



Press Release

Creation of a 'European Notarial Network'

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At its meeting in The Hague on 11 May 2007, the Council of the Notariats of the European Union decided to put into practice the European Commission's intention to integrate the legal professions into its European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters (EJN), created by the European Union in 2001 with the aim of making life easier for people facing any kind of legal questions relating to civil and commercial issues with a 'cross-border' element.

In a unanimous decision, the 21 presidents of the CNUE member notariats have decided to create a 'European Notarial Network' whose long-term aim will be to integrate the European Judicial Network.

The European Notarial Network will come into existence on 1 November 2007.

The CNUE President, Mr Klaus Woschnak, said that *"in a Europe that is increasingly open and with citizens and companies moving beyond their borders more and more, the European notariats hope to achieve coordinated cooperation in resolving cross-border legal cases between the civil law notaries of the different Member States, for the benefit of both European citizens and enterprises."*

Each member notariat has designated one or more interlocutors whose mission is to provide technical support for civil law notaries dealing with cross-border cases.

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.

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