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1 Foreword & Executive Overview


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Message from the Director



The past year marked a decisive step in EPLO's evolution into a truly global actor in law, governance and capacity building. Across all our pillars - education, technical assistance, research and institutional cooperation – we expanded our presence, deepened our partnerships and strengthened our contribution to the international dialogue on governance and the rule of law.

Our educational mission remained central. Through the European Law and Governance School (ELGS), we welcomed students and practitioners from an increasingly diverse set of countries, expanded our network of partner universities and reinforced our role as a hub for comparative legal education. We enriched our academic portfolio with programs that respond directly to emerging global needs, including the LL.M. in International Trade and Investment Law and the LL.M. in AI, Ethics, Regulation & Innovation, while extending our academic footprint with new ELGS campuses in Georgia and Italy.

Our international engagement intensified across regions. We contributed to the Team Europe Mission on E Justice in Timor Leste, signed an MoU with the Superior Electoral Court of Brazil and initiated exploratory cooperation with institutions in Syria and Kazakhstan. We continued to support governance and justice reforms across Southeast Europe, the Middle East, the Caucasus and North Africa, while expanding our work in sustainability, digital governance and public administration. EPLO's institutional standing was further strengthened through accreditation as a UNEP MAP Partner and the signing of a Headquarters Agreement with the Kingdom of Belgium, paving the way for the establishment of our Brussels Office.

We also advanced our research agenda with the publication of the Rule of Law Commission's Report on Africa and with the launch of new research initiatives in Italy, including the Justinian Project and the CULTURE Project led by the EPLO Rome Office. In parallel, we continued to produce our academic publications with a diverse range of global titles, strengthening EPLO's contribution to comparative public law and governance scholarship.

As we look ahead, our priority is clear: to consolidate EPLO's position as a leading global hub for law, governance and institutional capacity building. We will continue to broaden our international footprint, diversify our academic offerings and deepen our engagement with governments, universities and international organizations.

Key Achievements 2025-2026

Institutional Expansion	➲ Headquarters Agreement signed with Belgium ➲ Preparations underway for the opening of the Brussels Office
Academic Growth	➲ New ELGS campuses launched in Georgia and Italy ➲ Introduction of new degree programs
Global Partnerships	➲ MoU with the Superior Electoral Court of Brazil ➲ Exploratory cooperation with Syria and Kazakhstan ➲ EPLO accredited as a UNEP MAP Partner
Rule of Law Commission	➲ Presentation of the 3rd Report *The Rule of Law in Africa* at the UN and side event in Geneva
Technical Cooperation	➲ 47 projects implemented across Europe, the Mediterranean, Africa and Asia, with 71% funded by the EU
Governance & Justice Reform	➲ Major reforms supported in Albania, Jordan, Moldova, Benin and the Western Balkans.
Sustainability Leadership	➲ Expanded portfolio including FOODGaP, Coastal Pro, participation in European Ocean Days and the Circular Gaia Conference
High Level Representation	➲ Active presence in UN conferences, EU events and international policy dialogues
Recognition	➲ EPLO Director Professor Spyridon Flogaitis awarded Global Citizen of the Year 2025
Digital Transformation	➲ Launch of the new EPLO website
Publications	➲ 3,500 pages of high-level scientific research produced

New Partnerships

Hellenic-Italian Chamber of Commerce Athens (CCIE)

Georgian Bar Association

Instituto Brasileiro de Estudos Jurídicos da Infraestrutura - Ibeji

Hellenic General Secretariat for Communications and Media

Superior Electoral Court of Brazil

Hellenic Copyright Organization

Organization of American States

Accreditation as UNEP MAP Partner

Danubius International University

Grigol Robakidze University

European Association of Lawyers



EPLO Board of Directors Meeting 2025

11 September 2025

The annual meeting of the EPLO Board of Directors took place at the EPLO premises in Sounion, Attica, with the participation of representatives of Member States, Public Authorities, Universities and Institutions.

The Director of the EPLO, Prof. Spyridon Flogaitis, presented the Organization's activities over the past year and outlined the strategic priorities for 2026. The meeting preceded the Annual Reunion of the European Group of Public Law (EGPL).

36th European Group of Public Law Annual Reunion

12-13 September 2025

The 2025 Annual Reunion of the European Group of Public Law (EGPL), which also serves as the Scientific Council of the EPLO, was successfully hosted at the EPLO premises in Legrena, Sounion, bringing together distinguished judges, academics and practitioners from Europe and beyond.

The overarching theme "International Law, European Union Law, Constitutional Law" was examined through four sessions examining international law standards in national constitutional law, the relationship between international and EU law, the domestic enforcement of international law, and a final synthesis of the overall debates.

A highlight of the Reunion was the ceremony marking the 90th birthdays of Prof. Sabino Cassese and Prof. Gérard Timsit, presided by Prof. Prokopios Pavlopoulos, former President of the Hellenic Republic.

Thesis Prize

During the Reunion, the Thesis Prize 2024 was awarded and the Report of the Thesis Prize Committee 2025 was presented. The Prize recognizes outstanding doctoral or postdoctoral work with a strong European dimension. The Thesis Prize 2025 was awarded to Andrea Giorgi (Ph.D. in Law) for his doctoral thesis entitled "La funzione di supervisione strategica nel nuovo ordine giuridico del mercato", written under the supervision of Prof. Edoardo Chiti. The Committee also highlighted a special distinction for the thesis submitted by Natalia Menéndez González, entitled "Cultured Proportionality: Navigating the EU's Fragmented Facial Recognition Landscape".



2 Education

The European Law and Governance School



The European Law and Governance School (ELGS), the International University School of the EPLO, with headquarters in Rome, Italy and campuses in Athens, Greece and Cascais, Portugal is committed to preparing today's youth to better serve their nations through an exceptional understanding of Europe, its institutions, and to promote their national interests within the scope of EU.

This year, ELGS completed its ninth undergraduate cycle and eighth postgraduate and research cycles. Teaching was delivered in a flexible hybrid model, enabling students to combine their studies with parallel academic and professional commitments.

During 2025-2026, ELGS advanced its academic mission through major institutional developments, the launch of new postgraduate programs, expansion of Erasmus+ activities, the inauguration of the Rome Campus, strengthened research output, and increased student engagement across Europe.

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Governance and Institutional Developments

First meeting of the ELGS Board of Trustees - Palazzo Altemps, Rome

The Board of Trustees convened for the first time at Palazzo Altemps, Rome, on 27 October 2025, marking an important milestone in the School's development and strategic vision for advancing excellence in legal and governance education across Europe and beyond.

The Director of the EPLO and ELGS representatives were received at the Quirinale Palace by H.E. Sergio Mattarella, President of the Italian Republic and Honorary President of the ELGS, underscoring Italy's and Europe's commitment to educational institutions promoting democratic values, the rule of law and effective governance.





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- Mr. Nuno Rocha dos Santos de Almeida e Vasconcellos
  Ongoing Strategy Investments - SGPS, S.A.

Rome Campus Launch

ELGS officially commenced academic activities at the Rome Campus on 21 November 2025 with the official inauguration ceremony taking place on 3 March 2026.

New Programs Launched

New LLM in AI, Ethics, Regulation and Innovation – online program with one week in Rome and field visit in Brussels

The newly launched LL.M. in AI, Ethics, Regulation and Innovation, endorsed by the Rythmisis Institute, is a one-year postgraduate program providing advanced interdisciplinary training at the intersection of law, artificial intelligence, digital governance and innovation policy. Delivered in a flexible hybrid format with online learning, in-person teaching in Rome and institutional visits in Brussels, the program offers an international, practice-oriented educational experience.

Taught by leading academics, EU officials and AI practitioners, it blends academic rigor with real-world application through case studies, policy labs and direct exposure to EU institutions.

LL.M. in International Trade and Investment Law, Rome Campus

The ELGS is relaunching the one-year LL.M. in International Trade and Investment Law for the 2026-2027 academic year. Delivered on-site at the EPLO premises in Rome, the program updates and replaces the former LL.M. in International Economic Law. Its curriculum focuses on the core pillars of trade and investment, offering students a comprehensive understanding of the international legal framework and the geopolitical forces shaping global economic policy. By combining rigorous academic theory with practical application, the program equips graduates with advanced legal knowledge and the skills needed for careers in international trade and investment law and policymaking.

LLM in International Organizations (Cascais Campus) – First year of operation

The ELGS successfully launched in 2025-2026 a new high-level postgraduate program, the LL.M. in International Organizations, at its Cascais premises, with five students from Azerbaijan,

Cape Verde, Uganda, Sudan and Sierra Leone. This one-year program draws on nearly two decades of EPLO expertise in international law and diplomacy, equipping students with the tools to navigate the legal frameworks of international organizations and understand the balance between institutional mandates, diplomacy and state sovereignty. Its curriculum covers conflict and dispute-resolution mechanisms, human rights law, international economic law and the evolving role of international organizations in global governance, with a focus on the UN, EU, African Union and WTO.

Erasmus Charter for Higher Education

Erasmus Policy Statement 2021-2027

Following the award of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE), EPLO/ELGS undertook a series of institutional and strategic initiatives aimed at laying the foundations for its effective participation in the Erasmus+ program during the 2026-2027 academic cycle.

In this context, EPLO/ELGS finalized its Erasmus Policy Statement 2021-2027, defining the core principles, priorities and objectives guiding its approach to international mobility, academic cooperation, inclusion, sustainability, civic engagement, and digital innovation. The Policy Statement reflects the Organization's broader mission to promote European legal values, intercultural dialogue, and high-quality education in the fields of Law and Governance.

Participation in the Infoday Call Days 2026

ELGS strengthened its institutional relations with national bodies and partner universities through participation in networking and capacity-building events, including the Infoday Call 2026 organized by the Italian Erasmus+ National Agency (INDIRE) in Bologna on 11-12 December 2025.

Erasmus+ First Submissions (2026)

Jean Monnet Modules

In February 2026, five (5) proposals were submitted by ELGS Resident Lecturers, Visiting Faculty and the administrative team.

Erasmus Mobilities

Preparation of Mobility Agreements under:

- KA131 - Mobility of students and staff for higher/tertiary education within Europe and associated countries (IIAs with universities and institutions in Greece, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Spain, Portugal, Romania)
- KA171 - International mobility of students and staff between Program Countries and Partner Countries not associated with the Program (Target regions: Western Balkans (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Neighbourhood East (Georgia, Armenia), Sub-Saharan Africa (Cape Verde, Sierra Leone).)

Other projects

Participation in a project promoting digital transformation in Central Asia.

Research and Academic Output

Throughout 2025–2026, EPLO and ELGS faculty members remained highly active across the international academic landscape, contributing to conferences, workshops, keynote lectures, book presentations, and expert discussions in Europe and beyond. Their work reflects the Organization's strong scientific presence in fields ranging from public law, international law, constitutional theory, AI governance, maritime law, human rights, and comparative politics.

Prof. Nikolas Voulgaris participated in major international conferences and workshops, delivered book presentations, and contributed to academic discussions on comparative constitutionalism, religion, and geopolitics. Assoc. Prof. Dora Papadopoulou presented research on AI governance, international dispute settlement, and political leadership, while also speaking at multiple book events and serving as moderator in high level comparative law forums. Assoc. Prof. Valentina Rita Scotti contributed to conferences across Europe and Asia, presenting work on executive power, digital governance, China's global influence, AI regulation, and democratic accountability, and delivered keynote lectures at international academic gatherings.

Dr. Esra Unal participated in maritime law academies, spoke at human rights and sustainability workshops, contributed to Council of Europe roundtables, coached winning moot court teams, and engaged in public law and human rights research seminars. Dr. Daniel Furby continued his policy oriented work in Brussels, moderating high level meetings on HIV/AIDS, resilience, and public health governance, speaking at the Brussels Resilience Forum, and participating in international seminars on minority education and maritime policy. Dr. Yeliz Figen Döker co organized major conferences on AI and AGI governance and delivered invited talks on emerging regulatory challenges. Dr. Nikolaos Papadopoulos contributed to seminars and conferences on EU social policy, AGI governance, and the impact of economic crises on social rights. Dr. Eugenia Kopsidi presented national reports, spoke at European platforms on socio economic rights, and participated in pre presidency conferences and international workshops. Dr. Anastasia Marinopoulou co organized and chaired international conferences on EU politics, critical theory, and constitutionalism, presenting her research in high level academic settings.

ELGS Colloquia

Under the direction of the Dean of ELGS, Prof. Luís María DíezPicazo, a series of academic colloquia were held throughout the year, during which resident lecturers presented their research and received in-depth feedback aimed at strengthening their academic output and publication plans.

TEPSA Activities and Contributions

Representation at TEPSA Pre-Presidency Conferences

ELGS faculty represented the EPLO at two TEPSA Pre-Presidency Conferences during the reporting period.

On 30–31 October 2025, Dr. Eugenia Kopsidi participated in the Cypriot Pre-Presidency Conference in Nicosia, held ahead of Cyprus's assumption of the EU Council Presidency on 1

January 2026. Co-organized by TEPSA and the Government of Cyprus, the conference focused on “Reshaping Europe in an Age of Uncertainty” and examined key challenges facing the European Union.

On 11-12 June 2026, Associate Professor Dora Papadopoulou attended the Irish Pre-Presidency Conference in Dublin, which provided an opportunity to discuss the priorities expected to shape the upcoming Irish Presidency and the broader challenges confronting the EU.

Contribution to TEPSA’s Annual “Future of Europe” Book Series

For the fifth consecutive year, ELGS contributed to TEPSA’s annual Future of Europe book series. In the 2026 volume, *Security, Defence and the Future of Europe: Views from Capitals*, Mr. Dimitris Tsaknis and Ms. Athina Fatsea authored the Hellenic chapter, “European Security in the Danger Zone: Greece’s Strategic Role”.

Student Engagement & Outreach Scholarships & Academic Community

Launch of the European Law and Governance Blog

As part of its commitment to fostering academic engagement and public discourse, ELGS launched the first call for submissions to the European Law and Governance Blog during the 2025-2026 academic year.

The initiative offers PhD and Master’s students, as well as alumni, the opportunity to publish policy briefs, case law commentaries, book reviews, event summaries and short analytical articles that promote accessible, high-quality academic discussion.

Launch of the EPLO Student Club “Aelia Eudocia” (ESCAE)

Complementing these academic initiatives, ELGS contributed to the establishment of the EPLO Student Club “Aelia Eudocia” (ESCAE), which held its first Steering Committee meeting on 13 April 2026.

The Club aims to promote student engagement, academic collaboration and international outreach within the ELGS and EPLO community.

Ms. Margherita Potito, PhD candidate at the University of Bari, was appointed President of the Club.

The Steering Committee is composed of:

- Mr. Nicholas Th. Vadivoulis – Secretary General
- Ms. Baia Kapanadze – Expert for Institutional Relations and Visiting Programs
- Ms. Maria Serpa Lourenço – Expert for Publications and Content Development and Treasurer of the Association
- Mr. Rahul Kumar – Expert for International Projects and Global Outreach

Scholarship Programs

ELGS and EPLO continued to expand access to their academic programs through a range of scholarship schemes during the 2025-2026 academic year:

Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Scholarships

Full scholarships for Italian nationals selected by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Italian Republic for the one-year ELGS programs delivered at the EPLO premises in Sounion (Master of Studies, LL.M. in EU Law and MA in Governance).

Scholarships for Cabo Verde

Full scholarships for citizens of the Republic of Cabo Verde for postgraduate programs at the ELGS campus in Cascais.

Merit-Based Scholarships

A limited number of merit-based partial and full scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate students from EU and non-EU countries, with particular emphasis on Africa. Scholarship offer letters were shared with the respective Embassies to support dissemination.

Scholarships for Partner Universities: Scholarships for selected students from partner universities (online studies) and Greek universities (insitu studies) wishing to pursue parallel studies in fields of interest. At postgraduate level, scholarships were also offered to civil servants from Georgian, Armenian and Moldovan state institutions.

Institutional Visits

As part of its experiential learning approach, ELGS organized a series of institutional visits for students from various degree programs, offering direct exposure to major European and international institutions:

- On 29 November 2025, students visited the Europa Experience-David Sassoli Centre in Rome.
- On 21 January 2026, students visited the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).





- On 14 March 2026, students were welcomed at Palazzo Chigi, seat of the Italian Government.
- On 25 March 2026, ELGS Rome organized a guided visit to the Court of Cassation of Italy and its historic Library in Rome.





Italian High School Campaign

As part of its outreach and educational engagement activities, ELGS Rome launched the Italian High School Campaign 2026, organizing educational visits and Rule of Law seminars for students from international high schools in Rome.

On 11 June 2026, an EPLO/ELGS delegation visited the Institut International Saint-Dominique, where students participated in an interactive seminar on democratic institutions, legal safeguards and European values.

On 18 June 2026, students from the American Overseas School of Rome visited the EPLO premises in Trastevere and the ELGS Rome Campus. They attended a dedicated Rule of Law seminar and engaged with ELGS and EPLO representatives on issues related to democracy, judicial independence and the protection of fundamental rights.

New Call for ELGS Faculty

For the 2025-2026 academic year, the ELGS operated with ten resident lecturers supported by the international visiting faculty, stemming from renowned universities of the wide network of the EPLO/ELGS and from different professional backgrounds, who offered classes either online or in situ with a different approach to teaching topics.

Resident Faculty

- Prof. Nikolas Voulgaris (King's College London, School of Law, UK)
- Assoc. Prof. Valentina Rita Scotti (University of Siena, Italy)
- Assoc. Prof. Luca Lantero (General Director of CIMEA, Italy)
- Assoc. Prof. Dora Papadopoulou (Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Germany)
- Dr. Daniel Furby (Queen Mary, University of London, UK)
- Dr. Eugenia Kopsidi (University of Aix Marseille, France)
- Dr. Nicolaos Papadopoulos (Maastricht University, Netherlands)

- Dr. Esra Unal (University of Strasbourg, France)
- Dr. Anastasia Marinopoulou (University of Sussex, U.K.)
- Dr. Yeliz Figen Döker (European University Institute).

International Visiting Faculty

- Dr. Daphne Athanasouli, Senior Lecturer, University of Derby, U.K.
- Prof. Saulo José Casali Bahia, Federal Judge, University of Bahia, Brazil
- Prof. Anastasios Gourgourinis, Athens Law School, Greece
- Dr. Ioannis Kaplanis, Economist, Greece
- Amb. Ioseb Nanobashvili, Regional Director of the EPLO South Caucasus, Georgia
- Dr. Fernando Navarro Olivares, Instituto de Estudios Europeos, Spain
- Dr. Lia Kaltsa, Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hellenic Republic
- Dr. Lorenzo Picciano, Lawyer, University of Bologna
- Dr. Enrico Buono, Universität des Saarlandes
- Dr. Anna Khvorostiankina, Eurasia International University, Jean Monnet Chair in EU Legal Studies and Legal Europeanization
- Ms. Koralia Kontou, European Commission (DG Home & Migration)

ELGS Executive Education

The ELGS/EPLO Executive Program delivers academically rigorous, research-driven training through short courses, customized executive programs and tailored activities for individuals and organizations.

EU Project: Improving Chapter 27 Planning and Implementation in Serbia 15-19 September 2025, EPLO Athens

EPLO hosted a study visit in Athens under the EU-funded project “EU for Improving Chapter 27 Planning and Implementation in Serbia”.



UNEP/MAP – MEPIELAN Training School on Sustainable Marine Governance in the Mediterranean
13 October-13 November 2025, EPLO Athens

Organized jointly by the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention, the MEPIELAN Centre and EPLO, the Training School brought together leading academics and experts from international organizations and universities to advance knowledge, foster collaboration and support the development of sustainable marine governance in the Mediterranean and beyond.

ELGS Mobility Program with the Université Catholique de Lille (UCL)
5 January-27 February 2026, EPLO Athens

Training Program for PhD candidates from the University of Luxembourg
22-24 April 2025, EPLO Athens

Doctoral and Master of Studies (MSt) Training Week in Research Methods
2-6 February 2026, EPLO Athens

This week-long Training Program in Research Methods for Legal and Political Science for doctoral and Master of Studies students brought together participants for sessions on research design, methodology, academic writing, qualitative analysis, presentation skills, teaching during the PhD and the responsible use of artificial intelligence in research. The program emphasized the development of rigorous, viable research projects and strengthened the methodological foundations of ELGS's postgraduate community.

Seminar Program for Hellenic Italian Chamber of Commerce Athens
14-16 July 2026, EPLO Athens

Summer Programs

ELGS Global Administrative Law in Practice
"Re-imagining the Sustainable Development Goals"
20-24 July 2026, EPLO Sounion, Greece

The ELGS Summer Intensive Program on Global Administrative Law in Practice ran for the ninth consecutive year, welcoming participants from around the world. The program examines how administrative norms and processes shape the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across all levels of governance – local, national, regional and global.

The School operates at EPLO's seaside premises in Sounion under the academic supervision of Professor Sabino Cassese, former Judge of the Constitutional Court of Italy, with the support of Professor Edoardo Chiti, Professor of Administrative Law and Member of the Academic Senate at Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa.

The 2026 Summer Session included more than 20 hours of classes, cultural visits and social events related to sustainable development and the SDGs.



Migration Summer School
13-17 July 2026, EPLO Sounion, Greece

The 2026 thematic agenda focused on “Migration and Social Determinants of Health: Exploring Intersections of Race/Ethnicity and Public Health”. For the tenth consecutive year, ELGS delivered the Migration Summer School (MIGSS), an immersive fiveday program examining how social determinants–such as socioeconomic status, education, access to healthcare and living conditions–shape health disparities.



Parliamentary Democracy in Europe with LUISS School of Government
13-17 July 2026, LUISS and ELGS Campuses, Rome

In its third year of collaboration with the LUISS School of Government, ELGS co-organized the 15th edition of the Summer School, focused on “Parliaments and War: From Diplomacy to Security”, offering a concise and practice oriented overview of these challenges, focusing on democratic accountability, parliamentary oversight, and the rule of law in the field of security and defense.

Participants engaged in expert-led lectures, interactive sessions, and institutional visits to the Italian Chamber of Deputies and the Senate of the Italian Republic, gaining multidisciplinary insights into European security and defense policies and their impact on parliamentary governance, democratic accountability, and contemporary geopolitical challenges.



Academy of European Public Law (AEPL)

The Academy of European Public Law celebrated its 31st session last summer and its 32nd session this summer, successfully training more than 600 students since its inception. The 2025 AEPL, which was concluded on 13 September 2025, was attended by seventeen students, and four successfully defended their theses. During the 2025 study session the Academy ran, for the first time, a debate session on the “European Public Law Model EU Parliament”, which aimed to offer the students a unique opportunity to step into the roles of European policymakers, debating critical European law and policy issues.

The 2026 AEPL program will be held at the EPLO premises in Sounion, Greece, starting on 24 August 2026 and concluding on 12 September 2026 with the award of Certificates and Diplomas, as every year. This year, fifteen students have participated in the study session, and six students are scheduled to defend their theses as part of the AEPL II.LL.M program.

The core instructors of this year’s AEPL session are:

- Prof. Panayotis J. Tsakonas (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece): “European Defense and Security”.
- Prof. Dr. Nilay Arat (Kadir Has University, Turkey): “Judicial Review of Administrative Decisions”.

- Prof. Maurizio Mensi (Italian National School of Administration-SNA, EESC Member): “Technologies and Innovation for Security and Defense: New Frontiers and EU Governance”.
- Prof. dr Violeta Beširević (Union University Law School Belgrade): “Judicial Review: Law, Politics and Courts as Political Actors”. Attorney-at-Law, PhD Law School UoA, Post-Doctoral Researcher in Environmental Law, Law School UoA.

The AEPL also welcomes annual speakers who deliver guest lectures on topics related to the main themes of the study session.

- Prof. Paul Craig (Emeritus Professor of English Law, St. John’s College, Oxford University)
- Prof. Ioannis Karkalis (ELGS Provost)

ELGS Open Lectures

Throughout the academic year, ELGS organized a series of open lectures and academic discussions addressing contemporary political, legal, and international affairs topics as part of its commitment to fostering dialogue on law, governance and emerging global challenges.

10 February 2026
“US Politics and Society: The Case of D. Trump”

Associate Professor Chrysanthos D. Tassis delivered an open guest lecture, moderated by Dr. Anastasia Marinopoulou, exploring current dynamics in American politics and their broader societal implications.

17 March 2026
“Armenia’s Foreign Policy Architecture: Opportunities and Challenges”

H.E. Tigran Mkrtchyan, Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia to Greece, delivered a comprehensive overview of regional geopolitical developments and Armenia’s international relations strategy.

26 March 2026
“EU Values in a Fragmenting World: Enlargement, Identities and External Governance”

The event addressed the challenges facing the European Union in a rapidly evolving international environment.

18 May 2026
“From Crisis to Polycrisis: Understanding and Managing Entangled Crises”

Georgios Tsialas (PhD Candidate, King’s College London) conducted the closed workshop at ELGS Rome Campus at the official launch of the EPLO Student Club Aelia Eudocia (ESCAE).

3 June 2026
“Regulating AI in the EU: From the AI Act’s ‘Green Silences’ to Trustworthy Governance”

This online lecture marked the official launch of the new ELGS LLM in AI, Ethics, Regulation and Innovation. Moderated by Associate Professor Dora Papadopoulou, the webinar featured three distinguished experts.

Internship Programs

The EPLO has welcomed more than 300 interns from all five continents for placements ranging from two to six months. During the reporting period, over 30 students joined the Organization.

The EPLO Internship Program is primarily based at the EPLO Offices in Greece and offers students hands-on experience across a wide range of fields, including law, education, human rights, political science, international relations, public administration, human resources, conference organization, IT, finance, communication and marketing, and library support services. Its objectives are twofold:

- to provide interns with meaningful professional and personal development opportunities
- to offer EPLO departments access to fresh talent, skills and perspectives

The Program is structured around three pillars: work experience, training and culture. In the short term, interns learn to adapt to a new environment and develop self-sufficiency in a supportive environment. In the medium term, they gain familiarity with the structure, functions and operational dynamics of the EPLO. In the long term, they acquire the professional and personal competencies needed to manage complex situations and navigate diverse organizational settings.

Applications are accepted throughout the year, while a few positions are offered, on an ad hoc basis, for posts at EPLO offices outside of Greece. You may visit here for full details and here for a presentation of the Internship Program in video format.

Executive Internship Program, Fletcher School at Tufts University

For the second consecutive year, EPLO/ELGS implemented the Executive Internship Program in collaboration with the Fletcher School at Tufts University. In late May 2026, seven Fletcher students arrived at the EPLO premises in Legrena/Sounion for a three-month academic and professional training program.

Participants followed a short, intensive training module of 24 academic hours, focused primarily on EU affairs, and completed an internship placement within EPLO departments and agencies. They were also encouraged to attend ELGS summer schools and take part in cultural activities, including museum visits, archaeological tours and guided walks through the historic center of Athens.

A series of educational and institutional visits complemented the program, including the Europa Experience, the Municipality of Lavreotiki, the Hellenic Parliament, and the Onassis Foundation. The program concluded with a closing ceremony, during which students received Certificates of Completion. Teaching and training were delivered by ELGS Resident Faculty and external experts, including Aris Katopodis, Tour Guide at Post Scriptum.

CIEE Internship Program

In Summer 2026, EPLO and ELGS launched a new internship cooperation with the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE). As part of this first year of collaboration, EPLO hosted three interns for a two-month placement at its premises in Plaka.





3 Technical Cooperation



The Department of Technical Cooperation is responsible for designing, developing and implementing the Organization's technical cooperation activities worldwide.

EPLO's technical cooperation supports governments, public bodies and institutions around the world in advancing reforms across a broad spectrum of public law and governance fields. Core areas of intervention include justice and the rule of law (criminal and civil justice reform, access to justice, law enforcement), human rights (women, children, migrants and vulnerable groups), public administration reform, good governance and anti-corruption, private-sector development, trade and intellectual property law, legislative approximation to the acquis communautaire, democratization, migration and trafficking in human beings, and environment and sustainable development.

Within this framework, EPLO delivers a wide range of actions and services, including providing technical advice to governments for legislative and policy reforms, specialized training and capacity-building for civil servants and practitioners, reorganization and modernization of public institutions, empowerment of civil society organizations, policy-oriented research, raising public awareness and dissemination activities. Over 25 years, EPLO has implemented more than 300 technical cooperation projects in over 70 countries.

During the reporting period, the Department managed a portfolio of more than 47 projects, approximately 71% of which were funded by the European Union. Additional funding came from the governments of Italy, Greece and Canada, as well as the OECD and other international donors. The geographical scope of activities spanned all EU Member States (including Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Romania), as well as Moldova, Ukraine, Canada, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Benin, the Western Balkans and the Euromed region.

The following section provides an overview of selected concluded, ongoing and newly launched projects.

Concluded Projects

Support for the EU integration process in Albania

Donor EU, IPA
Duration 58 months
EPLO role Partner

Objective

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of the Government of Albania to successfully manage the overall EU integration process and effectively conduct the Stabilization and Association Agreement process and accession negotiations.

BENEVICT: Analysis of benefits of full implementation of the Victims' Rights Directive

Donor European Commission, DG Justice and Consumers
Duration 24 months
EPLO role Partner

Objective

To support the EU and Member States (MSs) in their future action on common values and implementation of the EU Victims' Rights Strategy as well as support MSs in the development of their own national strategies.

VR-DigiJust - Digitalising Justice via Combined Virtual Reality Training

Donor European Commission, DG Justice and Consumers
Duration 36 months
EPLO role Partner

Objective

VR-DigiJust contributes to the effective and coherent application of specific EU judicial cooperation instruments at a regional level through a decentralized cross-border and cross-professional training strategy in the framework of the Council Conclusions 6926/21.

Enhancing the capacities of the competent authority of Industrial Property in Benin

Donor Hellenic Organization for Industrial Property (OBI)
Duration 12 months
EPLO role Leader

Objective

The objective of the project is to provide support and to enhance the capacities of the competent authority for Industrial Property within the auspices of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of Benin. More specifically, the project aims to provide technical assistance aligned with the EU and international legislative framework and best practices to the wide range of the

industrial property rights spectrum, including patents and inventions, trademarks, industrial designs, trade secrets and geographical indications, IP enforcement, Counterfeiting and piracy.



Beninese delegation from the Ministry of Industry and Trade visits the Hellenic Industrial Property Organization (OBI), Athens, Greece (11/2025)

Industrial Ecosystems -Supporting the Implementation of the Greek National Industrial Strategy

Donor European Commission, DG Reform

Duration 24 months

EPLO role Sub-contractor

Objective

The primary objective of this project is to offer technical support for the successful execution of the Greek National Industrial Strategy (NIS). It focuses on three key areas crucial for designing policies aimed at transforming the Greek industry and enhancing its competitiveness and resilience: 1) Strengthening industrial eco-systems; 2) Intellectual and Industrial property (IP) and 3) Upskilling and reskilling for the green and digital transition. EPLO is responsible for providing support in Pillar 2: Intellectual and Industrial Property.

EU Childocracy

Donor EU, CERV Programme

Duration 24 months

EPLO role Partner

Objective

The project aims to promote European democracy through direct youth engagement, fostering cross-cultural collaboration and advocacy for shared European values. Specifically targeting Greece, Bulgaria, and Italy, the project will involve 180 young people aged 14-25 in events focused on campaigning for EU values within local contexts.



Greek Youth Democracy Summit in Thessaloniki, Greece (02/2026)

Ongoing projects

Dialogue4Tourism: Institutional dialogue on Sustainable Tourism and Governance in the Euro-Med area

Donor	EU, Interreg Med
Duration	7 years
EPLO role	Partner

Objective

The overall objective of this project is to increase the coordination level and institutional capacity of public authorities, multi-level bodies, programs, strategies, and initiatives in the Mediterranean to make greener, smarter, and more resilient tourism sector for the flourishing of local communities, visitors, and nature, embracing the fourfold approach of the mission: circularity of tourism services, environmental neutrality, sustainable ecosystem services, and cultural and natural preservation of resources.

Co2-Pacman - Cooperation and Co-designing Partnership for Climate Neutrality

Donor	EU, Interreg Med
Duration	33 months
EPLO role	Partner

Objective

The project aims to promote multi-purpose actions for climate change mitigation and adaptation by leveraging local knowledge and assets, ensuring sustainable growth, energy security, and improved quality of life. It will create the CO2 Pacman tool to assess challenges, identify multi-sectoral solutions, and quantify their carbon footprint impacts. The project supports Mediterranean islands, specifically Brac (Croatia), Crete (Greece), and Elba (Italy), in transitioning to climate neutrality by advancing previous project results.

Herit Adapt - Heritage and Territory Resilience through sustainable Tourism, Climate Change Adaptation, and Citizen Engagement

Donor EU, Interreg Med
Duration 33 months
EPLO role Partner

Objective

The project aims: a) to foster cooperation among key stakeholders by activating interdisciplinary Territorial Working Groups (TWGs) to co-design the data-driven HERIT ADAPT Sustainable Tourism Model (STM) that will be tested in 8 pilot Euro-MED regions of different typologies, including UNESCO sites and lesser-known monuments in coastal, hinterland and mountainous areas, b) to engage target groups to identify lessons learned and co-develop Sustainable and Resilient Tourism Strategies and, c) to convert challenges into opportunities by using heritage as a vehicle for communicating Cultural Heritage (CH) and Natural Heritage (NH) assets in the context of climate change.

Coastal pro: e Game-based Learning of Entrepreneurship and Next-Generation Skills in Coastal Tourism

Donor EU, EMFAF
Duration 33 months
EPLO role Partner

Objective

The main objective of our project is to create cutting-edge learning tools, provide top-quality training courses and support, and develop a framework for next-generation skills in coastal tourism.

DesirMed - Demonstration and Mainstreaming of nature-based Solutions for Climate Resilient transformation in the Mediterranean

Donor EU, Horizon 2020
Duration 60 months
EPLO role Partner

Objective

The overall objective is to strengthen the knowledge and the capabilities of Mediterranean regions and communities to take leadership and ownership in their transformative Climate Change Adaptation pathways and accelerate the implementation of transformative solutions required to increase their climate resilience over the long term as well as prioritize nature-based solutions alongside innovative technologies and inclusive social practices.

Framework Contract Services for EU External Action (SEA 2023) Lot 9: Democracy, Human rights, Rule of Law, Gender Equality and HRBA

Donor EU
Duration 48 months
EPLO role Partner

Objective

This FWC aims to support the European Commission's efforts in external action implementation across various Directorates-General (DG INTPA, DG NEAR, DG ECHO), the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), and EU Delegations. The activities encompassed within this framework cover the entire project cycle, ranging from initial identification and feasibility studies to operational and technical follow-ups. Services provided include financial and contractual monitoring, technical, financial, or contractual audits, offering technical advice, training and support in the areas of human rights and HRBA, support to democratization, reinforcement of the rule of law and administration of justice, public administration reform and organizational development of public institutions, as well as elections.

Digital rights - Applying EU directives on procedural rights in the context of trials regarding cybercrimes, the use of e-evidences and investigative digital forensics

Donor	European Commission, DG Justice and Consumers
Duration	24 months
EPLO role	Partner

Objective

The project aims to bolster the practical application of the EU directives on procedural rights for suspects and accused persons involved in criminal proceedings in cases where the penal law is confronted with the use of new technologies. It focuses on two main aspects of the procedural rights of suspects and accused individuals in criminal proceedings: 1. Accusations for crimes covered by the Budapest Convention; 2. Accusation for other crimes where e-evidence and investigations based on digital forensics are at the center of the prosecuting and trial actions.

VISAR - Victim Support through alignment of remedies

Donor	European Commission, DG Justice and Consumers
Duration	24 months
EPLO role	Partner

Objective

The project aims to ensure effective and non-discriminatory access to justice for crime victims, including through electronic means, by promoting efficient, victim-centered criminal procedures. ViSAR addresses three key areas: the fragmented implementation of Directive 2012/29 across member states, its specific application to victims of domestic violence, and its correlation with the EU Protection Order.



Mutual Exchange and Learning Event in EPLO premises in Plaka, Greece (04/2026)

Support to Public administration Reform in Jordan

Donor	Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Italian Agency for Development Cooperation
Duration	30 months
EPLO role	Leader

Objective

The project aims to support the Public Sector Modernization Roadmap of Jordan, specifically its Human Resources and Government Services Pillars, by providing capacity building and technical assistance to the Institute of Public Administration of Jordan (IPA).



Government Leadership Study Tour March 2026



Women Leadership Program Retreat May 2026

FOODGaP

Donor	EU, Interreg Next Med
Duration	36 months
EPLO role	Partner

Objective

The objective of the project is to improve the institutional capacities of local public authorities and other stakeholders to adopt participatory governance models for local food policies in the Mediterranean.



Kick-off meeting in EPLO premises in Plaka



Living Lab & 3rd Steering Committee in Rome

AQUAMAN - Aquatic systems' evaluation for the Mitigation of water scarcity in mediterranean islands and coastal tourist destinations under severe pressure

Donor EU, Interreg
Duration 26 months
EPLO role Partner

Objective

AQUAMAN aims to reinforce the capacity of public authorities involved in water management in islands & coastal tourist destinations so as to mitigate water scarcity. It will transfer valuable knowledge from successful projects for the valorization of non-conventional water sources (rainwater, stormwater, wastewater), the decrease of water demand in targeted sectors and the optimization of the water distribution systems.

AI4GovX Accelerate

Donor EU, HADEA
Duration 48 months
EPLO role Partner

Objective

The AI4GovAccelerate project aims to design and deliver two yearly editions of an online master program to empower Public Sector officials with the theoretical and practical knowledge and skills required by the ongoing digital transformation with a focus on Artificial Intelligence-AI, Data Spaces-DS, and Digital Governance Transformation-DGT.

Strengthening crime scene forensics and prosecution capabilities in investigating CBRN incidents in the Middle East Region

Donor EU, FPI
Duration 30 months
EPLO role Partner

Objective

The project aims to enhance governance and cooperation in CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear) risk prevention, detection, and mitigation, contributing to global security and stability. Its main purpose is to improve the detection and mitigation of CBRN-related risks through the EU CBRN Centres of Excellence Initiative, with a focus on forensic capabilities in the Middle East.

CAP1: Caribbean-Albanian Poly-criminal Offshore Network Elicitation

Donor EU, ISF
Duration 24 months
EPLO role Partner

Objective

CAP1 focuses the nexus 'Latin-American-Caribbean-Western Balkans drug trafficking and trafficking in human beings' in the poly-criminal environment with corruption as a precursor, and the all crime-approach related to money-laundering. The project includes the development of legal and investigative Techniques as well as capacity building and training activities.

INBLANC - Industrialisation of Building Lifecycle data Accumulation, Numeracy and Capitalisation

Donor EU, Horizon
Duration 30 months
EPLO role Partner

Objective
The project will establish an open ecosystem that leverages building lifecycle data for greater value. Through its innovative accumulation framework, digital logbooks, and integration with EU dataspaces, INBLANC will streamline data collection and enhance decision-making for building owners and facility managers.

REBOAT- Circular Systemic Solution for Sustainable Tourism in European Islands by Movable Plant on a Boat and Co-Creation with Island Stakeholders

Donor EU, Horizon
Duration 48 months
EPLO role Partner

Objective
ReBoat aims at designing, developing and demonstrating a novel decentralized systemic circular solution, exploiting a mobile, modular, sorting, recycling and reprocessing plant on Boat that will handle waste generation peaks in islands on demand, locally transforming waste into new products meeting the needs of island citizens and tourists.

GREENHOOD - Nutrient balance and Resource Optimization in Regional Ecosystems through holistic, sustainable, and zero-pollution solution

Donor EU, Horizon
Duration 48 months
EPLO role Partner

Objective
The GREENHOOD project pioneers a comprehensive approach to address the global challenge of unbalanced nutrient flows in regional ecosystems. Operating across four European countries and one associated region, GREENHOOD focuses on re-balancing nutrient flows and reducing N/P emissions.

EuroLegalBot -Enhancing Judicial Cooperation through a European Arrest Warrant (EAW) Chatbot

Donor EU, DG Justice
Duration 24 months
EPLO role Partner

Objective
EuroLegalBot is an innovative project aimed at enhancing judicial cooperation at the European level, particularly focusing on streamlining the use of the European Arrest Warrant (EAW). The project centres around the development and implementation of a Chatbot designed to support practitioners active in the justice sector in the efficient and effective utilisation of the EAW.

New projects

OECD Framework Contract for Intellectual Services relative to Regulatory Economic and Digitalization

Donor	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Duration	48 months
EPLO role	Leader

Objective

The aim is to support regulatory governance, economic development and digitalization initiatives through the provision of technical expertise, policy support and advisory services.

Provision of training services for the Western Balkans Criminal Justice Project and EuroMed Justice Project implemented by Eurojust

Donor	European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (EUROJUST)
Duration	48 months
EPLO role	Partner

Objective

The overall objective is to strengthen cross-border judicial cooperation and enhance the capacity of criminal justice authorities to effectively combat organized crime and terrorism across the Western Balkans and the Mediterranean region.

Digital Training Courses for Public Administration Modernisation

Donor	Eutalia S.r.l. and the Italian Department of Public Administration of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers
Duration	6 months
EPLO role	Leader

Objective

The project aims to strengthen the capacity of public administrations in Italy in the planning and management of training investments through the development and exchange of knowledge, tools, methodologies and best practices at national and international level.

BRIDGE 2: Building Relationships Interculturally for Development and Global Equality

Donor	EU/ERASMUS+
Duration	24 months
EPLO role	Partner

Objective

BRIDGE 2 aims to promote intercultural dialogue, inclusion and democratic values in Higher Education through innovative educational tools, intercultural skills development and inclusive university governance practices.



2nd Partner's Meeting in Florence, Italy (02/2025)

GRACE: Growing Climate Resilience in Remote rural Areas through Community Empowerment

Donor	EU/HORIZON
Duration	48 months
EPLO role	Partner

Objective

GRACE aims to strengthen the climate resilience and adaptive capacity of remote rural areas in Europe by empowering local communities to develop and implement innovative, nature-based solutions for climate change adaptation and sustainable regional development.

OECD Framework Contract for Intellectual Services relative to strengthening the regulatory governance of largescale food fortification – Regional expert for the Asia region

Donor	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Duration	48 months
EPLO role	Leader

Objective

The aim is to support the strengthening of the regulatory governance of large-scale food fortification in the Asia region through the provision of regional expertise, policy support, and technical advisory services.

Awareness raising and training actions of the population of Chios on the problems of water supply and water scarcity – 2026 Actions

Donor	Chios Municipal Water Supply & Sewerage Enterprise
Duration	12 months
EPLO role	Leader

Objective

Building on the successful implementation of Phase I, the second phase of the project aims to further address the water supply challenges faced by the island of Chios, including poor drinking water quality and increasing water scarcity linked to the climate crisis. Phase II focuses on strengthening public awareness, promoting sustainable water management solutions, and formulating concrete proposals to address the island's long-term water challenges.

Assessors for EU4CSO Call for Proposals Ukraine 2025 (under FWC SEA 2023)

Donor	EC/INTPA
Duration	28 months
EPLO role	Partner

Objective

The objective is to support the European Commission in the evaluation and selection of project proposals under the "EU4CSOs in Ukraine – Call for Proposals 2025" through high-quality and transparent technical and financial assessments in line with EU evaluation criteria and procedures.

Framework for the Provision of consultancy services in the field of justice reform – Moldova (Lots 1, 2, 6 & 7)

Donor	Council of Europe
Duration	8 months
EPLO role	Leader

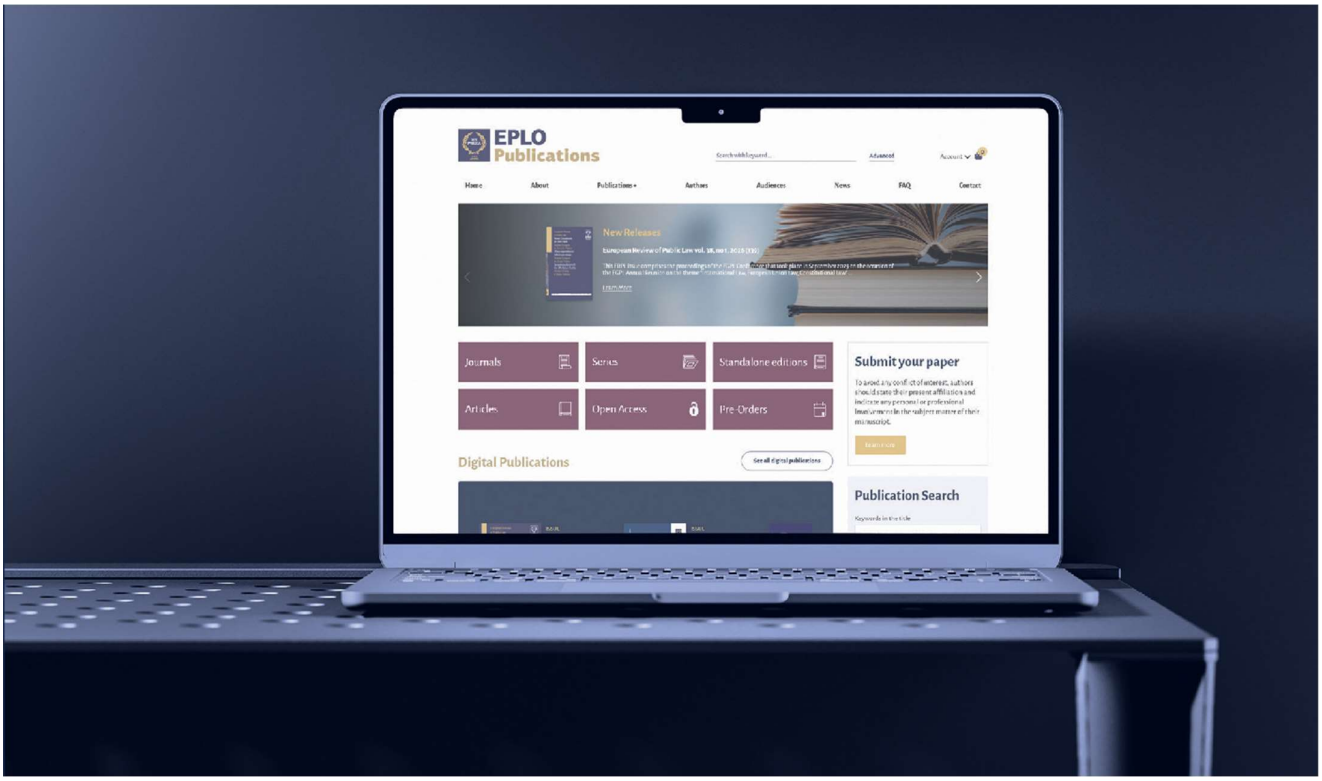
Objective

It aims to support institutional strengthening, capacity building, and justice sector reforms through the enhancement of efficiency, transparency, accountability, and alignment with European standards.


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4 EPLO Publications



Over the past year, EPLO Publications remained dedicated to the continued development of its journals, series, and stand-alone titles, also continuing to expand its scope of research to national legal systems beyond Europe.

True to the international character of the EPLO and its steadfast commitment to providing researchers with a platform to reach a global audience, EPLO Publications accepts submissions in an extensive variety of languages: English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish, and the native languages of authors coming from Central and Eastern European countries (including the Turkish language).

In the current reporting period spanning from September 2025 to September 2026, around 3,500 pages of high-level scientific research have already been made available to the international legal and academic community. Amongst the notable publications and milestones of this period, special mention should be made of:

EPLO Publications

Journals

European Review of Public Law (ERPL)



Established in 1989, it aims at presenting substantial and quality works in the field of public law in Europe and worldwide, thus promoting research and international debates in this field. It is a quarterly publication and constitutes EPLO's longest-standing publication. The European Review of Public Law has been continuously published since 1989, and it is now in its 139th issue.

Among the four issues of each year, three issues per year include:

- Articles
- Chronicles
- Book Reviews and
- Book presentations from major international publishers (C.H. Beck, Edward Elgar Publishing, Hart Publishing, Oxford University Press, Routledge, and Stanford University Press, among others)

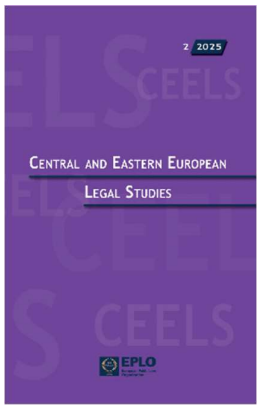
whereas one issue per year comprises the proceedings of the annual EGPL Conference, addressing major contemporary themes.

Latest issue in the reporting period

European Review of Public Law 38_1/2026 (139)

Issue 38_1/2026 (139) of the European Review of Public Law comprises the proceedings of the EGPL Conference that took place in September 2025 on the occasion of the EGPL Annual Reunion on the theme "International Law, European Union Law, Constitutional Law". This issue features the speeches pronounced in the Special Ceremony for the 90th Anniversary of Professor Sabino Cassese and Professor Gérard Timsit.

Central and Eastern European Legal Studies (CEELS)



Launched as a periodical biannual publication in 2013, it provides a platform for scholars and practitioners coming from CEE countries and beyond, specializing in this field, to exchange views on public law issues of the region. The CEELS accepts submissions in all languages of the Central and Eastern European countries (including Turkish and Greek).

Featured issue in the reporting period

Central and Eastern European Legal Studies, 2/2025

In the second issue of the year 2025 of the Central and Eastern European Legal Studies, the reader can find seven contributions by

academics and jurists coming from Georgia, Hungary, Poland, the Slovak Republic, and Ukraine, which deal with: the environmental policy and its implementation in the Slovak Republic; balancing sovereignty and environmental justice within the context of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR); the Law of Georgia 'On Combating Organized Crime and Racketeering' (the 'Georgian RICO Act'); the role of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) in crypto-asset classification and supervision; the institution of administrative mediation in Poland; the medieval roots of the concept of the rule of law; and the phenomenon of digital constitutionalism and its impact on supranational (EU) and national (Member States) legal orders.

Latin American Public Law Review (LatAmPLRev) – NEW JOURNAL

It constitutes an initiative of the European Public Law Organization (EPLO), operating through its Mexican Chapter (Capítulo Mexicano), that aims at developing public law and governance in Latin America by, amongst others, promoting the scientific togetherness of public lawyers in Mexico and all Latin America, along with the Europeans, and by encouraging a permanent dialogue on public law issues of interest for the whole region.



It is a semi-annual publication of the EPLO (Office in Rome), launched in October 2025. It accepts submissions in 6 languages: English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Featured issues in the reporting period

Latin American Public Law Review, issue 1-2 • 2025

The Latin American Public Law Review was launched as a joint publication of issues 1 and 2 of the year 2025 (1-2 · 2025). It comprises 14 papers written by distinguished academics and scholars on: the importance of studying political economy to understand Brazilian Financial and Tax Law; innovation in public procurement; the systemic challenges currently facing the Mexican judicial power; the construction of a public policy for community justice or the Civic Guard in Querétaro, Mexico; the governance of data and split-payment taxation within Brazilian economic law; the implementation of regulatory sandboxes to foster administrative innovation; the legal and normative impacts of inflation treated as a de facto tax; the application of economic analysis of law to the investigation of human trafficking; the fundamental principle of good administration and its role in civil society participation; the conceptual evolution of administrative acts from human will toward digital automation; strategies for regulatory simplification to combat over-regulation in Mexico; the implications of the Digna Ochoa case for Mexican transitional justice; the necessity of rigorous evaluation in administrative contracting; and the relationship between legal principles and indeterminacy in administrative procedures.

Latin American Public Law Review, issue 1 • 2026

The first issue of the year 2026 comprises seven papers written by distinguished academics and scholars on: the role of I.A. Kapodistrias in shaping 19th-century Russian policy towards Spain, including the issue of colonies in America, in 1915-1822; the integration and challenges of AI within Brazilian public administration and policy management; the role of the criminal judge

as a dogmatic operator; the arbitrability of administrative contracts in Ecuador; the regulatory and the administrative simplification in Mexico; an overview of the progress Mexico has made to punish and prevent torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment; and the mechanisms for citizen participation in the management of participatory budgets.

European Journal of History and Culture (EurJHC)



It is a publication of the EPLO (Office in Rome) and operates through the Institute for Humanities and Culture "Nicos Svoronos". It was launched in 2024.

This biannual journal analyzes historical and cultural phenomena across different places and time periods to identify commonalities, differences, and broader trends. The Review accepts submissions in 8 languages: English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

Featured issues in the reporting period

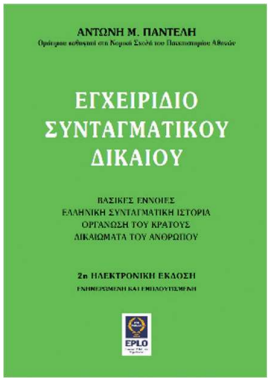
European Journal of History and Culture, Vol. 2 / No 2 • 2025

The second issue for the year 2025 of the European Journal of History and Culture includes five articles written by eminent scientists and a young researcher on: religion and culture; the administration of justice within the semi-autonomous Church of Crete; religious education in Greek schools and the right of exemption in the case law of the Greek Council of State; Law 4301/2014 and the legal personality of religious communities; and the relations of Ioannis Kapodistrias with representatives of the Italian Philhellenism movement.

European Journal of History and Culture, Vol. 3 / No 1 • 2026

The first issue for the year 2026 of the European Journal of History and Culture includes six articles written by eminent professors, scientists and researchers on: cultural heritage and codification in Italy, the Museum Law and Governance in Europe; the legal status of National Museums in Italy; the legal framework of Museum Governance in the Slovak Republic; the legal framework of Museums in Austria and the statue of the Angel, a work by the Venetian sculptor Giuseppe Torretti, that crowns the Church of Salvatore in the city of Corfu.

Stand-alone



A. M. Pantelis, Handbook of Constitutional Law: Fundamental Concepts – Greek Constitutional History – Organization of the State – Human Rights (in Greek), 2025, 606 pp., ISBN: 978-618-5417-19-2 [e-book (PDF)], 2nd digital edition by the European Public Law Organization (based on the 6th printed edition, updated and enriched, published in 2025 by GOLDEN BOOKS PUBLICATIONS)

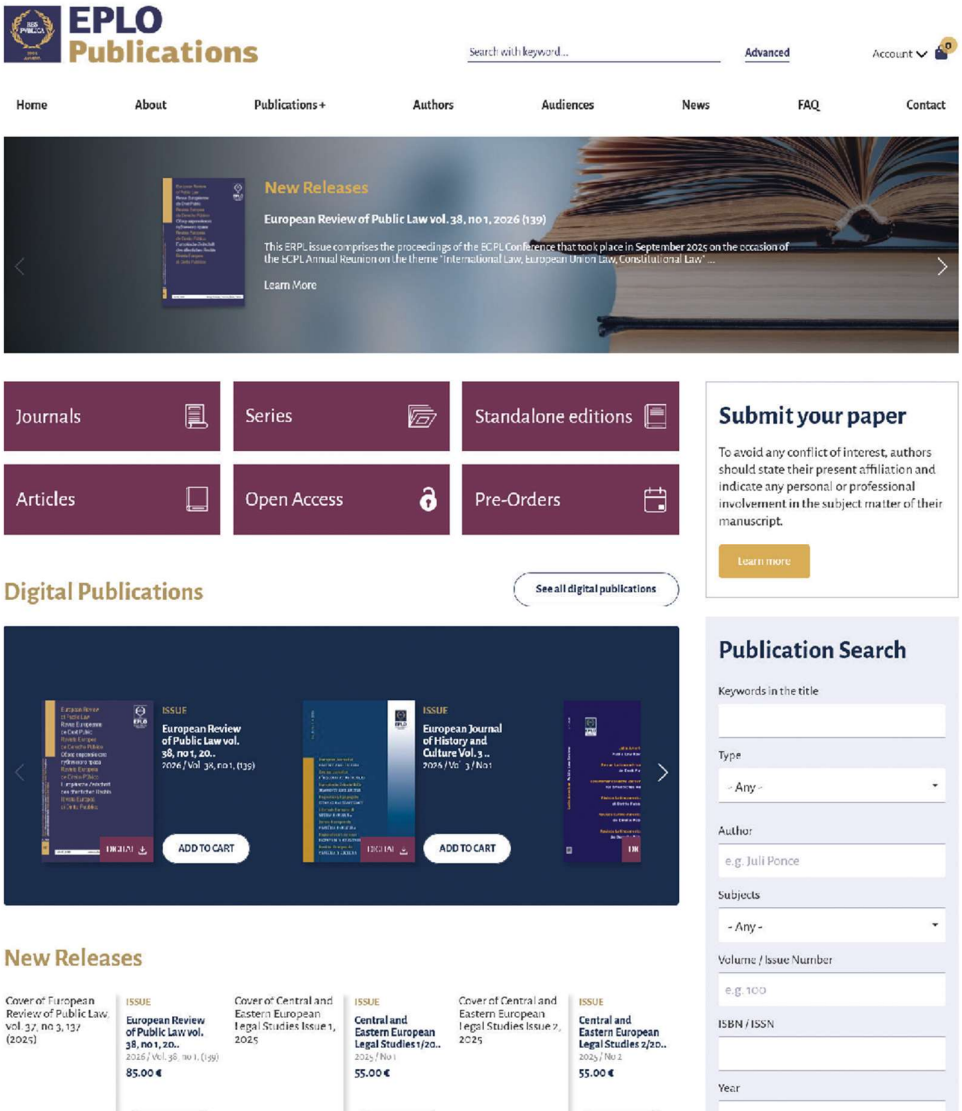
The Handbook of Constitutional Law [2nd digital edition by the European Public Law Organization (EPLO) (based on the 6th printed,

updated and enriched edition of 2025 by GOLDEN BOOKS PUBLICATIONS)] by Antonis M. Pantelis, Emeritus Professor at the Law School of the University of Athens, is available on the EPLO Publications website in open-access digital format.

The purpose of this book is to provide a concise yet comprehensive overview of the elements that constitute the science of constitutional law. This book is the only one, among those written under the 1975 Constitution, that covers all four branches of the field: theoretical, historical, organizational, and human rights. Its typographical structure enables the reader to easily follow the main framework of the material, while also providing opportunities for further exploration.

EPLO Publications website www.eplopublications.eu

More detail on the EPLO Publications (journals, series, stand-alone) as well as on Submissions Guidelines can be found at the EPLO Publications website.



All editions published from 2025 onward are also available as interactive flipbooks, including the European Review of Public Law and the Central and Eastern European Legal Studies.

The Latin American Public Law Review and the European Journal of History and Culture can be purchased exclusively in flipbook format, both per issue and through annual subscriptions.

The flipbook format offers an enhanced digital reading experience through interactive page-flipping navigation, differing from the conventional scrolling structure of PDF documents.

Distribution formats – E-shop

ERPL – Available in print (issues and annual subscriptions) and digital format – newly launched interactive flipbook (issues). Articles are also available in PDF format.

CEELS – Available in print (issues and annual subscriptions) and digital format – newly launched interactive flipbook (issues). Articles are also available in PDF format.

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5 Regional Activities

EPLO Pomε Orficε, Italy

The EPLO Rome Office serves as a key academic and institutional hub for the Organization in Italy, advancing EPLO's global mission to promote European values, public law, democratic governance, and interdisciplinary research. The Office contributes scientific expertise to EPLO projects worldwide and strengthens the Organization's presence within Italy's academic, legal, and policy communities.

The Office is led by Professor Bernardo Giorgio Mattarella (LUISS University Law School), who serves as Director and EPLO's representative in Italy. He oversees the Office's strategic initiatives and institutional outreach. The Rome Office is supported by a team of researchers, policy analysts, and a communication officer, whose work spans legal research, educational programming, collaborative partnerships, and publications.

Three EPLO Institutes operate from Rome in close coordination with the Office:

- Institute for Global Health Emergencies Response (IGHER)
- Institute for Higher Education, Law & Governance (IHELG)
- Institute for Global Administrative Law (IGAL)

Research Activities and Projects

International Library of Public Law ("Justinian" Project)

The Justinian Project continued to grow as a flagship initiative of the EPLO Rome Office, aiming to create an International Library of Public Law through English translations of seminal works in Administrative, Constitutional and Public Law from the past two centuries. Inspired by Emperor Justinian's legacy, the Project seeks to make foundational texts of national legal traditions accessible to a wider audience.

The Special Committee, chaired by Professor Sabino Cassese, includes leading scholars from Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain, France and Germany. Following its inaugural meeting in February 2024, the Board held several strategic sessions to finalize operational guidelines and define the roadmap for the series.

To ensure efficient production, the series will be published through the EPLO Publishing House. Each national volume will feature an introduction by the country editor and English translations of landmark texts.

A publishing timeline has been set, with the Portugal volume - curated by Professor Paes Marques - scheduled for release before the end of the 2026. The Project is also expanding its network, inviting new contributors such as Dr. Laura Hering and Professor Lorenzo Casini, further strengthening EPLO's mission to promote Europe's legal heritage globally.

Cultural Heritage at Stake: Addressing Looting, Legal Frameworks, and International Cooperation - "CULTURE" Project

The "CULTURE" Project, a new research initiative promoted by the EPLO Rome Office, examines the systemic, geopolitical and legal challenges surrounding cultural heritage protection, illicit

trafficking of antiquities, and restitutions. It addresses global threats such as looting, which fuels organized crime and causes irreversible cultural loss, while also assessing diplomatic practices and gaps in international cooperation.

A bilateral working group of experts from Italy and Greece has been established to develop sustainable policy recommendations and international dissemination platforms. Research activities have also expanded the expert network, contributing to a dedicated issue of the European Journal of History and Culture on Cultural Heritage and Museum Law.

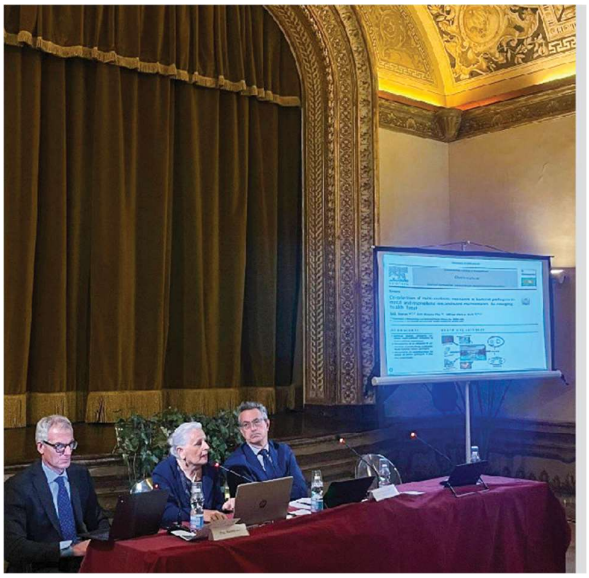
Developments and Events

IGHER - International Conference on "One Health and Protection of Coasts: Ecological and Legal Issues"

3 October 2025, Palazzo Altemps, Rome

Climate Change Symposium 2025 - "10 Years After the Paris Agreement: The Roadmap after Belém - An Integral Ecology Vision"

11 December 2025, Palazzo Altemps, Rome
On December 11, 2025 the EPLO Office in Rome hosted the Climate Change Symposium 2025. The event brought together institutions, academia and civil society to assess the first decade of the Paris Agreement and the outcomes of COP30 in Belém.





Region Lazio – EPLO Workshop on Entrepreneurial Competitiveness and Digitalization

21 November 2025, Palazzo Altemps, Rome

Presentation of the New EPLO/ELGS Premises in Trastevere

3 March 2026, Complesso di San Francesco a Ripa, Rome
On 3 March 2026, EPLO held a high-level meeting at its newly opened EPLO Office in Rome (San Francesco a Ripa, Trastevere), led by Professor Giuliano Amato, Professor Bernardo Giorgio Mattarella, and Professor Spyridon Flogaitis, who presented EPLO's activities in Italy and its strategic vision for expansion. The meeting gathered distinguished jurists, academics and institutional partners—including representatives of the Senate of the Republic, the Constitutional Court, and major Italian universities—reaffirming EPLO's commitment to advancing public law, governance and academic cooperation in Italy.



(From left to right) Professor Bernardo Giorgio Mattarella, Professor Giuliano Amato, and Professor Spyridon Flogaitis address the attendees.

The Law of New Technologies at the Crossroads of Security, Defense and Democracy Workshop

12 May 2026, Complesso di San Francesco a Ripa, Rome
The workshop brought together academics, policymakers and legal experts to examine how emerging digital technologies affect security, governance and democratic resilience.

EPLO Regional Branch in Portugal

The EPLO Regional Branch in Portugal, based in Cascais, continued in 2026 to strengthen the Organization's presence in the country through diplomatic engagement, academic activity, and support to EPLO's global initiatives. Under the leadership of Ambassador Ioannis Metaxas, the Branch deepened cooperation with Portuguese authorities, international organizations, and the diplomatic community, while also serving as a hub for EPLO's educational and rule of law work in the region.

Institutional outreach included meetings with senior officials of the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, KAICIID, the Representation of the Ismaili Imamat, the Embassy of Greece

in Lisbon, and the Municipality of Cascais. The Branch also represented EPLO at national ceremonies, including the North-South Prize at the Parliament of Portugal and the celebrations of Portugal's National Day in the Azores.

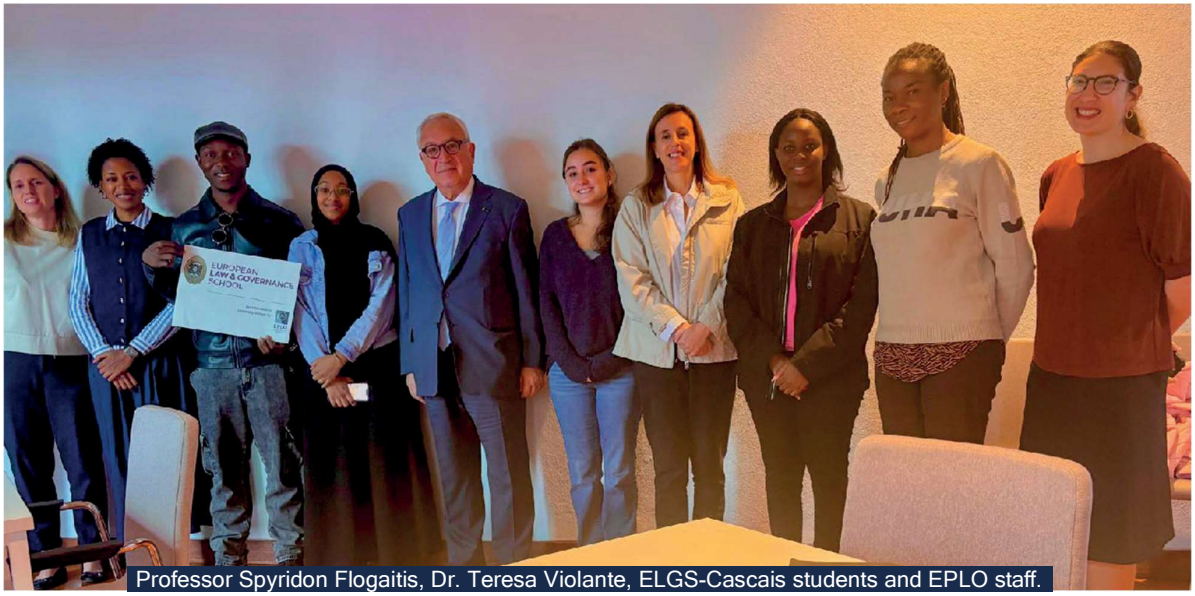
Academic Support to the European Law and Governance School (ELGS)

The Branch continued to support the two postgraduate programmes offered by ELGS in Cascais:

- Master's in Global Rule of Law and Democracy
- LLM in International Organizations (launched in Cascais for the first time)

A meeting between EPLO Director Professor Spyridon Flogaitis and ELGS students in October 2025 offered an opportunity for direct dialogue on international law, governance, and professional pathways.

The Branch also hosted official visits by the Ambassador of Greece (May 2026) and the Ambassador of El Salvador (June 2026), both of whom engaged with students on diplomacy, international relations, and contemporary global challenges.



Professor Spyridon Flogaitis, Dr. Teresa Violante, ELGS-Cascais students and EPLO staff.

Public Diplomacy, Outreach & Representation

The Branch expanded EPLO's visibility through participation in major public events:

- Lisbon Diplomatic Bazaar (14–15 November 2025)
  EPLO's first participation, attracting significant interest, including a visit by the then President of Portugal, Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa. ELGS students volunteered at the EPLO stand, gaining exposure to the diplomatic community.



His Excellency the then President of the Republic of Portugal, Professor Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, ELGS-Cascais students and Staff.

- ACT NOW! Conference – European Capital of Democracy 2026 (11-12 May 2026) EPLO was represented with an institutional stand promoting its academic and governance initiatives. ELGS student Mildred Nasirumbi delivered a Spark Talk on youth perspectives in human rights, while student Indira Santos gave an interview to Deutsche Welle on EU migration policies.
- Participation in key Council of Europe events, including the Lisbon Forum 2025, the 2025 and 2026 North-South Prize ceremonies, and the North-South Dialogues Conference.

These activities reinforced EPLO's role in democratic dialogue, human rights, and international cooperation in Portugal.

Strategic Engagement & Institutional Relations

Throughout the year, Ambassador Metaxas maintained active engagement with Portuguese institutions and international partners, strengthening EPLO's presence in the country and supporting its mission to promote the rule of law, democracy, and good governance. The Branch's work in Cascais–supported by the Municipality–continues to serve as a model of local-international cooperation.

Global Rule of Law Commission (GRoLC)

Established under the aegis of H.E. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, then President of the Portuguese Republic, and in cooperation with the United Nations system, the EPLO Global Rule of Law Commission (GRoLC) forms part of EPLO's Global Rule of Law Initiative launched at UN Headquarters in 2019.

Known as the "Cascais Commission", the GRoLC brings together 22 distinguished personalities from all regions of the world, following the principle of geographical representation. Co-chaired

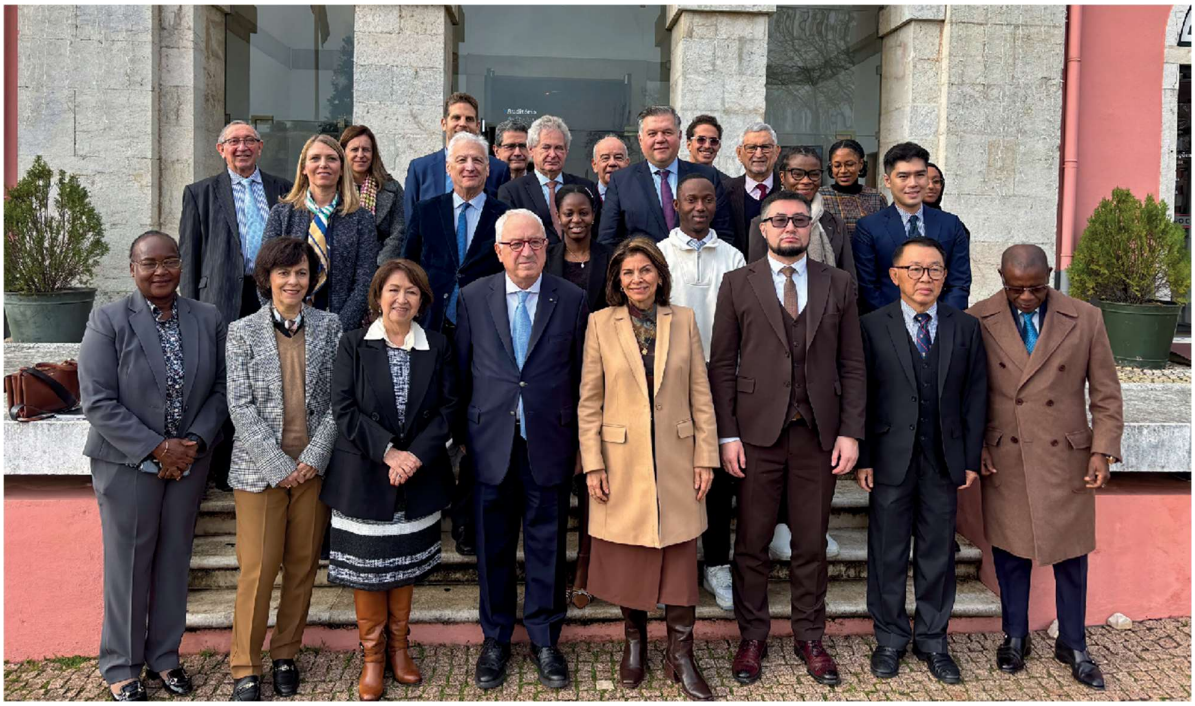
by Professor Giuliano Amato, former Prime Minister of Italy, and Ambassador Andreas Mavroyiannis, President of the UN International Law Commission, the Commission provides independent expertise on rule-of-law issues and is open to all nations seeking advice.

Its core mandate is to develop a global, inclusive conceptualization of the Rule of Law grounded in UN universal values and diversity. The Commission prepares an annual Rule of Law Report, presented each year to the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly.

8th Session – Cascais, 8-9 January 2026

The EPLO Regional Branch successfully organized the 8th Session of the Global Rule of Law Commission (GRoLC) at the Cascais Cultural Center. The session marked the public launch of the Commission's 3rd Report, "The Rule of Law in Africa", and brought together representatives of the Portuguese MFA, academia, the justice sector, civil society, and the diplomatic corps.

The event featured interventions by Professor Spyridon Flogaitis and Professor Giuliano Amato, followed by contributions from African GRoLC members, who discussed constitutional governance, judicial independence, and institutional resilience across the continent. The Branch managed all logistical aspects of the session and provided scientific support for the preparation of the 4th Report on the Rule of Law in Latin America.



9th Session – Maputo, Mozambique, 1-7 September 2026

The 9th Session of the GRoLC was held in Maputo upon the invitation of the Constitutional Council of Mozambique. A major public event on 1 September gathered more than 200 participants from government, academia, civil society, and the diplomatic community.

During the session, members finalized the 4th Report on Latin America, scheduled for

submission to the UN Sixth Committee in October 2026, and discussed ongoing initiatives and future priorities. A cultural programme followed, strengthening ties between Mozambique and EPLO. The Branch played a central role in supporting the Commission's work throughout the year, contributing to research, coordination, and international engagement.

EPLO Brčko Orfice

The EPLO Office in Brčko continued to strengthen its regional presence and operational capacity throughout 2025-2026, marking a period of renewed activity and strategic repositioning. Located at the Brčko National School of Public Administration (BNSPA) and fully supported as an EPLO agency, the Brčko Branch is being reestablished as a regional hub for legal development, public administration reform and European governance standards in the Western Balkans. Its work during this period focused on rebuilding institutional visibility, expanding partnerships and laying the groundwork for longterm educational and governance initiatives.

Online Presence and Digital Outreach

In November 2025, the Office launched its dedicated LinkedIn Showcase page, significantly enhancing EPLO's digital footprint in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the wider region.

Regional Promotion and Communication Campaigns

Over the course of the reporting period, the Office undertook a series of coordinated outreach and promotional activities aimed at raising awareness of EPLO programs and the European Law and Governance School (ELGS) among regional stakeholders. Activities included:

- Preparation and distribution of newsletters with program updates and calls for applications
- Targeted outreach to public bodies, universities and professional associations in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Active social media campaigns designed to reach prospective students and institutional partners.
- Coordination of marketing efforts to support enrollment and strengthen regional visibility

High-Level Institutional Engagement

In December 2025, representatives of the EPLO Office in Brčko attended the Christmas reception hosted by Borjana Krišto, Chairwoman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Office Infrastructure Improvement

In January 2026, following constructive cooperation with the Government of Brčko District, renovation and maintenance works were carried out at the Office premises.

Knowledge and Innovation

Webinar: “Regulating AI in the EU: From the AI Act’s ‘Green Silences’ to Trustworthy Governance”

Future Activities and Planned Initiatives

Building on the foundations established during 2025-2026, the EPLO Office in Brčko is preparing several ambitious initiatives aimed at deepening its regional impact.

Launch of the School of Public Administration

A flagship priority for the coming period is the establishment of a School of Public Administration, developed in cooperation with the Government of Brčko District and the Faculty of Law of the University of East Sarajevo.

Conferences, Lectures and Institutional Dialogue

The Office is also planning a series of conferences, lectures and roundtables on key legal and governance topics. Through these activities, the EPLO Office in Brčko aims to consolidate its position as a regional hub for legal education, institutional dialogue and European integration.

EPLO Regional Branch in the South Caucasus

The EPLO Regional Branch in the South Caucasus continued to expand the Organization’s academic presence, institutional partnerships, and visibility across Georgia and Armenia.

Under the leadership of Ambassador Ioseb Nanobashvili, the Branch strengthened cooperation with governmental institutions, universities, professional associations, and diplomatic missions, while advancing EPLO’s educational mission through the European Law and Governance School (ELGS) and targeted scholarship programs.

Research and Publications

In 2026, the Branch advanced its research on the scientific legacy of Michel Mouskhely (Mikheil Muskhelishvili), a French scholar of Georgian origin whose mid-20thcentury works anticipated the legal and institutional architecture of the future European Union.

The Branch presented its findings during Europe Day (9 May 2026). The research, supported by the French Ambassador to Georgia, will culminate in a bilingual English-Georgian publication to be released at the end of 2026.

Expanding the Academic and Partnership Network

The Branch intensified efforts to expand EPLO's academic network in the region, responding to growing interest from universities, professional bodies, and public institutions. A standardized Memorandum of Cooperation, approved by EPLO Headquarters, now guides new partnerships and includes provisions for academic collaboration, ELGS engagement, and potential EPLO Board membership.

Key Partnerships Established

- Kutaisi International University (KIU) – A comprehensive cooperation agreement was signed in November 2025, including double-degree programs, joint research, academic exchanges, and ELGS doctoral opportunities.
- Central University of Europe (CUE), Kutaisi – On 19 January 2026, ELGS inaugurated a new campus hosted at CUE, expanding access to ELGS programs in Western Georgia.



- Grigol Robakidze University (GRUNI) – A Memorandum signed in March 2026 established an ELGS campus at GRUNI, enabling delivery of ELGS undergraduate and graduate programs and EPLO-certified courses.
- Georgian Bar Association (GBA) – A partnership framework was agreed, enabling GBA members to access ELGS Master's and PhD programs. In 2026, nine Georgian lawyers enrolled in the ELGS PhD program, with supervision arrangements adapted for Georgian-language research.

The Branch also supported the initiation of a cooperation agreement between EPLO and the European Association of Lawyers (AEAEAL), to be formalized at the next EPLO Board meeting.

Activities in Armenia

As part of its regional mandate, the Branch strengthened cooperation with Armenian institutions. Ambassador Nanobashvili held meetings in Yerevan with Deputy Minister of

Justice Anna Karapetyan in September 2025 and May 2026.

The Eurasian International University (EIU) became the first Armenian university to join the EPLO network in 2025, with discussions continuing on deeper academic cooperation.

Promotion of ELGS Programs

Promoting ELGS programs remained a top priority. The Branch conducted outreach to five high schools in Georgia and three in Armenia, presenting ELGS undergraduate and postgraduate opportunities and distributing informational materials.

The Branch also engaged with universities and EU-funded project partners in Armenia, including the MAJust and JUST FAIR projects, to strengthen ELGS visibility and academic cooperation.

Scholarship Program for Georgian and Armenian Civil Servants

The Branch continued to implement the highly successful scholarship program for civil servants:

- 20 Georgian officials earned ELGS Master's degrees in 2024-2025
- 19 Georgian officials enrolled in 2025-2026
- Since 2022, over 70 Georgian civil servants have completed ELGS Master's programs
- The program expanded to Armenia in 2024, with five Armenian officials completing ELGS Master's degrees

This initiative significantly enhances public-sector capacity in both countries and strengthens EPLO's role in supporting European governance standards.

Public Diplomacy and Outreach

The Branch actively represented EPLO in major public events:

- Europe Day Exhibition (9 May 2026) - EPLO hosted a stand and participated in a podcast discussion on Michel Mouskhely's federalist theory, moderated by the French Ambassador.
- Visit to EPLO Portugal (April 2026) - Ambassador Nanobashvili met with the Director of the Institute for Global Rule of Law and ELGS staff, and delivered a lecture on EU enlargement.
- Participation in the ELGS Board of Trustees Meeting (October 2025) - The Branch presented its regional strategy for promoting ELGS programs.
- Visit of the Japanese Ambassador to Georgia (April 2026) – Discussions focused on potential EPLO-Japan cooperation in education and research.

The Branch also maintained active communication with diplomatic missions, government bodies, and academic institutions across Georgia and Armenia, consolidating a strong regional network.

EPLO Kyiv Office

In 2026, the EPLO Office in Ukraine, led by Prof. Yurii Voloshyn, completed all legal, administrative, and organizational procedures required for its official inauguration.

This milestone consolidates EPLO's long-term presence in the country and strengthens its capacity to support national partners during a critical period for Ukraine's governance and reconstruction efforts. Despite operating under wartime conditions, the Office maintained a visible diplomatic profile and participated in high-level visits to affected civilian sites, underscoring EPLO's commitment to international law, civilian protection, and support to Ukraine's institutions.

Strengthening International and Diplomatic Engagement

15 June – Participation in a diplomatic visit to the Kyiv Pechersk Lavra following damage from a Russian air attack, highlighting the protection of cultural heritage.



26 -28 May — Participation in the International High-Level Conference on the UN Water Decade (Dushanbe Process), joining 2,500+ participants from 110 countries to advance global water governance and climate-related legal frameworks.

28 March – Engagement with the diplomatic corps at the Greek Independence Day Reception, reinforcing EPLO's foundational ties with Greece.

10 March – Working visit to the Embassy of Greece in Ukraine, discussing cooperation, ELGS development, and academic initiatives.

Advancing Human Rights and Rule of Law

21 May – Contribution to the 13th Field Meeting of the Working Group on the Human Dimension (Volyn), focusing on humanitarian corridors, IDP support, and protection of returned children.

16 April – Strategic meeting with Ombudsman Dmytro Lubinets on strengthening institutional cooperation, human rights education, and international legal capacity.

Supporting Institutions and Legal Reform

June 2026 – Participation in the development of the EU-funded project "Technical Assistance on Alignment of Ukraine's Competition and State Aid Frameworks with the EU Acquis" (C-ENEST/IEV/2025/EA-RP/0174), shortlisted under the EU support program for Ukraine. The initiative seeks to advance legislative approximation and institutional capacity building in the fields of competition policy and state aid.

27 May – Visit to the Supreme Court of Ukraine launching a strategic partnership to strengthen the rule of law with a discussion of the importance of international support for the Ukrainian judicial system under martial law.

27 March – Working meeting with the National School of Judges of Ukraine on judicial education, international programs, and long-term capacity building.

24 March – Working meeting with the Institute of Law-Making and Scientific and Legal Expertise (NAS of Ukraine) on joint research, postwar reconstruction, and international expert cooperation.

17 March – Working meeting with the Hennadii Udovenko Diplomatic Academy of Ukraine on professional development courses, elective modules, and dual degree opportunities.

Engagement in Field Visits and Civilian Protection Efforts

16 June – Participation in a monitoring visit to the "Zahid-1" Prisoner of War Detention Facility, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and the Coordination Headquarters for the Treatment of Prisoners of War. The visit assessed compliance with international humanitarian law and the Third Geneva Convention standards for the treatment of prisoners of war.

15 May – MFA-organized visit to the Darnytskyi district following a missile strike on a residential building.

4 February – Visit with 60+ ambassadors to the Darnytsia Thermal Power Plant, documenting the impact of systematic attacks on energy infrastructure.

15 June – Visit to the Kyiv Pechersk Lavra after a nighttime air attack, highlighting the need for international protection of cultural heritage.

Expanding Academic and Professional Networks

- Throughout March–June – Strengthened cooperation with the European Law and Governance School (ELGS) and exploration of scholarship programs and new academic initiatives.
- Development of new professional and academic networks to support joint projects in law, governance, and public administration.

EPLO Brussels Office

The year 2026 marked a major institutional milestone for the Organization with the signing of the Headquarters Agreement between the Kingdom of Belgium and the EPLO on 23 January 2026, enabling the official establishment of the EPLO Brussels Office. The Office is currently in its initial phase and is progressively expanding its presence within the ecosystem of European institutions, think tanks, diplomatic missions, and academic networks in Brussels.



The Office is led by Dionyssios Kalamvrezos, Ph.D., Ambassador (Ret.), Director of the EPLO Brussels Office, with Mr. Panos Gredis serving as Deputy Director. Together, they represent the Organization in Brussels and engage actively with European institutions, international organizations, and civil-society networks.

Following the signing of the Headquarters Agreement, the Brussels Office participated in and co-organized a series of high-level events, conferences, and institutional activities, contributing to EPLO's visibility and outreach in the European capital. These included:

- Europe Day 2026 – "Europe with a View to the Future", co-organized with the Union of European Federalists (UEF Greece) and the Association of Greek Employees of International Organizations (SEYDO).
- AI-related events, including the conference on the challenges of Artificial Intelligence co-organized with the International Hellenic University and the Greek Community of Brussels at the Permanent Representation of Greece to the EU.
- Participation in the 31st Conference of Greek Educators of Europe at the European Parliament, focusing on education in multicultural European societies.
- Presentation of the book "China: Strategy – Economy – Culture. A Herodotean Mission"
- Event at the European Parliament on the recognition of the genocide of Greeks of Pontus and Asia Minor, organized by the Panhellenic Federation of Pontian Associations.
- Presentation of the book "The Ambiguity of International Court Decisions on the Recognition of EEZ and Continental Shelf in Island States" at the European Parliament.
- Participation in the Brussels Chapter of AHEPA, including formal events and institutional networking activities.

- Mentoring and coordination at the 11th ALLILONnet meeting, organized in cooperation with the Permanent Representation of Greece to the EU.
- Engagement in numerous policy discussions, thinktank events, and institutional meetings across Brussels, including activities where no photography was permitted, reflecting the Office's growing integration into the Brussels policy community.

Through these activities, the EPLO Brussels Office has rapidly established itself as a visible and active presence within the European institutional landscape. Its work strengthens EPLO's role as a bridge between European governance structures, academic networks, and international partners, while laying the foundations for expanded cooperation, policy engagement, and institutional development in the coming years.

Capítulo Brasileiro (Brazilian Chapter)

Under the leadership of Ambassador Cesario Melantonio Neto, EPLO's cooperation with Brazil continued to expand during the reporting period, building on the strong foundations established through the Organization's long-standing partnership with the IDP – Brazilian Institute for Public Law in Brasília. The EPLO-IDP collaboration includes academic exchanges of students and professors, particularly with EPLO's branches in Portugal and Italy.

A major milestone for 2026 is the upcoming EPLO-Brazil Conference on Natural Law, co-organized with the Brazilian Academy of International Law, to be held on 7-8 September 2026 at EPLO Headquarters in Plaka. The event will feature Minister Gandra of the Brazilian Superior Labor Court and is expected to gather around 70 participants from leading Brazilian institutions as well as international experts.

Another significant development was the Memorandum of Understanding signed in March 2026 between EPLO (represented by Professor Spyridon Flogaitis) and the President of the Brazilian Superior Electoral Court, Minister Carmen Lúcia, establishing a framework for future collaboration.

Together, these initiatives reflect EPLO's deepening engagement with Brazil and reinforce the Organization's role as a bridge between European and Latin American legal and governance communities.

EPLO Special Envoy for the African Union and the Commonwealth Countries

Ambassador A.L. George Myrogiannis continued advancing EPLO's outreach and cooperation efforts across key regions. Over the reporting period, he held a series of high-level meetings aimed at exploring collaboration opportunities, strengthening institutional relationships, and opening new channels for engagement.

These included discussions with the President of Panama and with the Ambassador and Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cambodia.

These engagements form part of EPLO's broader strategy to deepen its presence across Africa, the Commonwealth, and emerging partner countries, while reinforcing the Organization's commitment to dialogue, cooperation, and the promotion of public law and governance standards internationally.


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6 UN Missions & IACA



The EPLO's three Permanent Missions — in New York, Geneva, and Vienna — continued to strengthen the Organization's presence within the United Nations system throughout 2025-2026.

Across human rights, rule of law, crime prevention, governance, and multilateral diplomacy, the Missions ensured consistent engagement with UN bodies, contributed expert input to major processes, and expanded EPLO's visibility and partnerships.

The following sections outline the key activities and achievements of each Mission during the reporting period.

Mission to UN New York

The EPLO Mission to the United Nations represents the Organization at UN Headquarters in New York, following the granting of Observer Status by the UN General Assembly (A/73/462, 1 November 2018). Led by Ambassador Barbara Faedda, Ph.D., the Mission advances EPLO's mandate to promote peace, human rights, solidarity, and the rule of law through constructive engagement with the UN system and the international community.

Participation in the 80th UN General Assembly

In September 2025, EPLO participated in the High-Level General Debate of the 80th UNGA, held under the theme "Better together: 80 years and more for peace, development and human rights." EPLO representatives attended key sessions and engaged with delegations on issues central to the Organization's mission.

On 10 October 2025, at the Sixth Committee plenary, EPLO Legal Counsel Luca Melchionna, Esq. presented progress on EPLO's Global Rule of Law Initiative, launched in 2021 to promote a universal, culturally grounded understanding of the rule of law.

On 18 October 2025, at EPLO's request, the Secretariat of the Sixth Committee circulated the 86-page GRLC Report to all UN Sixth Committee delegates – a significant milestone in raising the visibility of EPLO's work within the UN system.

Academic and Policy Engagement

Symposium at Columbia University – 6 November 2025
Ambassador Faedda, in her dual capacity as Executive Director of Columbia University's Italian Academy, organized the symposium "Universal Rights in Practice: International Frameworks and Domestic Legal Systems", cosponsored by EPLO.

Cultural Heritage and UNESCO Engagement

Recognizing the link between human rights and cultural heritage, EPLO continued its support for initiatives in this field. Ambassador Faedda, founder of the International Observatory for Cultural Heritage, was invited by UNESCO to attend the 25th Session of the General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention (Paris, 24-25 November 2025).

Engagement on Gender Equality

On 9 March 2026, Ambassador Faedda attended, by invitation, the International Women's Day Commemoration at the UN General Assembly Hall,

Diplomatic Outreach

On 17 March 2026, Ambassador Faedda held her first official meeting with Ambassador Giorgio Marrapodi, the newly appointed Permanent Representative of Italy to the UN. Discussions focused on the strong collaboration between Italy and EPLO in advancing the rule of law.

Migration and Labor Inclusion

On 8 May 2026, EPLO co-organized the IMRF side event “Integration, Skills and Labor Market Inclusion” with the Permanent Mission of Greece. Ambassador Faedda delivered the opening remarks during the Second International Migration Review Forum at UN Headquarters.



Artificial Intelligence Governance

EPLO’s Legal Counselor’s Office continued to monitor and contribute to global developments in AI governance at the UN.

Following the HLAB report “Governing AI for Humanity” (2024) and the adoption of the Global Digital Compact, the UN General Assembly endorsed the creation of an Independent International Scientific Panel on AI, and a new international AI dialogue forum (August 2025).

Throughout 2025-2026, Luca Melchionna, Esq. expanded his engagement in AI governance within the judiciary and legal profession, serving on:

- the NYSBA Standing Committee on AI & Emerging Technologies, and
- the Advisory Committee on AI and the Courts of the New York State Unified Court System (which examines the use of AI by judges, court staff, attorneys, and litigants, and develops recommendations to improve justice administration and ensure appropriate safeguards.)

Mission to UN Geneva

The EPLO Mission to the United Nations in Geneva continued to strengthen the Organization’s visibility, influence, and engagement within the multilateral system. As Head of Mission, Ambassador George Papadatos represented EPLO across a broad spectrum of diplomatic, human-rights, academic, and policy-oriented activities, ensuring a consistent presence in key UN processes and international forums.

Participation in the Human Rights Council (HRC)

EPLO maintained an active and sustained presence at the Human Rights Council, participating

in three regular sessions and two special sessions in 2025, as well as the 61st regular session and 39th special session in early 2026.

Engagement included: Submitting policy proposals and delivering statements in plenary debates on priority agenda items; monitoring geopolitical developments, with particular attention to the dynamics among regional groups in an increasingly multipolar environment; providing timely reporting to EPLO Headquarters on major developments and emerging issues.

Side Events, Expert Contributions & Publications

EPLO Geneva organized and contributed to several high-level initiatives, including:

- Organizer and Speaker at the UNHCR Side Event The Crisis of Multilateralism & the Imperative of Protecting Human Rights in Armed Conflicts, 26 September 2025
- Organizer and speaker at presentation of EPLO's Global Rule of Law Commission, "The Global Rule of Law Report on Africa" (11 May 2026), chaired by former Italian Prime Minister Giuliano Amato and featuring distinguished panelists.



- A scheduled side event on "AI, the future of Multilateral Diplomacy, and the Human Rights Dimension" (March 2026), for which EPLO prepared a concept paper; the event was later cancelled due to current events in the Gulf region.
- Participation as a guest speaker at the launch of the Geneva Global South Club, which led to an invitation to speak at the 11th Global Economic Summit in Mumbai (December 2026).

Ambassador Papadatos also authored two major analytical works:

- A white paper on *Parallel Diplomacy at the Human Rights Council*, examining the influence and effectiveness of side events.
- A forthcoming article titled Will "Transitional Governments" in Africa Return to Democracy? Democracy matters in Africa and Africa is important for democracy, exploring democratic trajectories on the continent.

Strategic Outreach & Partnerships

EPLO Geneva continued to expand the Organization's diplomatic footprint through targeted outreach to missions, UN officials, and civil-society actors. Ambassador Papadatos also

represented EPLO in numerous conferences, academic events, and cultural initiatives, reinforcing EPLO's role as a bridge between legal scholarship, diplomacy, and global governance.

- Guest Speaker at Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence event, 1 October 2025, organized by Réseau Unité pour le Développement de Mauritanie
- Organizer and Speaker at The Future of Multilateralism, 27 October 2025, organized by the Permanent Observers to the UN at Geneva
- Authored an article in the Emirates Magazine for Human Rights, "The Human Rights Council, AI and Negotiation of Resolutions".

Internship Program

The EPLO Geneva Internship Program remained a cornerstone of the Office's educational mission. Several alumni have secured positions in international organizations or been admitted to doctoral programs. As of June 2026, new interns from Italy, Portugal, and France have joined the Office.

Mission to UN Vienna

The EPLO Mission to the UN in Vienna had a very active year, contributing substantively to UNODC processes, leading high-level side events, and strengthening EPLO's role in global anticorruption, crime prevention, and cyber governance. Throughout the reporting period, the Mission engaged with UN bodies, international fora, and academic networks, advancing EPLO's mandate in governance, the rule of law, and international cooperation.

Participation in Major UNODC Conferences and Intergovernmental Processes

11th Conference of the States Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption (COSP 11)

Doha, 15-19 December 2025
COSP 11 was the largest to date, with 192 Member States and over 3,000 participants.



Ambassador Zvekic also organized and chaired three EPLO-led side events, significantly enhancing EPLO's visibility within the anticorruption community. The delegation held multiple bilateral meetings with governmental and international partners.

15th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Abu Dhabi, 25 September–1 October 2026
EPLO contributed actively to the preparatory process, including the Regional European Preparatory Meeting (Vienna, 25 March 2026), where EPLO submitted an official statement. Ambassador Zvekic has organized two high-level side events:

- Advancing the Rights of Victims of Crime (27 September)
- Advancing Integrity and Independence of Criminal Justice (29 September)

Global Fraud Summit

Vienna, 16–17 March 2026
At the first UNODCled forum dedicated to organized fraud, Ambassador Zvekic delivered the EPLO statement on Effective Prevention of Fraud and endorsed the Global Fraud Prevention Pledge on behalf of EPLO.



Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ)

35th Session, 1-6 June 2026
The CCPCJ is the principal decision-making body of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice. EPLO participated in all Plenary sessions and organized a dedicated side event on 4 June, reinforcing its role in shaping UN crime-prevention policy.

UN Cybercrime Convention (Hanoi Convention)

Ambassador Zvekic participated in the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Committee on the rules of procedure for States Parties (26-30 January 2026), contributing to the development of this emerging global instrument.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND)

69th Session, 9–13 March 2026
EPLO was represented by Ms Paraskevi Ruci, who followed the full proceedings and prepared a detailed report for Headquarters.

UNTOC & UNCAC Working Groups

EPLO monitored and reported on:

- the 13th Meeting of the Working Group on the Firearms Protocol (11-12 May 2026)
- the 17th Session of the Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption (20-22 May 2026)

Strategic Outreach and Diplomatic Engagement

EPLO strengthened its diplomatic footprint through bilateral meetings and participation in high-level ceremonies, including:

9th International Excellence Anti-Corruption Award

Doha, 14 December 2025
Ambassador Zvekic, a member of the International Assessment Advisory Board, participated in the ceremony attended by the Emir of Qatar, senior UN officials, and previous laureates, including Professor Ziouvas.

Bilateral Engagements

The Mission held numerous meetings with governmental delegations, international organizations, and partners across the anticorruption and crime-prevention community, reinforcing EPLO's role as a trusted interlocutor.

EPLO-Led Events and Thought Leadership

The Vienna Mission played a leading role in convening highlevel discussions across UNODC platforms. EPLO organized or chaired:

- three side events at COSP 11
- two side events at the UN Crime Congress
- a dedicated CCPCJ side event
- the EPLO-chaired side event on Digital Public Infrastructure (4 June 2026)

These events positioned EPLO as a substantive contributor to global debates on victims' rights, judicial integrity, cyber governance, and fraud prevention.

Educational and Capacity-Building Activities

Study Visit – University of Milan PhD Program

28–29 May 2026
EPLO organized a two-day study visit for 14 PhD candidates in Organized Crime Studies to UNODC and the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GITOC).

Internship Program

Ms Paraskevi Ruci (6 March – 6 June 2026) became the first intern hosted by the Vienna Mission. She gained hands-on experience with UNODC structures, attended major UN meetings, and contributed reporting on UNTOC/UNCAC processes.

Mission to the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)

The EPLO has been a Party to the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) since its establishment in 2011. In 2023, EPLO appointed Ambassador David Dondua as its Permanent Representative, who presented his letter of credence to the Dean of the Academy on 10 April 2023.

IACA's work in international anticorruption legislation, capacity-building, and technical assistance, particularly for developing countries, aligns closely with EPLO's mandate and provides a strategic platform for advancing good governance and the rule of law.

Participation in IACA Governance and Intergovernmental Processes

Assembly of Parties (AoP)

EPLO participated in the 14th Session of the Assembly of Parties (4 November 2025, Vienna International Centre), the Academy's principal decision-making forum.

Working Group on Financial and Administrative Matters

On 4 May 2026, EPLO contributed to the 17th Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on financial, administrative, and substantive aspects of IACA activities.

Conferences, Webinars, and Academic Engagement

EPLO participated in and contributed to several IACA-led academic and policy events, including:

- IACA Annual Conference on Global Trends and Challenges in Preventing and Combating Corruption (13 November 2025, online)
- Graduation Ceremony for MACS, IMACC, and MACD programs (10 December 2025, Laxenburg)
- International Anti-Corruption Day Webinar (9 December 2024), exploring future IACA contributions to global anticorruption efforts
- Webinar: “Beyond Legislation: How Corruption Impedes Women from Exercising their Legal Rights” (6 March 2026)

Institutional Cooperation and Strategic Dialogue

Meeting with the Interim Dean of IACA

On 12 March 2026, Ambassador Dondua met with Interim Dean Drago Kos to explore opportunities for deeper cooperation between EPLO and IACA, including joint initiatives, training activities, and policy development.

Collaboration with EPLO UN Mission to Vienna at UNODC Platforms

On 4 June 2026, EPLO co-organized and chaired the side event “Digital Public Infrastructure for People-centred, Inclusive and Responsible Justice” during the 35th Session of the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Commission.

Engagement with the OSCE on Anti-Corruption and Governance

EPLO held a series of high-level meetings at the OSCE Secretariat to explore structured cooperation:

8 April 2026 – Meeting with Ambassador Bakyt Dzhusupov, OSCE Coordinator of Economic and Environmental Activities

21 April 2026 – Meeting with Ambassador Hatun Demirer, Director of the Office of the OSCE Secretary General

25 May 2026 – Follow-up meeting with the Director of the Office of the OSCE Secretary General, Ambassador Hatun Demirer, and Senior External co-operation Officers on institutional partnership mechanisms between EPLO and OSCE

9 June 2026 – Meeting between Professor Spyridon Flogaitis and OSCE Secretary General Feridun H. Sinirlioğlu. The meeting served to formally introduce the EPLO to the OSCE Secretariat and to explore areas of shared interest where the two organizations could work together in a practical and structured way. The exchange confirmed a shared interest in developing a structured framework for cooperation, marking an important step toward deeper engagement and future joint initiatives.


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4th Quo Vadis AI Conference
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Στρατηγική και Πραγματική Υιοθέτηση της AI στις Επιχειρήσεις»
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Γιάννα Ανδρεοπούλου
Ηλίας Βαζός
Δεμπέζη Σεβαστή
CEO,
AI Factory
Pharos
Ελευθέριος Κοραής
Group CIO,
National Bank
of Greece
Αντώνης Κόρκος
Chief Digital
& Strategy Officer,
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Institute for Justice and Growth (IJG)

The Institute for Justice and Growth (IJG) provides consulting, educational and training services of expert and innovative character, as well as technical assistance and support to countries and organizations for reforming and improving national judicial systems.

Its work contributes to enhancing citizens' trust in justice and the rule of law, improving the business and investment environment to boost competitiveness and openness of the economy and exploiting IT technologies in the fields of public governance (e-government) and justice (e-justice), aiming at transparent, accountable and good governance. The Institute is led by Mr. Nicolas Kanellopoulos, Attorney at Law and former Secretary General of the Hellenic Ministry of Justice with the support of its Scientific Council.

6 November 2025: "From e-Justice to AI-Justice: The Digital Transformation of the Justice of Tomorrow", co-organized by the Institute for Justice and Growth and the Information Society S.A., Athens, EPLO premises Plaka

The event featured remarks by the Minister of Justice, Georgios Floridis, and the Minister of Digital Governance, Dimitrios Papastergiou, marking the beginning of a multifaceted, interdisciplinary, and technocratic dialogue expected to play a significant role in shaping public discourse and strategic planning for Justice and Technology in the coming months.

The proceedings were moderated by Nikolas Kanellopoulos, Lawyer and President of the Institute for Justice and Growth.

The conference concluded with a synthesis of outcomes by Konstantinos Koussoulis, Honorary Vice President of the Council of State, Director of the Legal Office of the Presidency of the Republic and Chair of the Permanent Scientific Committee of the Ministry of Justice for examining the impact of Artificial Intelligence on the judicial system.



15 July 2026: “Constitutional Review: Justice as the Guardian of Democracy”

The Institute for Justice and Development of the European Public Law Organization (EPLO) organized this major conference, moderated by Katerina Sakellaropoulou, former President of the Hellenic Republic and former President of the Council of State.

Distinguished speakers included:

Michalis Pikramenos, President of the Council of State and Professor of Public Law at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki; Panagiotis Lymperopoulos, President of the Supreme Court (Areios Pagos); Makis Voridis, Member of Parliament (New Democracy) and Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Revision, former Minister; Dimitris Mantzos, Member of Parliament and Parliamentary Spokesperson of PASOK-KINAL; and Giorgos Karavokýris, Associate Professor of Constitutional Law at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

The event underscored the Institute’s enduring commitment to high-level, interdisciplinary dialogue on the rule of law, constitutional governance and the pivotal role of the judiciary in safeguarding democratic institutions. Notably, the conference brought together the former President of the Hellenic Republic alongside the sitting Presidents of both Supreme Courts – the Council of State and the Areios Pagos – a rare convergence of the highest echelons of Greek public life that attests to the significance of the occasion and the standing of the Institute as a platform for constitutional discourse.

Institute for Privacy Law, Data Protection and Technology (IPL)

The Institute for Privacy Law, Data Protection and Technology (IPL) promotes knowledge and policy in the field of privacy and data protection law, technology, society and fundamental rights. It provides advisory, consultancy, and training services to legislators, public bodies, organizations, and private enterprises on the legal and societal implications of emerging technologies covering a wide range of topics related to privacy and data protection law and technology and their normative and technical implications within a multidisciplinary framework, combining law, philosophy, social sciences, public administration, and management sciences. The Institute is led by Professor Lilian Mitrou, University of the Aegean, supported by its Executive Director and Scientific Council.

Joint Activities & Events by the Institute for Justice and Growth (IJG) and the Institute for Privacy Law, Data Protection and Technology (IPL)

The European Public Law Organization (EPLO), through its Institute for Privacy, Personal Data Protection and Technology (Professor Lilian Mitrou) and its Institute for Justice and Growth (Nicolas Kanellopoulos), organized on 4 June 2026 the 4th “Quo Vadis AI?” Conference, a high-level dialogue on the future of Artificial Intelligence in Greece and Europe. Held under the auspices of H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic Konstantinos Tasoulas, the conference convened leading representatives of government, academia, industry, and the technology community to examine the institutional, ethical, and societal transformations driven by AI.

Now in its fourth edition, the “Quo Vadis AI?” Conference has become Greece’s central annual forum for AI governance, consistently anticipating major policy milestones – from the

European Commission's White Paper and the 2022 regulatory proposal to the adoption of the EU Artificial Intelligence Act. It provides policymakers, academics, and industry leaders with a platform to shape the national and European agenda on AI, public law, and democratic governance.

This year's discussions explored the challenges and opportunities of the new AI era, focusing on governance, regulation, innovation, and the impact of emerging technologies on public administration, labor markets, financial systems, and democratic institutions. The event brought together two government ministers, the Governor of the Bank of Greece, senior officials from the European Commission and ENISA, Special Secretaries of the Presidency and the Ministry of Digital Governance, members of parliament, leading academics, and Csuite executives from major technology and financial institutions - underscoring the conference's standing as a uniquely authoritative forum where regulatory, academic, and industry perspectives converge.

The 4th Quo Vadis AI? Conference reaffirmed EPLO's commitment to fostering informed, evidence-based, interdisciplinary dialogue on the future of Artificial Intelligence.





Institute for Sustainable Development

The Institute for Sustainable Development supports public and private actors in strengthening governance and implementation capacity for the UN 2030 Agenda, the SDGs, and the European Green Deal. As a global knowledge hub, it provides training, strategic guidance, and policy support in sustainable development, ESG, sustainable finance, circularity, and the blue economy.

Established in 2018 as the SDG Center on Governance and Public Law in collaboration with the University of Cambridge and EPLO, the Institute has since delivered multiple projects, organized high-level conferences and UN side events, and contributed to European-funded programs, establishing itself as an authority in the fields it operates in.

The Earthshot Prize Official Nominator

The Institute served as an Official Nominator for the Earthshot Prize, founded by HRH the Prince and Princess of Wales and the British Royal Foundation, for the fourth consecutive year. This year, the Institute proposed two outstanding nominations that offer solutions to

the most pressing challenges of our times and participated in consultations with the British Embassy in Athens and the Earthshot Prize team in London.

The Institute is currently a partner in two European-funded programs:

Coastal Pro Project: As a partner in the Coastal Pro EU-funded project, the Institute developed training materials for an online gamified course on sustainability, circularity, ESG, and blue-economy skills for tourism professionals.

FOODGap Project: Within the FOODGaP Interreg project, the Institute leads stakeholder engagement, communication, and policy interface activities, supporting the transition to resilient and sustainable food systems aligned with the European Green Deal and the Farm to Fork Strategy.

The Institute also participated in major conferences, forums, and expert panels across Europe, Greece, and the GCC region, contributing thought leadership on ESG, climate resilience, and inclusive policy-making through speeches, interviews, and publications.

Participation in the European Ocean Days

Institute for Humanities and Culture “Nicos Svoronos” The Institute for Humanities and Culture “Nicos Svoronos” was established in memory of the late professor who excelled in the combination of humanities and culture with law and governance. The Institute is established to promote study, research, and training and to organize various initiatives and events in the area of administrative, financial, judicial, defense, religious, cultural affairs and international relations, as well as the arts, music, archeology, popular culture, everyday life, etc. Prof. Kalliopi (Kelly) Bourdara is the Director of the Institute.

Institute on Crime & Criminal Justice (ICCJ)

The Institute on Crime & Criminal Justice (ICCJ) of the EPLO was established in November 2020. The mission of the Institute on Crime and Criminal Justice focuses on promoting study, research, consulting, training and policy-oriented work to crime related studies and criminal justice policies at the national, European and international level. The specific fields of interest of the Institute on Crime and Criminal Justice are human rights, criminal justice policies, criminology, victimology, security, civil society and social issues.

The ICCJ implemented research and awareness activities and participated in many project proposals submitted under EU calls for funding. In the period from September 2025 to September 2026 the Institute participated in five funded projects as full partner.

The VRDiGiJust (Digitalizing Justice through Virtual Reality Training) project started in December 2022 and lasted for three years. The development of the Virtual Reality European Judicial Academy, the e-trainings and the Train the Trainers (ToTs) seminars provided knowledge and skills on the use of combined VR and AI technologies for the design and delivery of training courses in the field of justice. The collaboration with the National School of Judges (Greece) has been also developed and in situ project dialogue has been held, leading to the establishment of a network of judges and prosecutors trained in the new technologies in Greece. The final conference on ‘Justice and Artificial Intelligence: Rights, Responsibilities, and Competencies in the New Digital Era’ held in Venice in October 2025.

VISAR project (2024-2026) aiming to enhance the effective implementation of EU victims' rights laws, particularly in the context of domestic violence. EPLO organized two European workshops of mutual exchange (MELEs) on victims' rights.

CAP1: Caribbean-Albanian Poly-criminal Offshore Network Elicitation Project, the experts' team of ICCJ participated in the in-situ mission in Albania (January 2026) and in other project events.

The Digital Rights project aiming at to bolstering the practical application of the EU directives on procedural rights for suspects and accused persons involved in criminal proceedings in cases where the penal law is confronted with the use of new technologies. The ICCJ the conference on Digital Rights in Criminal Justice: Risks and mitigation mechanisms with the participation of legal experts and judiciary (8 June 2026).

The Eurolegal Bot project aims at enhancing judicial cooperation at the European level through the development of a chatbot to support practitioners in utilizing the European Arrest Warrant (EAW) mechanism. The ICCJ organized a high-level workshop on presenting, exploring, and checking the bot's information on EAW in Greek language, at EPLO premises in Athens, in 29 May 2026.

Institute for Intellectual Property Rights & Innovation (IPRI)

The Institute for Intellectual Property Rights & Innovation (IPRI) was founded in November 2019. Its core objective is to support the international development of IP policy by reinforcing the study of Intellectual Property and innovation management.

The members of the IPRI are personalities of high academic and professional qualifications and international recognition, including members from WIPO, EPO, and EUIPO.

Center for Gender and Equality Policy Studies (CEGEPS)

The Center for Gender and Equality Policy Studies (CEGEPS) is an independent unit of the EPLO, which, driven by documented research, intends to seek actions, institutional adjustments, and policies that promote human rights, equality, and social justice. It was founded in December 2020.

Institute for Transparency & Fundamental Rights

The Institute for Transparency & Fundamental Rights (IFTFR) advances EPLO's mission in the protection of fundamental rights in the European, international and comparative national space at scientific, social and political levels through public dialogue, and expert engagement.

The Institute is led by Professor Charalambos Tsiliotis, Associate Professor of Constitutional and European Constitutional Law, who serves as Director and Chair of the Board.

Scientific Conferences & Public Engagement

Scientific Conference on the Impact of the European Convention on Human Rights on Key Areas of Greek Law

Athens Court of Appeal – 24 May 2026

The Institute co-organized a major scientific conference examining the influence of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) on Greek civil, criminal, administrative, and constitutional law. The event brought together judges, academics, and practitioners to analyze how Strasbourg jurisprudence shapes national legal doctrine and judicial practice. Discussions focused on property rights, personal liberty, fairtrial guarantees, private life, and the evolving relationship between the ECHR and the Greek legal order.

Scientific Conference on Article 86 of the Constitution

Athens Bar Association – 27 May 2026

The Institute also co-organized a high-level conference dedicated to Article 86 of the Greek Constitution, addressing the constitutional framework governing ministerial responsibility and political accountability.



Circular Economy, Environment, Energy and Climate Institute (CEEECI)

The Circular Economy, Environment, Energy and Climate Institute (CEEECI) of the EPLO, continued throughout 2025-2026 to strengthen its international presence and leadership in the fields of circular economy, climate policy, sustainable development, environmental governance and green transition.

During the reporting period, CEEECI further consolidated its position as a recognized international policy and scientific hub, participating in major United Nations, European Commission and intergovernmental initiatives while expanding its network of strategic partnerships across Europe and the Mediterranean region.

International Conferences and High-Level Participation

The Director of CEEECI, Mr. George Kremlis, and the Deputy Director, Ms. Garyfallia Selimi, participated as speakers and experts in numerous high-level international conferences and forums, including:

- Delphi Economic Forum Brussels
- Delphi Economic Forum
- The Economist Conferences
- Regional Growth Conference
- Green Transition Forum
- International Conference on Sustainable Solid Waste Management
- Southeast Europe Energy Forum

Through their interventions and presentations, they promoted the mission and activities of CEEECI while contributing to discussions on circular economy, climate governance, sustainable development, energy transition and environmental protection.

Women and Europe Event

On 9 May 2025, CEEECI successfully organized the event: “Women and Europe: A Synergy of Strength and Driving Force”

UNECE Mediterranean Sub-Regional Meeting - Slovenia

EU Green Week 2025 Official Partner Event

As an Official Partner of the European Commission (DG Environment), CEEECI organized the event: “Promoting Best Practices on Economic Instruments in Waste Management and Circular Economy” on 11 June 2025

Cultural Heritage and Climate Change

Within the framework of its cooperation with the Ministry of Culture of Spain and UNESCO, CEEECI participated in the 4th International Meeting on the Protection of Cultural Heritage from Climate Change, held from 3–5 July 2025.

Water Scarcity in the Mediterranean

In July 2025, CEEECI participated in a high-level event on Water Scarcity in the Mediterranean Region, organized in cooperation with the Institute of Sustainable Water Management and Water Law.

Circular Gaia Symposium 2025

One of the major achievements of the reporting period was the successful organization of the Circular Gaia Symposium 2025, held in Athens on 2–3 October 2025.

The annual international scientific hybrid conference brought together:

- Representatives of the Greek Government
- Ministers from Mediterranean countries
- European Commissioners
- Senior European Union officials
- Representatives of universities and research institutions
- Business leaders and private sector stakeholders

The Symposium was livestreamed in 42 countries and attracted an international audience of approximately 3,000 participants, reaffirming its position as a leading platform for dialogue on circular economy, climate action, energy transition and sustainable development.



COP24 UNEP/MAP - Cairo

From 2-5 December 2025, Deputy Director Garyfallia Selimi represented EPLO at the 24th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (COP24 UNEP/MAP) in Cairo, Egypt.

The participation marked an important milestone as EPLO became a new UNEP/MAP Partner, strengthening the Organization's role within the Mediterranean environmental governance framework.

Mediterranean Environmental Assessments Meeting – Athens

On 23-24 April 2026, CEEECI co-organized the 3rd Sub-regional Meeting on Environmental Assessments in a Transboundary Context in the Mediterranean Sea at the EPLO premises in Plaka, Athens. The meeting was organized in cooperation with UNECE, UNEP/MAP and the Ministry of Environment and Energy of Greece.

Publications and Thought Leadership

Throughout the reporting period, George Kremlis and Garyfallia Selimi maintained an active presence in national and international media, scientific publications and specialized policy platforms.

On 2 April 2026, Deputy Director Ms. Garyfallia Selimi participated as a Keynote Speaker at the 2nd ESG Summit organized by ICAP CRIF, one of the leading forums in Southeast Europe dedicated to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues.

UNECE Espoo Convention and SEA Protocol

From 16-18 June 2026, Deputy Director Ms. Garyfallia Selimi, representing EPLO and CEEECI, participated in the 14th Working Group Meeting of the UNECE Espoo Convention and the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in Geneva, Switzerland.

European Institute of Management and Governance (EIMG)

The European Institute of Management and Governance (EIMG) was established to serve as a center of excellence in management development, consulting and policy research. Its mission is to develop socially and professionally responsible leaders in both the public and private sectors through training, consulting and research grounded in holistic values and competencies.

EIMG provides modern tools and innovative methods for designing and implementing institutional, organizational and operational interventions. In the field of training, it delivers tailormade educational programs aligned with the needs of each target group, drawing on the EPLO's network of expert trainers -distinguished professionals and academics with strong experience in Greece and abroad.

President: Mr. Dimitris Kirmikiroglou.
Director: Mrs Vasiliki Moustakatou.

The European Institute of Management and Governance (EIMG) continued its work in 2025–2026 in advancing public administration reform and executive training. Under the leadership of EIMG's Director, Mrs Vasiliki Moustakatou, EIMG supported the EPLO-implemented project "Support to Public Administration Reform in Jordan", financed by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS). A key achievement was the launch of the 1st Cohort of the Professional Diploma in Public Administration and Policy, delivered with JAGA and the German Jordanian University, bringing together 47 officials from over 30 institutions. The program was inaugurated in Amman on 30 August 2025, with high-level

participation from Jordanian authorities and partners, including the Minister of State for Public Sector Development, the President of the Service and Public Administration Commission, representatives from the Prime Ministry's Office, the President of GJU, and the Secretary General of JAGA, who emphasized its importance for the country's modernization agenda, and acknowledged the valuable support provided by the Italian Government and EPLO in developing and delivering the program.



The Diploma—originally designed by EIMG—continues to evolve as a flagship initiative supporting Jordan's Public Sector Modernization Roadmap.



H.E. Eng. Siham Alkhawaldeh, SG of JAGA; Mrs Vasiliki Moustakatou, Director of EIMG and Key Expert of the Project; H.E. Minister Badria Al-Balbisi; Dr. Lian Catinis, Team Leader of the Project; and Mrs Argham Jawer, Office Manager.

In parallel, EIMG contributed to selected activities of EPLO's Technical Cooperation Department related to proposal development, as well as the preparation and implementation of capacity-building initiatives in the fields of AI and Digital Governance, notably the AI4GOV Roundtable held in Athens on 5 February 2026.

Institute for Global Health Emergencies Response (IGHER)

The Institute for Global Health Emergencies Response (IGHER) was established on 19th November 2021 and has its seat at the EPLO Headquarters in Rome. The aim of IGHER is to promote the research, development of studies, opinions, education and training in the field of health emergencies of a global or multinational dimension.

The Director of IGHER is Matteo Gnes, full professor of Administrative Law and Deputy Director of the Law Department of the University of Urbino Carlo Bo (Italy).

The field of interest of IGHER includes the study and research of situations characterized as global and/or international health emergencies with the aim to identify the instruments to be used for their management, the models of public communication, the best practices used both at legislative and administrative level.

In the period 2025-2026 the activities carried out by IGHER focused (as in the previous years) on the “One Health Strategy”, i.e. an integrated, unifying approach that aims to sustainably balance and optimize the health of humans, animals, plants and ecosystems, recognizing that the health of humans, domestic and wild animals, plants and the wider environment are closely linked and interdependent (as stated by FAO, UNEP, WHO and WOAH, in the so-called quadripartite definition). In this respect, IGHER cooperated with the research activities of the Global pandemic Network – GPN and the One Health Conference, also by organizing the Conference “One health and protection of coasts: ecological and legal issues”, held at the Rome premises of EPLO at Palazzo Altemps on 3 October 2025, which was also a side event of the 4th International One Health Conference (on the topic “Integral Ecology as a light to foster the One-Health approach”), held in Rome on 30 September-2 October 2025.

European Institute for Criminal Law & Criminal Justice System

The European Institute for Criminal Law & Criminal Justice System brings together leading scholars to examine central issues in classical criminal law doctrine and the philosophical foundations of criminal law. Its work focuses on the doctrinal and philosophical analysis of contemporary problems in European criminal law and in the criminal law of individual European states, including the UK. The Institute is directed by Professor Emeritus Ioannis Giannidis and the Scientific Council consists of 21 internationally recognized scholars from various European jurisdictions, specializing in criminal law, the philosophy of criminal law, and theoretical criminology.

Institute of Sustainable Water Management and Water Law

The Institute of Sustainable Water Management and Water Law serves as a think tank and project leader on issues related to water management and water law. Its work supports governments and organizations in identifying best practices for sustainable water use and in developing legal frameworks that ensure responsible and equitable water distribution. The Institute focuses primarily on Central and Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean, promoting

cooperation among public authorities, NGOs, businesses, and environmental policy makers, as well as encouraging information exchange and public participation in decision-making.

The Institute is directed by Professor Ioannis Katsoyiannis, Full Professor of Environmental Technology at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Associate Editor of Environmental Science and Pollution Research (Springer), and Visiting Professor at Ca' Foscari University of Venice. The Administrative Director is Ms. Iliana Kosti, Lawyer of Athens.

Activities

World Water Day 2026 – Chios

The Institute participated in the World Water Day 2026 event in Chios

Agnes Vlavianos Award – Recognition of the Institute's Director

As part of the 3rd Sustainable Development Forum organized by the Club of Rome – Hellenic Chapter, and held this year at the historic Athenian Club, Professor Katsoyiannis served as one of the keynote speakers. Following his address, he received the Agnes Vlavianos Award, an annual distinction presented to scientists who advance sustainable development and environmental protection.

Institute of the Global Rule of Law (IGRoL)

In 2022, the EPLO established the Institute of the Global Rule of Law (IGRoL) to develop and promote the principles of the Rule of Law at an international scientific and educational level. The Institute scientifically supports the EPLO Global Rule of Law Commission (GRoLC), follows its discussions and executes its decisions. It operates from the EPLO Regional Branch in Cascais, Portugal, and is under the leadership of Dr. Teresa Violante. Her role is honorary and discretionary. The EPLO Regional Branch in Cascais provides administrative support to the Institute.

Rule of Law Reports

The Institute conducts research and supports the drafting of the Commission's Rule of Law Reports, in cooperation with the European Law and Governance School (ELGS). The 2025 Report on the Rule of Law in Africa was submitted to the UN General Assembly Sixth Committee in November 2025, while the 2026 Report on the Rule of Law in Latin America will be submitted in October 2026.

Public Launch of the 2025 Report – Cascais, 9 January 2026

IGRoL, in cooperation with the Municipality of Cascais, organized a public event at the Cascais Cultural Center to present the 2025 Report on the Rule of Law in Africa. Speakers included EPLO Director Professor Spyridon Flogaitis, Commission President Professor Giuliano Amato, and the African members of the Commission: President Jorge Fonseca, President Lucia da Luz Ribeiro, Ambassador Raychelle Omamo, and Professor Carlos Feijó. The discussion,

moderated by Dr. Teresa Violante, highlighted progress and remaining challenges across the African continent.

UN Side-Event – Geneva, 11 May 2026

At a United Nations side-event in Geneva, Dr. Teresa Violante presented the findings of the 2025 Global Rule of Law Commission Report on Africa, engaging with diplomats and experts on regional governance developments.

Online Panel – EU Court of Justice Judgment C769/22

On 7 May 2026, Dr. Violante represented EPLO in an online panel organized by NOVA University Lisbon on the implications of CJEU Judgment C769/22 for EU values, LGBTQ+ protection, and fundamental rights.

Post-Graduate Programs in Cascais

In cooperation with the ELGS, the Institute coordinates academic support for two postgraduate programs delivered in Cascais:

- Master in Global Rule of Law and Democracy
- LLM in International Organizations

The 2025-2026 editions welcomed students from Azerbaijan, Cape Verde, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Uganda, Nigeria, and the United States. Both programs benefited from strengthened collaboration with the Global Rule of Law Commission through guest lectures, participation in the Commission's Annual Meeting, and student research contributing to the Commission's forthcoming report.

Institute for Regulatory Innovation, Delivery, and Effectiveness (IRIDE)

The Institute for Regulatory Innovation, Delivery, and Effectiveness (IRIDE) of the EPLO to promote the effective and efficient delivery of high-quality regulation grounded in international good practices. Its work is guided by an outcomes-focused, evidenc-edriven, and risk-based approach to regulation and public service delivery. IRIDE aims to strengthen regulatory effectiveness, build public trust, and reduce burdens for both the public and private sectors.

Since its establishment, IRIDE has implemented advisory and technical assistance projects, delivered specialized training, participated in international conferences, and signed partnership agreements to advance regulatory governance. It has also served as a partner in two funded international projects.

Technical Assistance Projects/Advisory Services

Canada – Ontario Heritage Framework Modernization (June 2025)

IRIDE supported the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism and national consulting teams in modernizing Ontario's heritage regulatory framework.

Events and Training

During 2026, IRIDE-EPLO actively contributed to international dialogue and professional capacity-building initiatives in the field of regulatory governance, digital transformation, and risk-based inspections.

In January 2026, an IRIDE delegation participated in the OPSS International Conference “Regulation for Growth: Product Regulation in a Digital Age” in London, which brought together experts from 58 countries to discuss the links between regulatory reform, digitalization, emerging technologies, and economic growth.

In March 2026, IRIDE cooperated with the State Chancellery of the Republic of Moldova and the World Bank Competitiveness Enhancement Project to deliver professional training for inspectors and regulatory officials on “Inspections Reform in the Context of EU Integration – Improving Risk-Based Approaches through Digital Tools.



In May 2026, the State Chancellery organized a specialized training session for staff of Moldova's Civil Aeronautical Authority with the participation of Dr. Florentin Blanc. Dr. Blanc also held meetings with representatives of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development and the management of the Civil Aviation Authority to discuss future cooperation and partnership opportunities.

Mediterranean Migration and Asylum Policy Hub (MedMA)

The Mediterranean Migration and Asylum Policy Hub (MedMA) is an agency of the EPLO established in 2022 to bridge knowledge production, fieldwork, and policy-making across the Mediterranean region. Its strategic approach is anchored in three core pillars – Research, Engagement and Influence – through which it seeks to deepen policy understanding, foster best practices and address shared regional challenges. The Hub is led by Dr Markos Karavias, Director of MedMA.

Events

1 December 2025 - Roundtable Discussion

"American Politics and Immigration Policy: A Cautionary Tale for Liberal Democracies" MedMA hosted a closed high-level roundtable at the EPLO premises in Athens, led by Frank Sharry, one of the most experienced migration policy strategists in the English-speaking world.

2 December 2025 - Workshop: 'Stand & Deliver: How to Build a Powerful Narrative'

The workshop focused on strengthening participants' ability to craft compelling, values-based narratives on migration, counter misinformation, and engage more effectively with diverse audiences, including the "movable middle".



2 February 2026 – Inauguration of new Cyprus Office: MedMA in Cyprus: An Exchange on Migration, Asylum & Policy

A defining institutional development of this reporting period was the establishment of MedMA's Cyprus office, staffed by a dedicated Policy Officer, and the launch of Cyprusbased operations. The inaugural event brought together policy experts, civil-society organizations, researchers and practitioners for an in-depth exchange on migration, asylum and policy development.

16 February 2026 - Launch of the Migration & Asylum Data Hub for Cyprus

A major milestone of MedMA's Cyprus expansion was the launch of the Migration & Asylum Data Hub, a centralized digital platform that consolidates official national and EU data and makes key migration indicators easily accessible. The Hub fills a longstanding gap in Cyprus's migration statistics - one of the least documented among the MED5 countries - and, launched as Cyprus assumed the Council Presidency, provides an immediately relevant tool for informing the Presidency's migration agenda.

10 March 2026 - Report presentation and policy discussion: Greece's Bilateral Migration Agreements with Egypt and Bangladesh

28-29 April 2026 - Conference: Council of Europe- European NPM Forum

MedMA participated in the Annual Conference "Mental Health in Detention" in Strasbourg, organized with the support of the joint European Union- Council of Europe project "Support to Council of Europe for EU network of prison monitoring bodies" and convened by The European NPM Forum.

30 April 2026 - Conference: National Integration Strategy for Migrants 2026-29: From Theory to Practice

The conference took place in Nicosia, Cyprus, under the auspices of the Deputy Ministry of Migration and International Protection. A central focus of the conference was the current and potential role of local authorities in integration efforts.



8 May 2026 – Social Cohesion in Practice: MedMA Participates in International Migration Review Forum 2026 Side Event on Integration, Skills and Labour Market Inclusion

EPLO and the Permanent Representation of Greece to the UN organized a Side Event in the framework of the International Migration Review Forum 2026 at the UN in New York City.

Webinars

19 February 2026 – Secondary Movement of Beneficiaries of International Protection: From Greece to the Netherlands

The webinar presented the policy paper, “Secondary Movement of Beneficiaries of International Protection: From Greece to the Netherlands, Webinar (Video) - Secondary Movement of Beneficiaries of International Protection: From Greece to the Netherlands - MedMA

25 February 2026 – MedMA Talks! Webinar with Frank Sharry

MedMA talks with Frank Sharry, consultant with British Future & formerly Principal Advisor on Immigration Policy to the Kamala Harris for President Campaign, on migration narratives.

5 March 2026 – MedMA Talks! Eastern Mediterranean in Turmoil: What it means for Cyprus

This rapid-response webinar convened policy experts and practitioners to discuss how the latest escalation by the United States (US) and Israel on Iran could affect Cyprus and shape migration dynamics in the wider region.

Publications

2 December 2025 – A Mediterranean Perspective on Current Migration Governance- Joint Policy Paper by MedMA & the Florence School of Transnational Governance (STG) of the European University Institute (EUI)

16 December 2025 – Secondary Movement of Beneficiaries of International Protection from Greece to the Netherlands by Tihomir Sabchev

18 December 2025 – Greece- Egypt Seasonal Work Agreement: Pilot Implementation Review and Operational Recommendations by Markos Karavias and Sebene Eshete

13 February 2026 – The Greece-Bangladesh Memorandum of Understanding: Implementation Overview by Vasileios Kerasiotis and Sebene Eshete

1 April 2026 – Residence-by-Investment Schemes in Italy, Greece, and Cyprus by Valentina Bacchin

European Institute for the Study or Chinese Law, Governance & Civilization (EISCL)

The European Institute for the Study of Chinese Law, Governance and Civilization serves as a central nexus for academic inquiry, education and scholarly collaboration between West and East. Its mission is to cultivate a comprehensive understanding of China's legal, governance and cultural frameworks and to examine their intersections with Europe and the broader international community.

Through intercultural dialogue and reciprocal academic exchange, the Institute seeks to advance comparative research, promote informed discussion on global governance, and contribute to the evolution of sound legal systems and effective public administration. At the same time, EISCL places strong emphasis on fostering mutual appreciation of cultural heritage and strengthening the intellectual foundations for constructive engagement between East and West.

Throughout 2025 and into 2026, the European Institute for the Study of Chinese Law, Governance and Civilization (EISCL) strengthened its academic presence through institutional cooperation, public engagement and interdisciplinary dialogue on China-Europe relations. Building on its establishment phase, the Institute expanded collaboration with universities, scholars and policy actors, advancing research on governance, legal systems and intercultural understanding. With the support of the EPLO, EISCL undertook a series of initiatives that reinforced its role as a platform for scholarly exchange and informed discussion on contemporary global challenges.

Institutional Cooperation & High-Level Engagements

26 June 2025 - Inauguration of the Chinese School of Classical Studies

27 June 2025 – Meeting with Chinese Delegation at the Embassy

Professor Katrougalos, accompanied by Mr Z. Despos, Office Director, and Associate Professor Dora Papadopoulou, EISCL Board Member, met with a delegation at the Chinese Embassy led by Baima Chilin, President of the China Society for Human Rights Studies.



18 November 2025 – Keynote at the Presentation of The Governance of China

Professor Katrougalos delivered a keynote address at the Zappeion Megaron during the presentation of the Greek edition of President Xi Jinping's book, The Governance of China published by Papazisis Publications.





Academic Exchanges & Student Delegations

1 September 2025 – Tsinghua University Delegation

EISCL welcomed students from Tsinghua University's Schools of Journalism and Economics & Management at the EPLO's Plaka premises.

31 July 2025 – Weiyang College Delegation

Students from Weiyang College, Tsinghua University, visited EPLO's Plaka premises as part of ongoing cooperation with Tsinghua's Global Competence Center.



16 January 2026 – Visit of Professor Li Zhang & Tsinghua Students

EISCL hosted Professor Li Zhang, Jean Monnet Chair and Associate Dean at Tsinghua University's School of Journalism and Communication, accompanied by a group of 13 students for an interactive discussion on China-Europe relations, the Institute's academic activities and broader issues of governance and intercultural exchange.

17 July 2026 – Rixin College Delegation

EPLO and EISCL hosted a delegation from Rixin College, Tsinghua University at the EPLO's Plaka premises, for an academic exchange on China-Europe relations, governance, public law and intercultural dialogue.

Flagship Academic Program

20-24 July 2026 – China-Europe Summer School 2026

Organized by the European Law and Governance School (ELGS), the program explored business, trade, politics and global governance and examined the evolving strategic, economic and geopolitical relations between China and Europe in the context of technological transformation and the emerging multipolar international order.

Institute for Higher Education Law & Governance (IHELG)

The Institute for Higher Education Law and Governance (IHELG) is home to sponsored research and academic programs and projects that examine higher education systems and policy issues from a wide range of analytical perspectives, including those of social scientists, policy makers, and institutional leaders from across sectors within Europe and abroad. The Director of the Institute is Associate Professor Luca Lantero.

Tax and Accounting Academy

The EPLO Tax and Accounting Academy (in brief "Tax Academy") was founded by the EPLO with a view to promoting research in the area of taxation and accounting and facilitating the exchange of views on tax and accounting issues. The Academy aims to set up a forum for the exchange of ideas on tax and accounting issues among the countries in which EPLO is active and ultimately to create a think tank and a network to promote best practices and cooperation.

Event: "Taxation & Business Development: Proposed Interventions to Improve the Business Environment"

16 March 2026 – Athens , organized in collaboration with the Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI)
The event brought together senior policymakers, tax experts and business representatives to discuss practical reforms that could strengthen Greece's business environment and support sustainable economic growth.

The Institute of Forensic Sciences - NEW

The Institute of Forensic Sciences was formally established in 2026 as a new EPLO Institute dedicated to integrating forensic science with public law, justice, governance, and institutional accountability. Its creation strengthens EPLO's scientific footprint and supports evidence-based approaches to legal and administrative processes. The Institute is led by a distinguished scientific leadership team, ensuring strong academic direction and international credibility. The Director is Prof. Dr. Ersi Kalfoglou and the Deputy Director is Prof. Nikolas P. Lemos supported by a distinguished expert Scientific Committee.

Institute for Local Autonomies in Europe - NEW

In 2026, the European Public Law Organization (EPLO) and the University of Trento's Faculty of Law, supported by the Autonomous Province of Trento launched a new research institute dedicated to the study of territorial autonomies in Europe. The Institute will be led by Professor Fulvio Cortese as Director

This new institute represents a significant step in EPLO's academic expansion in Italy and deepens its collaboration with one of Europe's leading universities in the field of comparative and European public law.

The Institute of Global Administrative Law (IGAL) - NEW

The Institute of Global Administrative Law (IGAL), based in the EPLO Office in Rome, is dedicated to research, education, training, and institution building in the field of global administrative law. It is led by Professor Susana de la Sierra


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