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Cosita Delvaux becomes the first woman President of the CNUE

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At the Handover Ceremony held in Luxembourg on Thursday 16 January, the Luxembourg notary Cosita Delvaux, member of the Chamber of Notaries of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, became the first woman President of the Council of the Notariats of the European Union (CNUE). She will exercise her mandate in 2025 and succeed the Lithuanian notary Marius Stračkaitis. In the presence of a number of leading figures from the political and legal world, including the Luxembourg Minister of Justice, Ms Elisabeth Margue, she presented the priorities of her programme:

- *Strengthening the protection of adults in Europe*

The CNUE is closely following the ongoing negotiations on the European Commission's legislative package on cross-border protection of adults. In 2025, the CNUE intends to look into the implementation of powers of attorney issued by notaries in a cross-border context, both lasting powers of attorney and general or special powers of attorney, in order to ensure that, in the interest of legal certainty, such powers of attorney have not been revoked. With this in mind, the CNUE will analyse the advisability of notarial chambers setting up registers where they do not yet exist, and the feasibility of interconnecting existing registers at European level, also with a view to the proposal on the protection of adults.

- *Cybersecurity: A priority for the European notariat*

With the rise of digitalisation, cybersecurity is becoming a major challenge for the notarial profession. The protection of personal data and the security of transactions are key issues. Notarial offices, which handle sensitive information, can be prime targets for cybercriminals.

The CNUE is the ideal forum to exchange and present best practices developed at national level. President Delvaux will seek to facilitate this exchange with a view to identifying recommendations and setting up an awareness campaign to better protect notaries' activities against these risks.

- *10th anniversary of the European Succession Regulation*

2025 will mark the 10th anniversary of the entry into application of Regulation (EU) No 650/2012 on international successions. By centralising the rules of jurisdiction and applicable law, and by introducing tools such as the European Certificate of Succession, this Regulation greatly facilitates the lives of families facing cross-border situations. In the majority of Member States, notaries play a key role as main interlocutors for all matters related to succession law. While the European Commission has to decide on the possible revision of the Regulation, the CNUE intends to devote several events to this subject in 2025 in order to share its recommendations.

Following the Handover Ceremony, President Cosita Delvaux said:

“ For 2025, my priorities as President of the CNUE aim to respond to the current challenges of our profession, while exploring opportunities for innovation and cooperation. Continuity will be at the very heart of my Presidency. We will continue to develop key issues such as company law and the digitalisation of justice, in order to adapt our profession to societal and technological developments, while strengthening our role at the service of states, citizens and businesses.”

The biography of Cosita Delvaux is available [online](#).

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The CNUE in a nutshell

The **Council of the Notariats of the European Union (CNUE)** is the official body representing the notarial profession in dealings with the European institutions. The CNUE brings together the notariats of the 22 Member States familiar with this institution: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain. The notariats of Albania, Moldova, Georgia, Montenegro, the Republic of North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye and Ukraine are observer members. The CNUE represents more than 50,000 notaries and 200,000 employees.



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