

PRESS RELEASE

The CCBE appoints new presidency for 2019

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The Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) appoints a new Presidency starting from January 2019



During its Plenary Session on 29 November 2018, the CCBE nominated José de Freitas (Portugal) to become its new President starting from 1 January 2019. He takes over from Antonín Mokry. His presidency will be supported by Ranko Pelicarić (Croatia) as 1st Vice-President, Margarete von Galen (Germany) as 2nd Vice-President, and James MacGuill (Ireland) as 3rd Vice-President.

José de Freitas was admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association in 1980. He has been Head of the Portuguese Delegation since 2006. He has been a partner of Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira & Associados, Sociedade de Advogados, SP, RL, since 1990, having founded the firm's Porto office in 1989.

About the CCBE:

The CCBE represents the bars and law societies of 45 countries, and through them more than 1 million European lawyers. Founded in 1960, the CCBE is recognised as the voice of the European legal profession by the EU institutions, and acts as the liaison between the EU and Europe's national bars and law societies. The CCBE has regular institutional contacts with those European Commission officials, and members and staff of the European Parliament, who deal with issues affecting the legal profession. The CCBE is an international non-profit-making association incorporated in Belgium.

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