

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

PRESENTED AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE 8TH OF JUN 2024 IN MALAGA

I have the pleasure to give you my short report* on the numerous activities of the FBE from the General Assembly in Gdansk on the 7th of October 2023 until today.

The Presidency consisted of :

<i>President</i>	:	<i>Izabela KONOPACKA</i>
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	:	<i>Marc LABBÉ</i>
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	:	<i>Michael GRIEM</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	:	<i>Monique STENGEL</i>
<i>Secretary General</i>	:	<i>Patrick A DILLEN</i>
<i>Secretary Barcelona</i>	:	<i>Marta CUADRADA</i>
<i>Secretary commissions</i>	:	<i>Philippe LOEW</i>

The former President, Bas MARTENS has been invited to participate in all our Presidency Meetings.

The Presidency Meetings took place on the :

- 24/11/2023 in Paris (P)[†]
- 12/12/2023 by VC[‡]
- 08/02/2024 in Wien (P)
- 14/03/2024 in Barcelona (P)
- 06/04/2024 in Warsaw – hybrid (VC & P)
- 20/05/2024 by VC

Besides these Presidency meetings, a lot of ad hoc contacts between the available members of the Presidency took place on urgent topics.

The Presidency was also represented by its President or members of the Presidency at a large number of activities of our Bar members (such as Cluj, Warsaw, Vojvodina (Novi Sad), Paris, Barcelona, Madrid, Lisboa ...)

A successful Assizes of the Mediterranean was organised in an with the Bar of Algiers.

We discussed and/or are working on :

- the organisation of the Summit in Warsaw “Women in Law” with the Warsaw Bar
- this General Meeting in Malaga in the light of the feed-back of former meetings.
- The improvement of visibility on social media
- the situation of lawyers in Ukraine, Belarus, Turkey, Tunisia, Iran and other countries and regions.
- the defence of lawyers in several other countries (see also the report of the HR commission), with supporting letters to different bars and letters to their governments. The preparation

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[†] P = Presential

[‡] VC = Video Conference

of the visit of our President to the Minister of Justice of Portugal about the pension scheme for lawyers and other social conditions of lawyers (while pregnant, ill etc...)

- the improvement of the internal organisation and functioning of the commissions with the organisation of competitions and drawing up and revision of their rules, the communication about their work on the social media of the federation etc.
- participation in European projects such as Scan I and II
- the necessity of professionalising and adapting the statutes. Discussions on inclusion.
- the future of the FBE and the further initiatives we are going to take :
 - reflexions on how we could create more added value for our Bar-members within the scope of our tasks. We continued the discussion on the possibility of organising web/seminars with our bar-members on topics directly interesting for lawyers on international legal issues. (see also previous point)
- the admission of (observer) bars
- the signing of collaboration agreements with GEMME, EUIPO
- the financial situation of the FBE and proposition of measures to be taken, such as the indexation of the fees, the admission of individual members (and/or amici of the FBE) a fee for the observing members ...
- the challenges of the moment.

The FBE was present at a vast majority of organised (zoom-)encounters and webinars.

Les réflexions lors de nos réunions de la Présidence ont donné lieu à plusieurs projets dont nous vous informerons soit à cette AG ou à une prochaine GA selon leur maturité.

A propos Information: Unsere Kommunikation und vieles mehr über unsere vergangenen und zukünftigen Aktivitäten finden Sie auf unserer Website: www.fbe.org. Wir sind auch in den meisten sozialen Medien präsent, wie LinkedIn (Fédération des Barreaux d'Europe), Facebook (Fédération des Barreaux d'Europe), Twitter (@EuropeanBars) und Instagram (FBE_EuropeanBars). Wir haben an einer groszeren Socia-Media-Präsenz gearbeitet und versucht, die Website noch benutzerfreundlicher zu gestalten.

Gracias a la participación de los colegios miembros de la FBE, cada año mas numerosos, en los webinars y encuentros presenciales, estos casi 8 meses han sido lleno de trabajo, de felicidad y de éxito. La Federación es mas viva que nunca!

I cannot end this report without thanking the other members of the Presidency, but also Marta CUADRADA and Philippe LOEW for their continuous support and daily work.

Malaga, the 8th of Juin 2024

Patrick A. DILLEN

Secretary-General FBE