

## **“FRIENDS OF ERA”**

**ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF  
THE ACADEMY OF EUROPEAN LAW e.V.**

### **13<sup>th</sup> GENERAL MEETING**

**6 MARCH 2019, 16:00-17:00**

**Tribunal administratif du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg  
1 rue du Fort Thüngen  
L-1499 Luxembourg**

### **MINUTES**

Members present: see [Annex 1](#).

#### **1. Welcome by the chair Jettie Van Caenegem**

The chair Jettie Van Caenegem welcomed the members and established that there was a quorum.

#### **2. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

#### **3. Report on the development of the Academy of European Law**

Wolfgang Heusel presented a review of the Academy's work during the last two years. The highlight was the congress to celebrate ERA's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October 2017. He said it was hoped that the book with the proceedings of the congress would be published before the summer.

He reported briefly on the development in the number of events and participants and mentioned in particular a major project for the Latvian Court Administration. Highlights of the programme have included new and/or major events on data protection, asylum and migration, and the rule of law.

With the accession of Belgium and Estonia to the ERA Foundation, all EU Member States are now patrons of ERA. Despite Brexit, the UK will remain in the ERA Foundation.

Looking forward, the ERA management team is now working on ERA's future development strategy. An important foundation for this is the Multiannual Financial Framework and the Regulation on the future Erasmus+ programme, in which there is agreement in principle between Council and Parliament to continue providing ERA with an operating grant.

#### **4. Report on the activities of the Association since the 12<sup>th</sup> GM (2017)**

Jettie Van Caenegem started by emphasising that the Association has two main purposes: networking and fundraising.

As regards networking, in the period 2017-18 the national Chapters (five in total) continued their work and even expanded. A new Chapter was launched in Portugal and new networking dinners were organised, offering members the opportunity to discuss current issues of importance, exchange best practices and get to know each other. The feedback from these events was positive.

With regard to fundraising, the Association needs new members to generate more funds and Jettie Van Caenegem made an appeal to the members present to encourage their colleagues and acquaintances to join.

John Coughlan made a presentation on the number of scholarships supported, which rose significantly in 2018 (see [Annex 2](#)). He noted that the art auction organised in the framework of the jubilee congress had been associated with higher expenditure than anticipated (e.g. printing costs for the catalogue, shipping costs at the end of the auction). In the end, the auction raised a net sum of € 7,297 for the benefit of the ERA Jubilee Fund.

#### **5. Report by the national chapter coordinators on the activities of the Chapters**

See [Annex 3](#).

#### **6. Report on membership and the financial situation of the Association**

John Coughlan presented the development of the membership, which is increasing among individual members but has remained stable for institutional members. He also showed an overview of the diverse geographical distribution of members (see [Annex 4](#)).

#### **7. Report by the Auditors and discharge of the Executive Committee**

On the behalf of the auditors, Jörg Wagner briefly presented the accounts of the Association and found the accounts to be in order. He proposed the discharge of the Executive Committee, which was approved.

## **8. Election of the Executive Committee**

Wolfgang Heusel reported that the current elected members of the Executive Committee were all willing to continue in their functions.

The Executive Committee was then re-elected by acclamation.

Chair: Jettie van Caenegem  
Members: Manuel Medina  
Alain Lamassoure

Wolfgang Heusel continues *ex officio* as a member of the Executive Committee.

## **9. Appointment of the Auditors**

Jörg Wagner (Trier Patent) and Maud Gladen (Kanzlei Wohlleben und Partner) are ready to continue in their functions and were re-appointed by acclamation.

## **10. Decision on activities to be supported by the Association**

The Decision to support the following activities was adopted:

- the scholarship programme;
- increasing the foundation capital of the Academy;
- expansion of the Academy's programme;
- promotion of networking among the members of the Association;
- raising further funds including through the appropriate commissioning of professional fundraisers.

Wolfgang Heusel encouraged the members – in particular the Chapter coordinators – to share ideas on how to make membership in the Association more popular and attractive for new (and current) members, especially to win new institutional members. He emphasised for example the possibility for bigger donors to earmark their donations to support scholarships in certain areas, thus targeting their support at topics or groups of special interest.

## **11.AOB**

There being no other business, Jettie Van Caenegem thanked Carlo Schockweiler and the Administrative Tribunal for hosting the participants and closed the meeting.

*Joanna Kuzaj  
Trier, 14.03.2019*

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LUXEMBOURG, 6 MARCH 2019**

**List of Participants / Teilnehmerliste**

**Dobromir ANDREEV**, Vice President, Administrative Court Sofia

**Maya ANDREEVA**, Member of Sofia Airport Board of Directors, Sofia

**John COUGHLAN**, Deputy-Director of the Academy of European Law, Trier

**Carlos DE ALMEIDA LEMOS**, Portuguese Chapter Co-ordinator, Porto

**Luc DOEVE**, Deputy-Director of the Academy of European Law, Trier

**Tanel FELDMAN**, Senior Associate, Immigration Law Associates, Brussels

**Anke GEPPERT-LUCIANI**, Senior Associate, MOLITOR Law Firm, Luxembourg

**Waltraud HAKENBERG**, Professor of EU Law, Institute of European Law of the University of the Saar

**Karima HAMMOUCHE**, Lawyer, Etude Karima Hammouche, Luxembourg

**Wolfgang HEUSEL**, Director of the Academy of European Law, Trier

**Sarah JUND**, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg

**Joanna KUZAJ**, Friends of ERA-Liaison, Academy of European Law, Trier

**Manuel MEDINA ORTEGA**, Spanish Chapter Co-ordinator, Madrid

**Tom MOES**, Président du Conseil Arbitral de la Sécurité Sociale, Luxembourg

**Jean-Philippe RAGEADE**, Deputy-Director of the Academy of European Law, Trier

**Ulrich ROMMELFANGER**, German Chapter Co-ordinator, Wiesbaden

**Herbert SCHNEIDERS**, Former member of the Landtag of RLP, Daun

**Carlo SCHOCKWEILER**, Luxembourg Chapter Co-ordinator, Luxembourg

**Sibylle SEYR**, Membre du Service juridique, Parlement européen, Luxembourg

**Elitsa STOEVA**, Legal manager, Peakeside Capital Advisors, Luxembourg

**Michèle STOFFEL**, Judge, Tribunal administratif du Luxembourg, Luxembourg

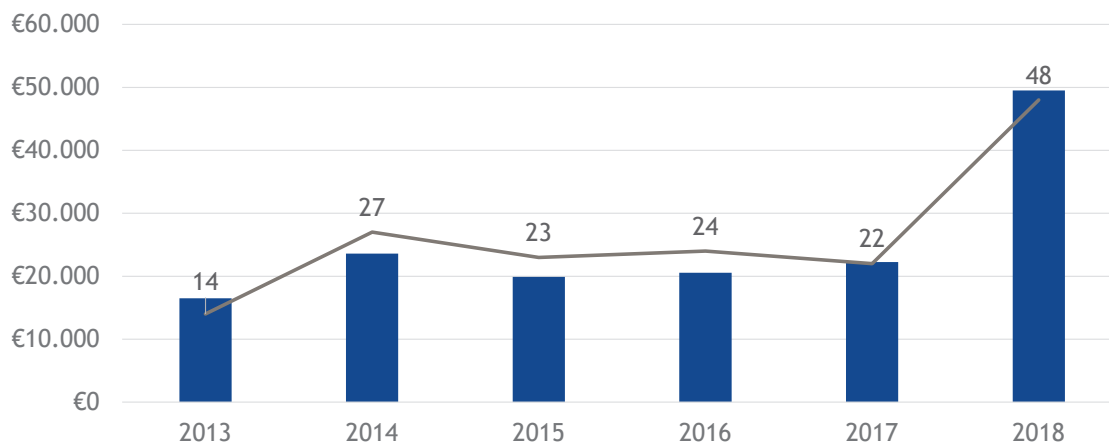
**Jettie VAN CAENEGEM**, Chair Friends of ERA Association, Brussels

**Jörg WAGNER**, Lawyer, TRIERPATENT, Trier

**Angela WARD**, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg

## Friends of ERA - 4. Report on activities

### Scholarship Programme



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### Fundraising Auction-ERA 25 Jubilee

#### Income

Auction Sales	€ 62,438
Other donations	€ 3,990

#### Outgoings

Artists' share	€ 31,219
Organisational expenditure	€ 27,912

#### Balance

To the benefit of the ERA Jubilee Fund	€ 7,297
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**Report by the national chapter coordinators  
on the activities of the Chapters**

**German Chapter**

**Ulrich ROMMELFANGER**, German Chapter Co-ordinator, Wiesbaden

Two years ago the German Chapter was founded on the occasion of a discussion on the upcoming Brexit moderated by the director of the ERA Dr. Wolfgang Heusel. 35 guests discussed the possible legal consequences with a member of the European Parliament (Michael Gahler), a specialist of the Stock Market Frankfurt (Torsten Schaper) and a minister of the local state government (Alexander Lorz). Already at this early time concerns about an unregulated Brexit were reflected in some of the speeches and contributions of the visitors. The evening ended with a wine-tasting in a well-known winery in the Rheingau wine region.

Further on, on the occasion of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the world famous philosopher Karl Marx, the two chapters of Luxembourg and Germany met in his hometown of Trier on 7 May 2018. A group of 25 friends of ERA paid a visit to his childhood home and enjoyed a privately guided tour which offered a profound introduction to his life and work. The evening concluded with a dinner at the local restaurant. Das Weinhaus".

Before the European elections 22-26 May 2019, it is intended to discuss the latest developments and expectations resulting of the Brexit and effecting the bank metropolis of Frankfurt. The state secretary for European affairs of the state of Hesse will also provide us with the latest information concerning international banks relocating their European headquarters from London to Frankfurt into the Eurozone in response to the Brexit.

Wiesbaden/Frankfurt, 1 March, 2019

Germany

Prof. Dr. Ulrich Rommelfanger

## Luxembourg Chapter

Carlo SCHOCKWEILER, Luxembourg Chapter Co-ordinator, Luxembourg

The main objectives of the activities of the Luxembourg Chapter are to bring together the friends of ERA residing or being temporarily in Luxembourg in order to encourage mutual exchanges on different subjects and to make them familiar with more specifically the cultural life in Luxembourg.

In this respect, the Luxembourg Chapter organised on 1 June 2017, a guided visit of the Archives nationales de Luxembourg, in the context of which the participants were informed about the kind of material deposited in this institution, the problems met by managing such a huge amount of documents and they were shown a few specific old original treaties and other valuable historical documents kept by the Archives. According to the tradition, a dinner with all the participants was organized after the visit. 34 persons were attending this event.

On 17 May 2018, a joint meeting for the German and Luxembourg Chapters was organised in Trier by the German friends. On the occasion of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Karl Marx, a guided tour of the Karl- Marx-Haus was proposed to the participants as well as a common dinner in a nearby Weinhaus.

A guided tour in the Musée des Trois Glands (museum about Luxembourg history) was organized on 17 October 2018, followed by a dinner in a nearby restaurant. A total of 25 persons were attending this meeting.

A new event will be organised for autumn of this year, preferably in the city centre of Luxembourg.

Luxembourg, 27 February, 2019  
Carlo Schockweiler

## Portuguese Chapter

Carlos DE ALMEIDA LEMOS, Portuguese Chapter Co-ordinator, Porto

We just begun building the Portuguese Chapter of the Friends of ERA in 2018.

Having been ERA present at the XXVIII FIDE Congress in Estoril, Portugal, we organised a FoE Reception, with a Lunch Debate in EPIC SANA Hotel Lisbon, were Maria José Reis Rangel de Mesquita, Judge of the Portuguese Constitutional Court, made a presentation.

During 2018 we have been negotiating with the Portuguese Bar Association a cooperation agreement with ERA, that was approved by both parties this February 2019, and that should be signed in a short term.

I have been reaching some fellow lawyers, Portuguese University Professors, Judges and Prosecutors, inviting them to become members of the Portuguese Chapter of FoE, with expected good results shortly.

Finally, we are organising the second FoE Reception, with another Lunch Debate, that should take place in Lisbon, during the ERA's Annual Conference on EU Criminal Justice, on 14-15 November 2019.

Porto, 22 February 2019

Dr. Carlos de Almeida Lemos



## Spanish Chapter

Manuel MEDINA ORTEGA, Spanish Chapter Co-ordinator, Madrid

The Spanish Chapter is now meeting every two years in Madrid. The first such meeting took place in 2016 with JOAQUÍN ALMUNIA, a former Vice-President in the Commission, talking in general terms about present challenges to European Integration.

Our second meeting took place on 10 September 2018. The Spanish National Bar Association provided us with the meeting place in their headquarters in the centre of Madrid. The subject of the meeting was: *"Procedural Guarantees in the Fight against Corruption and other Crimes in a Political Environment"*. The panel was formed by:

Mr. SALVADOR GUERRERO PALOMARES, Attorney-at-Law in Madrid, and Professor of Procedural Law at the University of Málaga. He is a member of the Criminal Law Committee of the CCBE.

Mr. JOSÉ MANUEL RIBEIRO DE ALMEIDA, Procurator of the Republic in the Portuguese Constitutional Court, Lisbon.

Mr. SANTIAGO SOLDEVILA FRAGOSO, a Member of the Audiencia Nacional in Madrid, and a former Member of the European Union General Court.

I acted as a Moderator of the Panel.

The total number of participants at the meeting was 31, including the chairman of the Portuguese Chapter, CARLOS DE ALMEIDA LEMOS, the Director of ERA, WOLFGANG HEUSEL, and the President of the Friends of ERA Association, JETTIE VAN CAENEGEM.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Chapter should be again in Madrid in 2020 on a subject to be agreed on later.

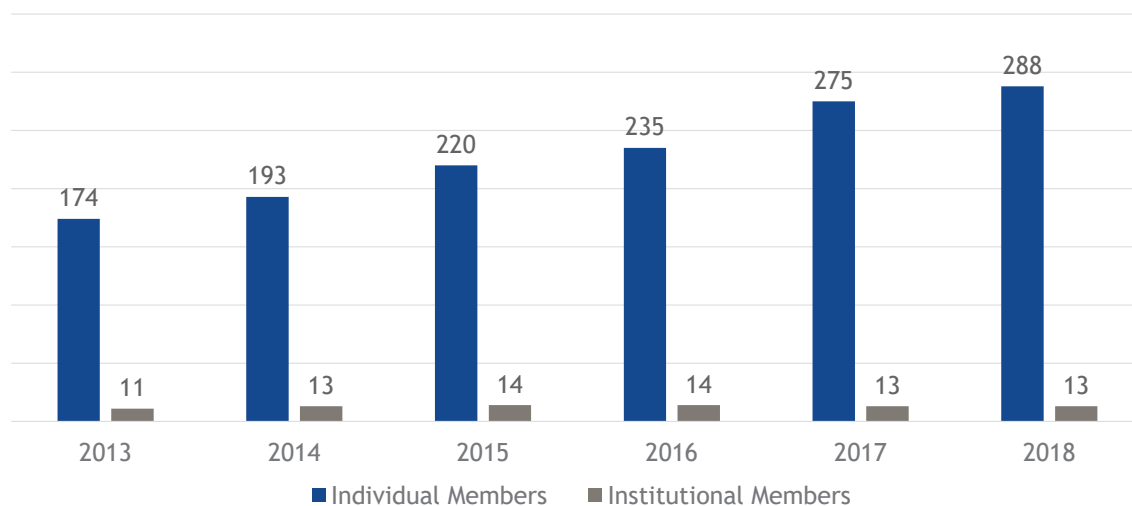
It was also agreed that we should strengthen our cooperation with the Portuguese Chapter by encouraging our members to participate at their meetings and inviting the Portuguese members to participate in our future meetings.

Madrid, 24 February 2019

Spain

Prof. Dr. Manuel MEDINA ORTEGA

## Friends of ERA - 6. Membership



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Austria	4	Germany	63	N Macedonia	1
Belgium	42	Greece	10	Poland	1
Bulgaria	9	Hungary	4	Portugal	2
Canada	1	Ireland	4	Romania	5
Croatia	3	Italy	9	Spain	12
Cyprus	3	Latvia	1	Switzerland	1
Czechia	1	Lithuania	3	Ukraine	1
Denmark	1	Luxembourg	48	UK	11
Finland	1	Malta	3	USA	1
France	11	Netherlands	6		