



**IMPROVING LEGAL EDUCATION AND
TRAINING IN A CONVERGING EUROPE**

*Warsaw
25-27 September 2007*



25 September 2007
Holiday Inn Warsaw

18.30 **Registration**

19.00 **Reception courtesy of the Polish National Council of Legal Advisors**

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University of Warsaw, Faculty of Law

08.30 **Registration**

Chair: Julian Lonbay (Birmingham Law School, University of Birmingham, Chair of the CCBE Training Committee and QUAACAS, England and Wales)

09.00 **Welcome:**

Prof. Tadeusz Tomaszewski, Dean of the Warsaw Law School
Stanislaw Rymar, President of the Polish Bar Council
Zenon Klatka, President of the Polish National Council of Legal Advisors

Introduction: Colin Tyre QC, President of the CCBE

09.10 **What are competences and learning outcomes? (20)**

John Bell (University of Cambridge, Chair of the Joint Academic Studies Board, England and Wales)

09.30 **Tuning Legal Studies in Europe:**

Converging learning outcomes for law degrees in Europe? (20)

- Julia González (University of Deusto, general co-coordinator of Tuning Higher Educational Structures in Europe, Spain)
- Tom Latrup-Pedersen (Aarhus University, member of QUAACAS, Denmark)

Discussion

10.45 **Coffee break**

Chair: Pierre Lafont (French *Conseil National des Barreaux*, former President of the Training Committee of the *Conseil National des Barreaux*)

11.15 **The view from the Bars and Law Societies:**

What is expected from pre-professional education?

- Hartmut Kilger (President, German Bar Association) 20
- Pierre Thielen (Former president, Luxembourg Bar Association) 10
- Luciano Garofalo (University of Bari, Italian Bar Association) 10

Discussion

12.45 **Lunch**

Chair: Colin Tyre QC (President of the CCBE)

14.15 **CCBE view on training outcomes for European lawyers**

- Julian Lonbay 25
- Day One Outcomes – the experience of the Solicitors' Regulation Authority in developing an outcomes based approach to professional legal education - Maria Tighe (Leeds Law School / Leeds Metropolitan University, UK) 10
- Assessing the "professional" element in professional legal education - Amanda Fancourt (Vocational Education Developer, UK Centre for Legal Education, University of Warwick) 10

Discussion

15.40 **Coffee / tea break**

16.00 **Coping with non nationally trained applicants**

- Richard Bühler (Ministry of Justice, LJPA NRW, President of the *Juristisches Prüfungsamt* and chair of the German *Länder* Ministries of Justice Group on Legal Education) 20
- Lenka Eisenbruková (Czech Bar Association) 10
- Rob van Otterlo (Chief Operations Officer, The Netherlands Bar Association) 10

Discussion

- The double degree's experience: a contribution to an integrated European Legal Education
- Audrey Guinchard (University of Essex, Department of Law, UK) 10
- Anne Pelissier (University of Strasbourg, member of QUAACAS, France) 10

Discussion

18.00 **Close**

19.30 **Dinner (Holiday Inn)**

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Chair: Cord Brüggmann (German Bar Association)

09.00 **Views of the Bars on current developments in legal education and training**

- Maria Slazak (Polish National Council of Legal Advisors) 10
- Waltraute Steger (Vice-President, Austrian Bar Association) 10
- Pierre Lafont (French *Conseil National des Barreaux*, former President of the Training Committee of the *Conseil National des Barreaux*) 10

Discussion

11.00 **Coffee break**

11.30 **The Future of European Legal Education and Training**

- Colin Tyre QC 15
- The harmonisation of legal education, regulation and practice standards: Australian vs European perspectives - Will Hammond (Solicitor, Middletons Lawyers, Vice-President of the Law Institute of Victoria, Young Lawyers Section, Australia) 15
- Jacek Petzel (University of Warsaw, member of the ELFA Board, Poland) 10

Discussion

Summary - Julian Lonbay 15

13.30 **Close**

GENERAL INFORMATION

ABBREVIATIONS

CCBE (Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe)

Created in 1960, the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) is the officially recognised representative organisation for the legal profession in the European Union (EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA). The CCBE is incorporated in Belgium as an international non-profit-making association.

The CCBE liaises between the Bars and Law Societies from the Member States of the European Union and the European Economic Area. It represents all such Bars and Law Societies before the European institutions, and through them more than 700,000 European lawyers.

CCBE website - <http://www.ccbe.org>

ELFA (European Law Faculties Association)

The European Law Faculties Association (ELFA) was founded in 1995 in Leuven by more than 80 Faculties of Law located in different universities across Europe. The organisation now has about 160 [members](#) from countries within the E.U. and beyond.

Currently, the most important focus of ELFA's activities is the reform of legal education in Europe. Through this website and the [European Journal of Legal Education](#) (EJLE), it provides information about the current state of legal education in Europe and an international forum for the discussion of the impact of the [Sorbonne-Bologna Declaration](#) on the study of law.

QUAACAS is the QUALity, ACcreditation and ASsessment committee of ELFA.

ELFA website - <http://www.elfa-afde.org/index.html>

QUAACAS website - <http://elixir.bham.ac.uk/quaacas/index.htm>

CONFERENCE LANGUAGES

English / French / Polish (with simultaneous translation)