



Union des Avocats Européens
European Lawyers' Union

EUROPEAN LAWYERS' UNION

U.A.E.

Who we are

Founded in Luxembourg 40 years ago, the **European Lawyers' Union (U.A.E.)** is a non-profit association bringing together legal professionals from across Europe.

U.A.E. works to strengthen a shared **European legal culture**, supporting dialogue between lawyers, institutions, academia and the business community, while safeguarding the fundamental values of the legal profession.





President 2025 -2026
Rosanna Marzocca

In pursuit of these objectives, during my first year as president, I've devoted particular attention to promoting female lawyers, encouraging them to take on roles on the Board, the Executive Committee and as chairs of our Association's committees and delegations.

At the same time, I believe it is essential to support young colleagues by offering them real opportunities for growth within the Association.

They embrace the legal profession with enthusiasm and passion and demonstrate a constant desire to deepen their legal knowledge, despite the challenges and difficulties that characterise this historic moment.

The protection of human rights has remained the unifying thread running through all our initiatives.

The themes selected for our annual conferences have consistently reflected the scientific orientation of our Association and our commitment to the social function of the legal profession.

They highlight the essential role lawyers play in ensuring the proper administration of justice and safeguarding both individual and collective rights.

My goal is for the European Lawyers' Union to continue to play a leading role in the European legal and forensic landscape.

This is also possible thanks to accreditation with the European Union Transparency Register, in which the Association participates as an interest representative, contributing to institutional dialogue and activities aimed at influencing EU policy and decision-making.

President
Rosanna Marzocca



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2025 MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS

Scientific & Institutional Activities



For four decades, U.A.E. has organised hundreds of conferences, seminars and meetings throughout Europe.

The **Annual Congress** represents the Association's flagship scientific event, gathering practitioners, scholars, institutional representatives and industry experts around issues of contemporary relevance.

The **General Assembly**, held annually, combines scientific debate with key institutional moments in the life of the Association.



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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE EUROPEAN LAWYERS' UNION

(U.A.E.)

21 - 22 NOVEMBER 2025

STRASBOURG

General Assembly 2025

Strasbourg - France

We had the privilege of being hosted by the Council of Europe for the Conference on **Business and Human Rights**, as part of the annual **General Assembly** of the U.A.E. Our speakers were Judges of the European Court of Human Rights and members of the Council of Europe.

The case for business and human rights is underpinned by the 2011 United Nations Guiding Principles (or UNGP).

The image consists of three panels arranged horizontally, each featuring a different promotional graphic for the event.

- FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2025**
CONFERENCE
“Business and Human Rights”
A CHALLENGE FOR THE LEGAL PROFESSION
COUNCIL OF EUROPE, AGORA, ROOM G04
from 1 pm to 5 pm
- U.A.E**
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STRASBOURG
21-22 NOVEMBER 2025
COUNCIL OF EUROPE
- SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2025**
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ORDRE DES AVOCATS DE STRASBOURG
HOTEL HANNONG
15 Rue du 22 Novembre, 67000 Strasbourg, France
from 9:30 am to 1 pm

General Assembly 2025

Strasbourg - France

In 2016, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted a Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)3 on human rights and business, a text that provides more specific guidance to help member states prevent and remedy human rights violations by commercial enterprises and also insists on measures to induce enterprises to respect human rights.

Moreover, the European Union has been defined as a key player in the global landscape of human rights protection in business, taking the lead with regard to sustainability and due diligence standards (according to a September 2025 report by the Council of Europe on human rights and competitiveness); and it could not be otherwise, considering that the protection of human rights is one of the main objectives of the European Union.



General Assembly 2025

Strasbourg - France

This event was also attended by the leaders of the Kuwait National Bar and their international relations committee.

The President of the U.A.E. signed a memorandum of understanding with the President of the Kuwait National Bar aimed at ongoing dialogue on European and Kuwaiti legislation and legal practices, as well as the exchange of information on developments in the legal systems of each country.



PROGRAM

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER
SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER

STRASBOURG



14.15 / 15.00: The case law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) on the theme 'Business and Human Rights'

RAFFAELE SABATO, judge at the ECHR, elected in respect of Italy

15:00 / 15:15: Coffee break / pastries

15:15 / 15:45: Due diligence and the duty of care of companies under European Union law, current situation and prospects

GREGORY THUAN DIT DIEUDONNE, lawyer at the Strasbourg Bar, President of the Human Rights Commission of the U.A.E.



FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER

CONFERENCE

"Business and Human Rights"

AN OPPORTUNITY TO
LEARN, CONNECT AND GROW
TOGETHER

Council of Europe, Agora, Room G02



16.00 / 17.00: Visit to the European Court of Human Rights

After the conference, guests will have the opportunity to meet the members of the Registry of the Court who will be available for questions and information on the European Court of Human Rights. A video will be shown to give guests the opportunity to delve further into the work of the Court.



1.10 p.m.: Welcome at the entrance to the AGORA building (opposite the European Court of Human Rights), security check and badge collection

1.30pm / 1.45pm: Opening speeches and presentation of the Conference

A representative of DG I

ROSANNA MARZOCCA

President of the European Lawyers' Union (U.A.E.)



7:30pm.: GALA DINNER

KIRRWILLER
Royal Palace
INTERNATIONAL
MUSIC HALL

one of the most renowned
entertainment and dining
venues in Europe.

The appointment is scheduled for 6:15 PM - 6:30 PM



Introduction
MARIELLA FIORENTINO

vice-President of the Human Rights Committee of the U.A.E.

13.45 / 14.15: The implications of the Council of Europe's HELP programme "Business and Human Rights" for lawyers, and presentation of the project "Human rights and environmentally friendly business practices"

ANA-MARIA TELBIS, administrator at the Council of Europe, Head a.i. of the division for training in justice and human rights

BILJANA NIKOLIC, programme Manager, Transversal Challenges and Multilateral Projects Division



SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Executive Committee

OF THE EUROPEAN LAWYERS' UNION
U.A.E.

HOTEL HANNONG

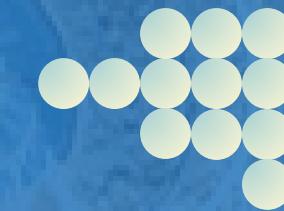
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Annual Congress



5th – 7th of June
Lecce – Italy

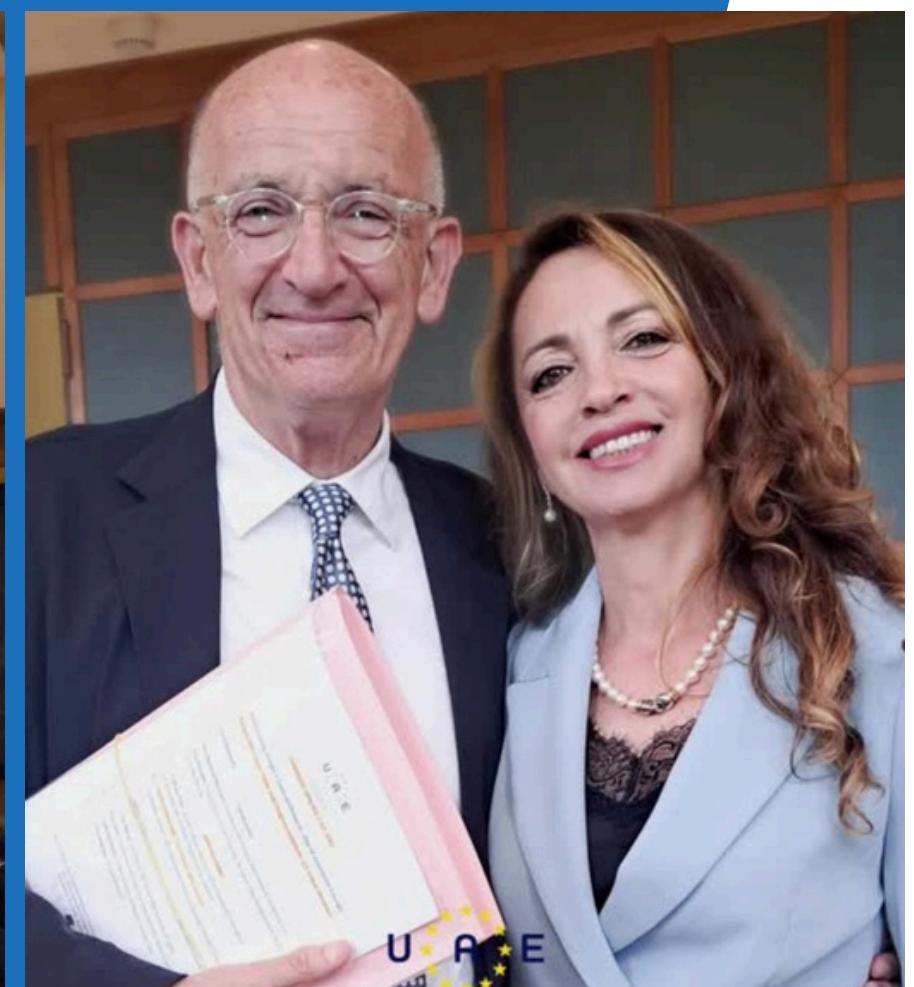
Annual Congress 2025



In June, the annual Congress was held in the beautiful city of Lecce, focusing on the **Green Economy, Energy and Environmental Protection**, with a look at the challenges and opportunities facing lawyers in the European Union.

Annual Congress 2025

We were honoured to have the event opened by the President of the European Commission, Raffaele Fitto, and the Italian Deputy Minister of Justice, Senator Francesco Paolo Sisto, who reiterated the importance of disseminating European Union legislation, which the U.A.E. has been promoting for 40 years, as well as the essential role of the legal profession in supporting companies in complying with sector-specific laws.







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III FORUM

U.A.E.

REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION LAW

10 OCTOBER 2025

MALAGA, SPAIN

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Malaga, 2025

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DERECHO INMOBILIARIO Y CONSTRUCCIÓN

DERECHO DE LA PROPIEDAD vs. DERECHO A LA VIVIENDA



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The second Real Estate Forum organised by the Real Estate Commission, held in Malaga, was also particularly significant.

The Forum highlighted one of the most sensitive issues of our time: the need to reconcile property rights with the right to housing.

II FORUM U.A.E.

Malaga, 2025

This is not simply a theoretical debate, but a real tension that runs through our cities, our markets and, above all, people's daily lives. Both rights are fundamental.

The right to property is a pillar of modern economies, guaranteeing stability, protecting investments and supporting development.

The right to housing, however, is equally essential: it represents the basis of human dignity, security and social participation.



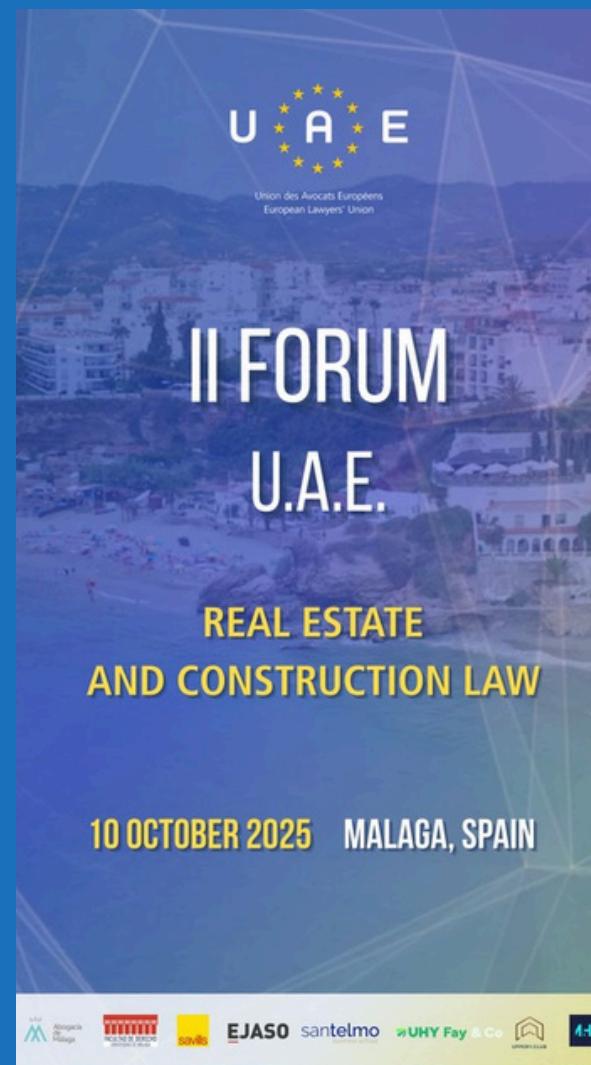
II FORUM U.A.E. Malaga, 2025



When these two rights come into conflict, the system as a whole loses its balance. The Malaga Forum deserves credit for bringing this issue to the forefront of professional debate.

It is an important signal: it means that the sector also recognises the need for a new pact, capable of preserving the vitality of the market without sacrificing its social function.

The challenge is not to choose between property and housing, but to build tools that allow both to coexist in a sustainable way.





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Rome, Naples, Italy

Rome, Naples Italy

The issue of gender gap has been at the centre of our conferences and debates in Italy.

The president was also invited to talk about it on an Italian television programme on Rai Uno, the main public television broadcaster, as part of an in-depth discussion on the subject.

The gender gap is not an abstract concept, but a concrete distance that prevents men and women from living in a truly balanced society, where opportunities do not depend on gender but on talent, choices and real possibilities.



The top five European economies – Iceland, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Germany – all rank in the top 10 worldwide in the global gender gap index; nevertheless, it will take 134 years to achieve full equality worldwide.

This means that although many countries have laws guaranteeing equal rights, the reality of everyday life tells a different story: wage differences, unbalanced care burdens, under-representation in decision-making roles, stereotypes that influence educational and career choices. Substantive equality requires cultural change, not just regulatory change.

We believe that talking about it is part of the solution. The fact that it will take over a hundred years should not discourage us, but rather encourage us to remain vigilant. Every time we discuss the gender gap – in schools, in the media, in businesses, in politics – we help to highlight what is often taken for granted. Awareness is the first step towards changing behaviours, laws and social structures.



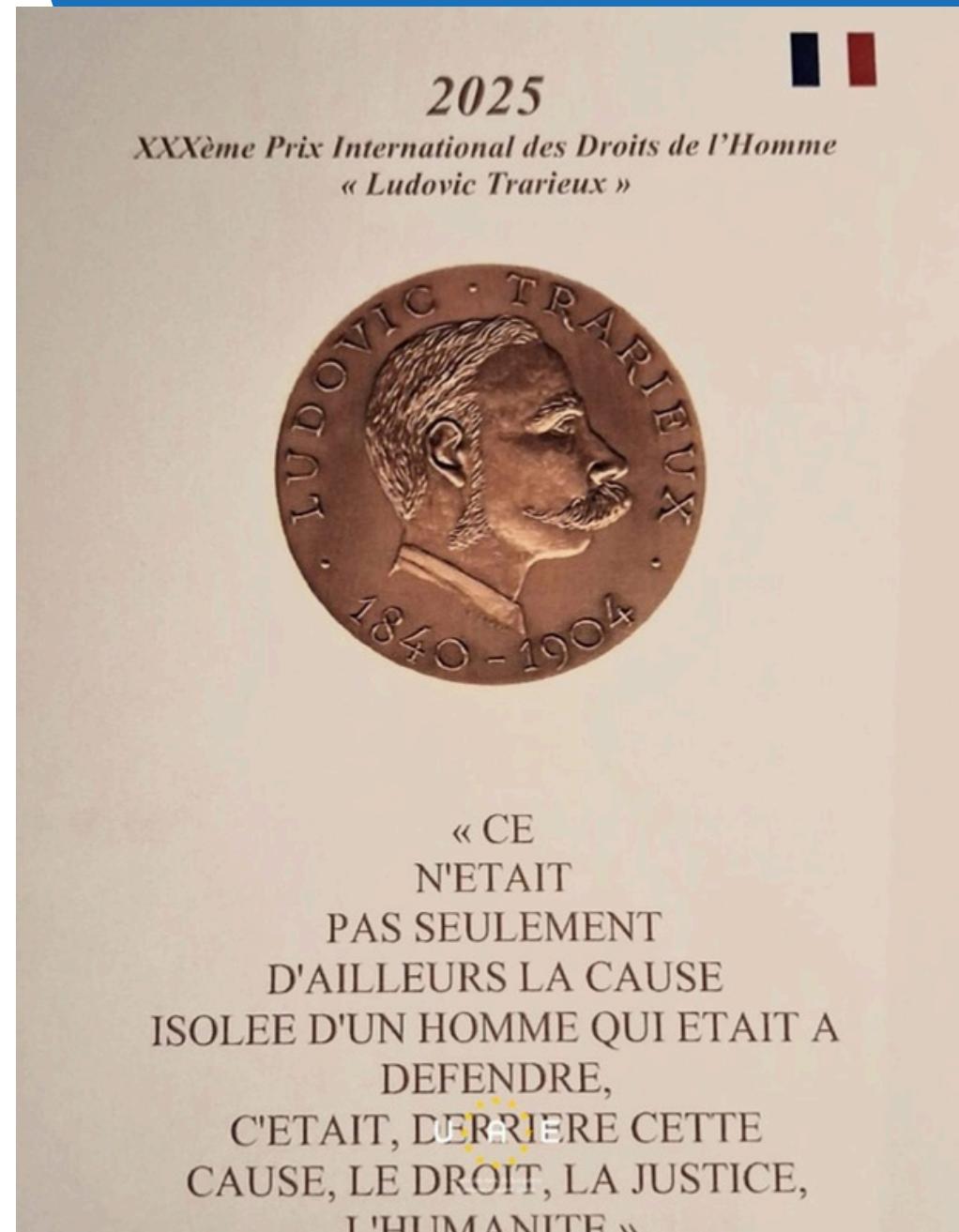
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International Relations

INTERNATIONAL Relations

With regard to international relations, in addition to signing the MoU with the Kuwait National Bar, we are receiving interest, which we are reciprocating with pleasure, from some Asian countries that demonstrate an interest in our values, particularly the protection of human rights, as well as from some South American countries, including Argentina, whose Ambassador to Italy hosted us at the embassy in Rome to launch a project for collaboration and sharing of important legal issues.





President Rosanna Marzocca was also invited to attend the event organised at the French Senate for the presentation of the Ludovic Trarieux Prize, which for 40 years has been awarded to lawyers who have distinguished themselves in the protection of human rights and which this year was awarded to Russian lawyer Dimitri Talantov and the Istanbul Bar Association.

Ultimately, our vision of the legal profession is closely linked to the social function that lawyers perform in civil society. In fact, lawyers are not only legal experts, but also guardians of democracy.

Their social function is not limited to legal representation: it is a role that lives in society, in the culture of rights, in the defence of freedoms when they are threatened.

The role of lawyers extends beyond the judicial system, contributing to the defence of freedoms and equality as collective values.



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