

# CCBE-ELF event on “Digitalisation of justice systems and its implications for the legal profession”

Date: **3 October 2025**

Location: **European Parliament**

Building: Paul-Henri SPAAK | Room: P4B001



Information | **LIVE**

This is an in-person event, however you can  
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**8:30 – 9:00** | Welcome coffee

**9:00 – 9:20** | Opening remarks



**Javier Zarzalejos,**  
Chair of the European Parliament  
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice  
and Home Affairs (LIBE)



**Thierry Wickers,**  
President of the CCBE

**9:20 – 9:45** | Keynote speech

**“Future-Proofing the EU Legal System in a Digital Age”**

## “The digitalisation of justice in the EU – what does it mean for justice systems and what does it mean for lawyers in particular? Do we all see the future the same way?”

This panel session will explore different perspectives and approaches to the digitalisation of justice, as well as the impact of EU measures on justice systems across Member States and the legal profession. The panel will discuss what digitalisation means for justice systems and lawyers in particular and reflect on whether there is a shared or divergent vision of the future.



**Moderator**

**Imbi Jürgen,**  
CCBE Third Vice-President

**Speakers**



**Dirk Staudenmayer,**  
Head of Unit at the  
European Commission,  
DG Justice, Unit A1,  
Digital Transition and  
Judicial Training



**Vittorio Di Bucci,**  
Registrar of the  
General Court of  
the European  
Union



**Dominic Gerstberger,**  
Chair of the CCBE  
IT Law Committee

11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee break

11:30 – 11:40 | Video message

## “Artificial Intelligence: promises and pitfalls for justice systems”

Margaret Satterthwaite, UN Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, will present her next thematic report titled “Artificial Intelligence: promises and pitfalls for justice systems” at the 80<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly in October 2025. This timely report highlights how AI is reshaping courts and legal practice, offering new opportunities while raising risks like bias and threats to judicial independence.



**Margaret Satterthwaite,**  
United Nations Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers

## “Lawyers and AI - where are we going and where will we stop?”

The panel session will examine the transformative impact of AI on legal practice, balancing the promising opportunities with the potential risks it poses. The panel will assess the legal and ethical considerations, consider how AI is reshaping lawyers' roles, and share practical insights from law firms that have integrated AI, highlighting key questions lawyers should consider before adopting these technologies.



**Moderator**

**Alex Tallon,**  
CCBE Second Vice-President

**Speakers**



**Maria Dymitruk,**  
Member of the  
CCBE Future  
Committee



**Enrico Francesconi,**  
Director at the National  
Research Council of Italy  
and Past-President of the  
International Association for  
Artificial Intelligence and Law  
(IAAIL)



**Jeroen Soeteman,**  
President of the  
Netherlands Bar

## “Ensuring fundamental rights within the Digital Transformation of Justice”

With the increasing use of digitalisation in the justice system, the protection of fundamental rights has become even more important. The panel session will consider a wide spectrum of important aspects, from policy insights, guidance to safeguard rights and avoid pitfalls, and a special focus on best practices for the handling of electronic evidence in cross-border cases.



**Moderator**

**Roman Završek,**  
CCBE First Vice-President

**Speakers**



**Muriel Décot,**  
Council of Europe,  
Executive Secretary  
of the European  
Commission for the  
Efficiency of Justice  
(CEPEJ)



**Jana Gajdosova,**  
Head of Justice &  
Security Sector,  
Justice, Digital and  
Migration Unit, at the  
European Union Agency  
for Fundamental Rights



**George M.R. Zlati,**  
Tech Lawyer specialised  
in cybercrime,  
blockchain technology,  
virtual currencies



**Thierry Wickers,**  
President of the CCBE