



## ECBA Spring Conference 2024, 3-4 May, Brussels, Belgium

### Friday 3 May

19h00 – 21:30	<p><b>Reception</b></p> <p><b>Venue: BELvue Museum</b></p> <p>Address: Place des Palais, 7, 1000 Brussels</p> <p>Welcome words:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Vincent Asselineau, Chair of the ECBA</li><li>○ Emmanuel Plasschaert, Bâtonnier Ordre français des avocats du barreau de Bruxelles (Brussels French Bar Association)</li></ul>
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### Saturday 4 May

8h30	<p><b>Conference</b></p> <p><b>Venue: Hall des Marbres, Université Libre de Bruxelles, A building</b></p> <p>Address: (entry X, access via 50, Avenue Roosevelt)</p> <p>Registration and welcome coffee</p>
9h00	<p><b>Conference opening – welcome speeches</b></p> <p>Vincent Asselineau, Chair of the ECBA</p>
9h30	<p><b>Scott Crosby Human Rights Award 2023</b></p> <p><i>Introduction by Alexis Anagnostakis, ECBA Human Rights Officer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Françoise Tulkens, former Judge and Vice-President of the ECHR, Belgium</li><li>○ Nancy Hollander, defence lawyer, USA</li></ul>

Saturday 4 May (contd.)

10h00

**Panel No. 1**

**Visions for the future of European policy in the field of criminal matters**

*Chair: Vânia Costa Ramos, ECBA Vice Chair and Mona Giacometti, defence lawyer and ULB Professor, Belgium*

Presentations sharing visions for the future of EU Criminal Law – from the perspective of academics, member states and the EC, followed by an actively moderated Q&A by the co-chairs and contributions from the floor.

- Anne Weyembergh, Law Professor ULB, Belgium
  - Daniel Flore, General Director of Legislation, Freedoms and Fundamental Rights Department, Ministry of Justice, Belgium
  - Fabio Giuffrida, Team Leader, DG Just, EU Commission, Belgium
- Q&A

11h30

*Coffee Break*

12h00

**Panel No. 2**

**The challenges of modern practice**

*Chair: Neil Swift, ECBA Executive Committee, United Kingdom*

An in-depth look at the challenges faced by lawyers managing practices of different sizes and in different countries, including the specific ones faced by women running a practice. The focus will be on attracting, encouraging, and retaining talent; business development; and whether accommodating the elusive work-life balance is possible. It will be an interactive panel that encourages contributions from the floor.

- Louise Hodges, defence lawyer, UK
  - Jaanus Tehver, defence lawyer, Estonia
  - Jeroen Soeteman, defence lawyer, The Netherlands
  - Veronica Spiteri, defence lawyer, Malta
- Q&A

13h30

*Lunch*

**Venue: Building S, first floor (on the ULB campus, entrance via Rue Jeanne, 44)**



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15h00

**Panel No. 3**

**INTERPOL – Perspectives from the CCF, General Secretariat and Practitioners**

*Chair: Jago Russell, defence lawyer, United Kingdom*

A focus on INTERPOL alerts, primarily red notices and wanted person diffusions. The discussion will look at pertinent issues pertaining to individual rights, due process, and international cooperation. With speakers from INTERPOL, the panel offers a rare opportunity to learn about INTERPOL's existing policies and practices, and to foster a discussion about common challenges faced by practitioners, emerging trends, and best practices when engaging with INTERPOL.

- Yaron Gottlieb, Head of INTERPOL's Notices and Diffusions Task Force (NDF)
- Sandra Grossman, defence lawyer, USA
- Raphaël Nicolle, Senior Counsel, CCF Secretariat, Interpol
- Rebecca Niblock, defence lawyer, UK

Q&A

16h30

**ECBA Treasurer - 2023 financial report**

16h45

**Closing the Conference**

Vincent Asselineau, Chair of the ECBA

19h30

**Dinner (optional)**

**Venue: Alice restaurant and cocktail bar**

Address: Av. Louise 190, 1050 Bruxelles, Belgium

Sunday 5 May

10h00 – 12h30

**Sightseeing tour "Art Nouveau in the Squares district" (in English, optional)**

Meeting at the Renaissance hotel lobby at 10am