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Dear Minister Pakosta

We have a great pleasure of extending a formal invitation to you to participate in/to nominate a representative of the Ministry of Justice of Estonia to participate in three invitation-only European Law Institute (ELI, more on which [below](#)) High Level Forums:

- on Enforcement Against Digital Assets, which will take place on 19 March 2026, from 16:00–17:30 CET,
- on Enhancing Child Protection, which will take place online on 16 April 2026 from 12:30–14:00 CET, and
- on Extra-Judicial Administration of Justice in Cross-Border Family and Succession Matters, which will take place on 8 June 2026 from 12:30–14:00 CET.

The above events will provide the opportunity to discuss the recently published ELI Principles and Guidance for Enforcement Against Digital Assets, available [here](#); ELI Principles on the Extra-Judicial Administration of Justice in Cross-Border Family and Succession Matters, available [here](#), and ELI's Report on Enhancing Child Protection: Private International Law on Filiation and the European Commission's Proposal COM/2022/695 final, available [here](#). More on all [below](#).

High Level Fora aim to bring together key stakeholders, including policy-makers, legislators, regulators, judges, legal practitioners, and industry representatives, to engage in a meaningful dialogue on the instruments, and to explore potential legislative avenues for enhancing clarity in their respective fields.

We would be pleased if you would accept our invitation to participate in these events. Should your schedule not permit, we would be grateful if you could nominate alternative representatives. We kindly ask you to confirm availability **within a week**, following which the ELI Secretariat will provide further details and logistical arrangements.

Yours sincerely



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About ELI

Institutional Profile

ELI is an independent, pan-European organisation founded in 2011 to enhance the quality of law, strengthen the rule of law, and support effective, future-proof legal reform. Operating both on its own initiative and at the request of European, international, and national bodies, the Institute relies on wide consultation across a network of roughly 1,800 Individual Members and 180 Institutional Members.

Through this broad coalition, ELI produces instruments in the form of model rules, principles, and toolkits across a wide range of legal fields. Its recognised strengths lie in rule-of-law governance, digitalisation, and climate-related legal innovation. The Institute is well positioned to support jurisdictions worldwide in addressing emerging legal and technological challenges.

Partnerships and Membership

ELI's institutional constituency includes the European Parliament, the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH), the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), several supreme, supreme administrative and supreme constitutional courts in Europe, law firms, faculties and professional associations, including the International Bar Association (IBA), the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), the Council of the Notariats of the European Union (CNUE), the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ), the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN), the Network of the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the European Union and the European Consumer Organisation (BEUC).

ELI also maintains close partnerships with the American Law Institute (ALI), the US Uniform Law Commission (ULC), and the Uniform Law Conference of Canada (ULCC), and collaborates extensively with the European legislators, ministries of justice and NGOs. Its Individual Members comprise court presidents, senior judges, eminent academics, and practitioners across 64 jurisdictions globally.

Unique Value and Convening Power

Its convening power, bringing together courts, academics, practitioners, European institutions and international organisations, is central to the relevance and impact of its work. Independent yet supported by the authority of the highest courts and leading European and international institutions, ELI is uniquely positioned to produce rigorous, consensus-based legal standards that are both operationally relevant and genuinely globally adaptable. Its multidisciplinary methodology ensures outputs that meet real-world needs, are inherently scalable and implementable across diverse legal systems, and carry the legitimacy required for cross-jurisdictional uptake. ELI thus offers a rare combination of credibility, expertise, and agility, enabling it to deliver synthetic legal products suitable for deployment far beyond Europe.

Headquartered in Vienna, ELI is supported by the University of Vienna, the City of Vienna, and the European Commission.

ELI Principles and Guidance for Enforcement Against Digital Assets

The ELI Principles and Guidance for Enforcement Against Digital Assets (ELI PGEADA) offers a comprehensive framework to support courts, lawmakers, enforcement agents, regulators, and international bodies in addressing the challenges of enforcing rights against digital assets. Structured into ten principles and their accompanying guidance, the ELI PGEADA provide both high-level principles and practical guidance to assist in adapting legal procedures, improving enforcement mechanisms, and clarifying the property status and legal treatment of digital assets within national and cross-border contexts.

Drafted by Prof Dr Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell, and Mr Jos Uitdehaag and, Prof Dr Sjef van Erp (until September 2022), the ELI PGEADA build on the ELI Principles on the Use of Digital Assets.

ELI Principles on the Extra-Judicial Administration of Justice in Cross-Border Family and Succession Matters

ELI Principles on the Extra-Judicial Administration of Justice in Cross-Border Family and Succession Matters, elaborated under the leadership of Project Reporters, Prof Dr Elena Bargelli, Prof Dr Anatol Dutta and Mr François Trémosa (public notary), are based on a comprehensive comparative analysis of national legal frameworks and practices. The research mapped out the various non-judicial bodies involved in family and succession matters across the EU and identified both the legal uncertainties and the innovations that have emerged from this trend.

The core aim of the recommendations is to ensure that extra-judicial procedures in family and succession matters are applied in a coherent, rights-respecting, and effective manner in cross-border cases. Formulated as seven Principles, the recommendations offer a roadmap for updating EU private international law to reflect contemporary legal realities while upholding the Union's core values.

ELI Report on Enhancing Child Protection: Private International Law on Filiation and the European Commission's Proposal COM/2022/695 final

The Report, developed under the leadership of Dr Ilaria Pretelli and Prof Dr Susanne Gössl, examines the above proposal and its critical role in advancing fundamental rights within the EU. While preserving the Commission's Proposal's core vision and framework, this analysis recommends strategic refinements that strengthen alignment with the existing EU acquis, foster deeper European integration, and enhance the protection of children's fundamental rights. In addition, it expands upon the Proposal's initial emphasis on the EU Strategies for children's rights and LGBTIQ+ equality by incorporating a comprehensive women's rights perspective.