, a trade exhibition and several meetings. Furthermore, a preliminary round of the successful German TV show DAS SUPERTALENT was organised in the ECC as well as a big multi-language event on energy transition by the Rhineland-Palatinate Presidency of the Großregion/Grande Région. Client satisfaction with event services again ranged very high, comments like 'the event was evaluated very positively' and 'we are looking forward to future co-operations' inspire us to continue offering a top location and a top service.

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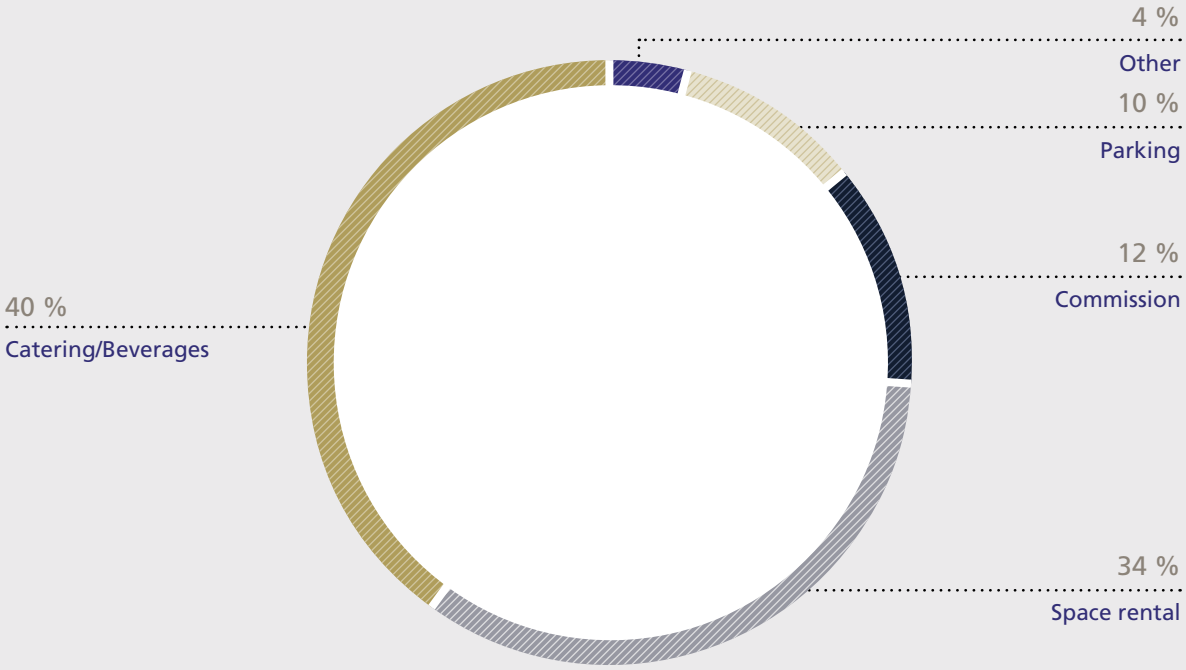

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The Friends of ERA Association brings together individuals and corporate members who share a common interest in European law and a commitment to supporting ERA's work. Its most important initiative in recent years was the launch in 2012 of the ERA Jubilee Fund to mobilise financial support for three specific causes:

- extending ERA's scholarship programme to practitioners from across Europe
- supporting EU law training events at national and local level where funding is unavailable
- providing stipends for internships at ERA for EU law training professionals in the Member States

In 2013, funds of € 13,871 were raised from both individual donations and a fundraising dinner held in Barcelona to coincide with the European Jurists' Forum in April. Together with the contributions of its members, the Association was able to provide € 17,000 to support the Academy's scholarship programme, which for the first time was opened to candidates from the EU's "old" Member States.

Fourteen legal practitioners from Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Macedonia, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey were awarded scholarships in 2013.

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In 2013 the Friends of ERA Association also held its 10th general meeting at which it re-elected Manuel Medina Ortega as Chairman and Alain Lamassoure and Jettie Van Caenegem as Deputy Chairpersons for a mandate of two years.

As well as supporting ERA and its work, the members of the Association enjoy a number of privileges as a result of their membership:

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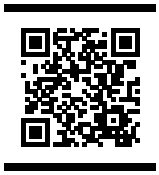

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