



News in Brief

Creation of Forum on Justice

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On 5 February 2008 the Vice-President of the European Commission, Franco Frattini, unveiled the imminent launch of a unique and innovative new '**Justice Forum**'. Anticipated for 15 April 2008, the forum will bring together practitioners involved in judicial and legal processes. The Justice Forum, in addition to existing processes, will inform the Commission's work on justice policies and practice. The Commission communication on the subject can be found at the following address: <http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/08/st06/st06333.en08.pdf>

The European notariats are pleased to figure among the forum participants through the European Notarial Network (ENN). Mr Bolás, president of the Council of the Notariats of the European Union (CNUE) stated: *"Creating this forum is an excellent initiative. It provides further motivation for the ENN and its 22 European member countries to participate actively in the development of the European judicial and legal area in spheres of interest to notarial practice. European citizens and businesses will benefit from the results of this work, which will facilitate cross-border transactions"*.

The CNUE in brief:

The Council of the Notariats of the European Union (CNUE) is an official body representing the notarial profession in dealings with European institutions. Speaking for the profession, it expresses the joint decisions of its members to the institutions of the European Union.

As of 1 January 2007, the CNUE includes 21 notarial organisations in the European Union: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Spain. Croatia has observing member status.

The European notariats are represented in the CNUE by the presidents of the national notariats. The CNUE operates under the authority of a President, the CNUE's spokesperson, who has tenure for one year.

The CNUE, based in Brussels, is an ASBL (non-profit organisation) under Belgian law.
