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# Paul Gilligan, Paul Keane, William McKechnie

Paul Gilligan practiced as a barrister in Ireland for 32 years, becoming Senior Counsel in 1984. Appointed as a High Court Judge in 2003, he later led the Chancery Division before joining the Court of Appeal, retiring in 2018. He represented the Irish Judiciary in European organisations, serving as President of the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary in 2012–2014. Gilligan is a qualified and accredited mediator and fellow with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and practises as a mediator mainly in the commercial area. Gilligan is currently a Vice-President of European Association of Judges for Mediation (GEMME). He is also one of the Co-Chairs of the Irish Hub.

Paul Keane is a practising lawyer in Reddy Charlton Solicitors. Since his appointment as Honorary Consul General of Sweden in 2010, Keane has been responsible for consular and trade services for the Swedish community in Ireland. In 2019, Keane was awarded the Order of the Polar Star by HM Carl Gustaf. He is a Member of the Council of the Law Society of Ireland, where he is Chair of Finance. In 2022, he was appointed to the Council of the IBA. Keane is a Founding Member (and former President) of Interleges, Chair of the Swedish Chamber of Commerce in Ireland and one of the Co-Chairs of the Irish Hub.

In 2000, William McKechnie became a High Court Judge (Main Trial Court) and in 2010 a Supreme Court Judge (Final Appellate Court) (R 2021). He holds an LLM (European Law; Fundamental Rights). He has been President of the Association of European Competition Law Judges (2010–2014); Chairperson of the General Bar of Ireland (1998–2000); Chairperson of the Valuation Tribunal of Ireland (1995–2000) and Chairperson of the Editorial Board of the Judicial Studies Institute Journal (2002–2007). He has also been an ELI Council member and a member of the Membership Committee since 2019. McKechnie has authored several publications. He is one of the Co-Chairs of the Irish Hub.



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IRISH HUB

# Join us in Dublin

The Irish Hub extends a warm invitation to you to come to Dublin for ELI's Annual Conference between Wednesday, 9 October and Friday, 11 October this year. We want you, and those dear to you, to have a fulfilling and memorable time in our city.

The Annual Conference is an opportunity to meet old (and new) friends and to participate in the latest work of ELI.

## **The Agenda**

As usual, the work programme is packed with contributions from leading academics, judges and practitioners. Dublin is the European capital of the Tech Titans. So it is appropriate that the agenda should concentrate on topics relating to digitalisation, one of the key themes of ELI's work. This will extend to the Keynote session, which will debate the issue of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and human rights.

But there is much, much more to be explored in the wide range of panels of experts that will be presented during the Conference (see pages 8 to 11 of this Newsletter).

## **Our Hosts and Venues**

Both the King's Inns and the Law Society of Ireland have been extraordinarily generous in hosting our Conference and in putting their facilities at our disposal.

We will be based in the legal quarter, on the north side of the city, but within easy reach of its commercial centre. The Conference will be held in the King's Inns, the home for Irish barristers. In addition to the splendid architecture of the building, there are wonderful paintings to delight the eye

and the library is a charming and historic repository of legal learning. The Gala Dinner will be enjoyed in the imposing Dining Hall. The King's Inns have a deserved reputation for the excellence of their table. We can expect an exceptional evening.

The Opening Reception will take place in the headquarters of the Law Society of Ireland, the representative and regulator of 12,000 Irish solicitors. The building, in the Palladian style, goes back to 1770 and has been carefully restored and maintained by the Law Society.

Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club will be the magnificent location for the Social Event on Friday evening. This is the premier tennis club in Ireland, situated close to the Georgian Quarter, on the south side of the city. We are promised great food and wine and some fun to celebrate a great Conference.

## **Industry Event**

The Industry Event is a new element associated with the Annual Conference. The event will explore the difficult issues that arise from the interplay of the GDPR and AI. It is aimed primarily at the legal community in Ireland and their clients. The objective is to raise the local profile of ELI and to raise a modest contribution to the cost of the Conference.

The Law Society of Ireland has, extraordinarily for the benefit of ELI, taken on the task of the promotion and staging of the event. The Society is also providing its fine President's Hall for the event, entertaining us with a reception afterwards.



## “ The Annual Conference is an opportunity to meet old (and new) friends and to participate in the latest work of ELI. ”

The Industry Event will leverage the expertise of leading speakers at our Conference together with additional leading speakers based in Dublin.

These include:

- Justice Gerard Hogan of the Supreme Court (former Advocate General of the European Court of Justice)
- Professor Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; University of Fribourg)
- Sir Geoffrey Vos (Master of the Rolls and Head of Civil Justice in England and Wales)
- Jeremy Godfrey (Chair of Ireland’s regulator of Media, and thus of the many leading internet platforms serving the EU based in Ireland)
- Emma Redmond (Assistant General Counsel for privacy and data protection – Open AI).
- Irene Nicolaidou (Deputy Chair of the European Data Protection Board)

Further details of the event can be found [here](#).

### **Cultural Programme**

We want you to get to know something of the history and culture of Dublin. There are optional (free!) tours of King’s Inns, the Law Society, Georgian Dublin as well as the National Gallery of Ireland, which should not be missed and there will be a sample of

music at the Gala Dinner and Social Event. We hope that you will continue your stay for a couple of days. We will be happy to help with suggestions of where to go, both in the city and beyond.

### **Sponsors**

The Conference could not take place without the generous support of sponsors and the host institutions nor the unstinting efforts of the members of the Irish Hub.

In addition to the support of our hosts, King’s Inns and the Law Society of Ireland, two of our leading law firms, [Phillip Lee LLP](#) and [Reddy Charlton LLP](#), are providing generous financial sponsorship. They are also welcoming us to their offices as part of the Walking Tour of Georgian Dublin on Friday. Newbridge Silverware is Ireland’s foremost giftware company and has also been most supportive. It has a beautiful shop and restaurant within an hour from Dublin and boasts an award-winning museum showing rare memorabilia from Hollywood and Irish cinema. Cutlery and jewellery are made on site and a factory tour can be organised. You can also find them on their [website](#), and in outlets in Dublin.

We really look forward to welcoming you to Dublin in October!

Paul Keane, Paul Gilligan, William McKechnie  
(Co-Chairs of ELI’s Irish Hub)



# 2024 ELI Annual Conference



[Register](#)

Kindly refrain from registering from all panels and events unless you are certain you will attend, as spaces are limited and we wish to accommodate all interested participants.

## WEDNESDAY | 9 OCTOBER 2024

Venue: King's Inns | Henrietta St, Dublin 1 | D01 KF59

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| 08:15–10:30 GMT | Registration (Council Members Only) (Main Entrance Hall)  |
| From 12:00 GMT  | Registration (All Others) (Main Entrance Hall)  |
| 10:30–13:00 GMT | ELI Council Meeting (Bencher's Room)  |
| 14:15–14:45 GMT | King's Inns Tour (Entrance Hall) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)</li><li>■ Mary Griffin (CEO and Under Treasurer, Honorable Society of King's Inns)</li></ul>   |
| 15:00–15:15 GMT | Welcome Addresses (Dining Hall) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)</li><li>■ Paul Gilligan (ELI Irish Hub Chair; Retired Judge of the Irish Court of Appeal)</li><li>■ Hugh I Mohan SC (Chair of King's Inns)</li></ul>  |
| 15:15–16:15 GMT | Sixth Ole Lando Memorial Lecture (Dining Hall) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)</li><li>■ Zoé Jacquemin (Professor, University Toulouse Capitole; Head, European School of Law Toulouse; President, Trans Europe Experts)</li><li>■ Henrik Lando (Professor, Copenhagen Business School)</li><li>■ Anna Veneziano (Deputy Secretary-General, International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT); Professor, University of Teramo)</li></ul> |





## WEDNESDAY | 9 OCTOBER 2024

Venue: King's Inns | Henrietta St, Dublin 1 | D01 KF59

- 16:30–16:45 GMT Sponsor's Spotlight (Dining Hall)
- Anne Birgitte Gammeljord (ELI Vice-President; Lawyer, Rovsing & Gammeljord)
  - Thomson Reuters: Julie Johnson (Print Sales Lead - Europe and UK)
  - CH Beck: Jonathon Watson (Product Manager for the English Language Publications)

Venue: Law Society of Ireland | Blackhall Place, Dublin 7 | D07 VY24

- 17:30–18:15 GMT Law Society of Ireland Tour (Main Reception)
- Cillian Mac Domhnaill (Former Director of Finance, Law Society of Ireland)
- 18:30 GMT Opening Reception and Presentation of the ELI Young Lawyers Award (President's Hall)
- Barry McCarthy (President of the Law Society of Ireland)
  - Frances Fitzgerald (Former Member of the European Parliament)
  - Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)
  - Walter Doralt (Chair of the YLA Jury)
  - John North (Interleges Executive Committee; YLA Jury)
  - Paul Keane (Lawyer; ELI Irish Hub Chair; Council of the Law Society of Ireland)

## THURSDAY | 10 OCTOBER 2024

Venue: King's Inns | Henrietta St, Dublin 1 | D01 KF59

- 08:00–09:00 GMT Sustaining Members Networking Breakfast (Bencher's Room)
- 09:30–11:00 GMT **Panel 1: Advance Choices for Future Disablement** (Dining Hall)
- Chair: Pietro Sirena (ELI Treasurer; Professor, Bocconi University)
  - Project Co-Reporter: Adrian Ward (Founder Chairman, NHS Trusts and a Mental Health Association)
  - Lenka Vysoka (Legal and Policy Officer, European Commission, DG JUST)
  - Paula Távora Vítor (Professor, University of Coimbra)
  - Richard Frimston (Consultant, Russell Cooke)
- 11:00–11:30 GMT Coffee Break (Entrance Hall)
- 11:30–13:00 GMT **Panel 2: Enterprise Foundations in Europe** (Dining Hall)
- Chair: Anne Birgitte Gammeljord (ELI Vice-President; Lawyer, Rovsing & Gammeljord)
  - Project Co-Reporter: Steen Thomsen (Professor, Copenhagen Business School)
  - Oonagh Breen (Professor, University College Dublin)
  - Daniel Damjanović (Member of the Foundation Council, Interogo Foundation)
- 13:00–14:00 GMT Lunch (Entrance Hall)
- 14:00–15:00 GMT **Keynote Panel** (Dining Hall)
- Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)
  - Marko Bošnjak (President, European Court of Human Rights)
  - Michael O'Flaherty (Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe)
  - Rossa Fanning, SC (Attorney General of Ireland)
  - Moderator: Owen Bowcott (Journalist)
- 15:00–15:30 GMT Coffee Break (Entrance Hall)
- 15:30–17:00 GMT **Panel 3: Digitalisation of Civil Justice Systems in Europe** (Dining Hall)
- Chair: Sir Geoffrey Vos (ELI Vice-President; Judge; Master of the Rolls and the Head of Civil Justice in England and Wales)
  - Project Co-Reporter: Dory Reiling (Retired Senior Judge, Amsterdam District Court)
  - Dirk Staudenmayer (Head of Unit Contract Law, European Commission, DG JUST)
  - Georg Kodek (President, Austrian Supreme Court)
  - Villu Kõve (Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Estonia)
- 19:00 GMT Gala Dinner and Presentation of the Hub and SIG of the Year Awards (Dining Hall)
- Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)
  - Diane P Wood (Director, American Law Institute)
  - Donal Gerard O'Donnell (Chief Justice of Ireland)
  - Paul Keane (Lawyer; ELI Irish Hub Chair, Council of the Law Society of Ireland)
  - Entertainment by Amy Barrett and Friends

# FRIDAY | 11 OCTOBER 2024

Venue: King's Inns | Henrietta St, Dublin 1 | D01 KF59

- 09:30–11:00 GMT **Panel 4: Extra-Judicial Administration of Justice in Cross-Border Family and Succession Matters** (Dining Hall)
- Chair: Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)
  - Project Co-Reporter: Elena Bargelli (Professor, University of Pisa)
  - Elodie Mulon (Lawyer, CM&A - Chauveau Mulon Associés)
  - Caterina D’Osualdo (Seconded National Expert (SNE), European Commission)
  - Rachael Kelsey (President, International Academy of Family Lawyers)
- 11:00–11:30 GMT Coffee Break (Entrance Hall)
- 11:30–13:00 GMT **Panel 5: AI and Automated Decision-Making: A Threat to the Rights of Citizens?** (Dining Hall)
- Chair: Savvas S Papasavvas (Vice-President, General Court of the European Union)
  - John Tasioulas (Director, Institute for Ethics in AI, University of Oxford)
  - Marion Ho-Dac (Professor, University of Artois)
  - Eva Thélisson (Co-Founder and Executive Director, AI Transparency Institute)
  - Yordanka Ivanova (Legal and Policy Officer, DG CNECT, European Commission)
- 13:00–14:00 GMT Lunch (Entrance Hall)
- 14:00–14:30 GMT **Membership Meeting** (Dining Hall)  
**Closing Speech:** Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)
- 14:45–19:00 GMT Hub and SIG Events
- 15:00–15:30 GMT Coffee Break

Venue: Offices of Philip Lee | Connaught House, One Burlington Rd, Dublin 4 | D04 C5Y6

- 17:30–19:15 GMT The Grand Canal and Georgian Dublin Tour
- Paula Duffy (BCL, Dip European Law, Solicitor)

Venue: Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club | Winton Rd, Ranelagh, Dublin | D06 X6X2

- 19:30 GMT Social Event
- Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)
  - Paul Gilligan (ELI Irish Hub Chair; Retired Judge of the Irish Court of Appeal)
  - Entertainment by Mairéad O’Donnell and Friends

## Hubs and SIGs Events

# FRIDAY | 11 OCTOBER 2024

Venue: King's Inns | Henrietta St, Dublin 1 | D01 KF59

ELI Family and Succession SIG Panel	14:45–16:15 Lower Lecture Room		
ELI Digital Law SIG Panel	15:30–17:00 Dining Hall		
ELI Fundamental Rights Law SIG Meeting		16:30–17:15 U Lecture Room	
Italian Hub Panel		16:30–18:30	
ELI Portuguese Hub Panel			17:30–19:00 Lower Lecture Room
ELI Turkish Hub Panel			17:30–19:00 Upper Lecture Room

# SATURDAY | 12 OCTOBER 2024

Venue: National Gallery of Ireland | Merrion Square W | Dublin 2 | D02 K303

- 09:45–11:00 GMT/ 10:45–12:00 GMT National Gallery of Ireland Tour (including Caravaggio (The Taking of Christ) and Vermeer (Lady Writing a Letter with her Maid))

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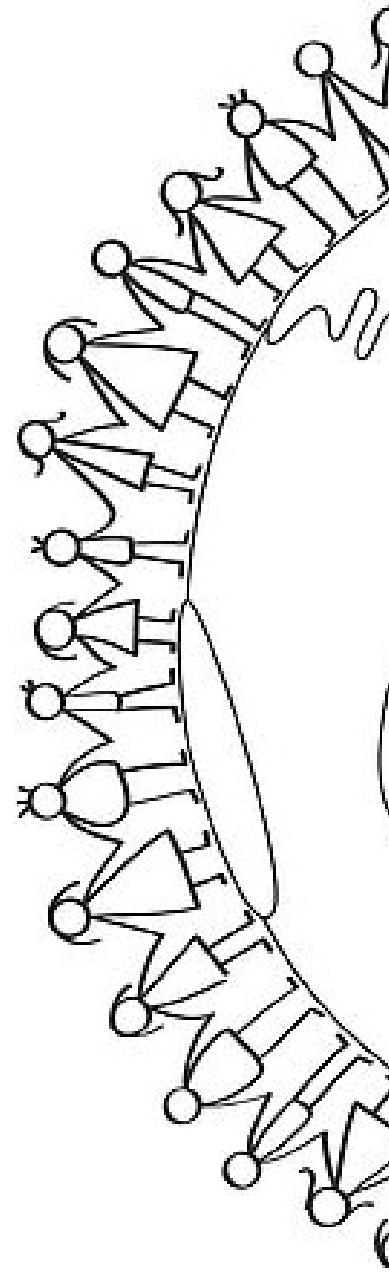
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## Assessing the Impact of *KlimaSeniorinnen* and Associated Rulings

**A case that sparked polarised reactions on the ECtHR's role on climate policymaking**



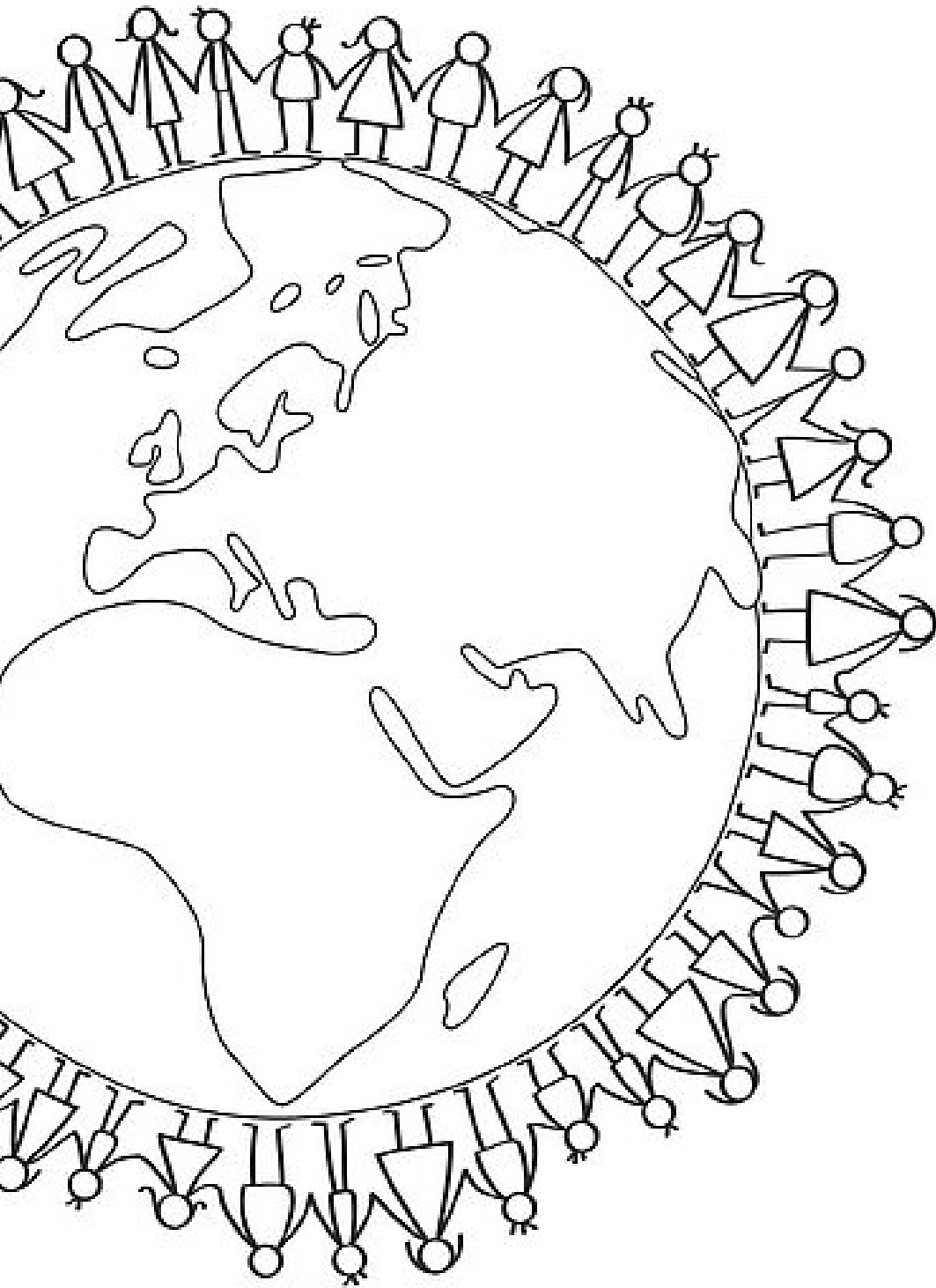
In this Spotlight, Véronique Boilet examines Switzerland's response to a European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) ruling of 9 April 2024, *Verein Klimaseniorinnen Schweiz and Others v Switzerland*, that condemned Switzerland for inadequate action on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The case was the subject of an ELI webinar on 24 June 2024. Among the contributors was Prof Boilet. More about the webinar [here](#).

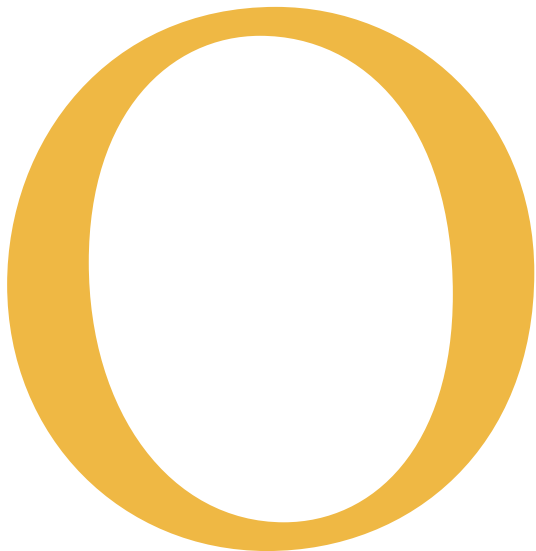
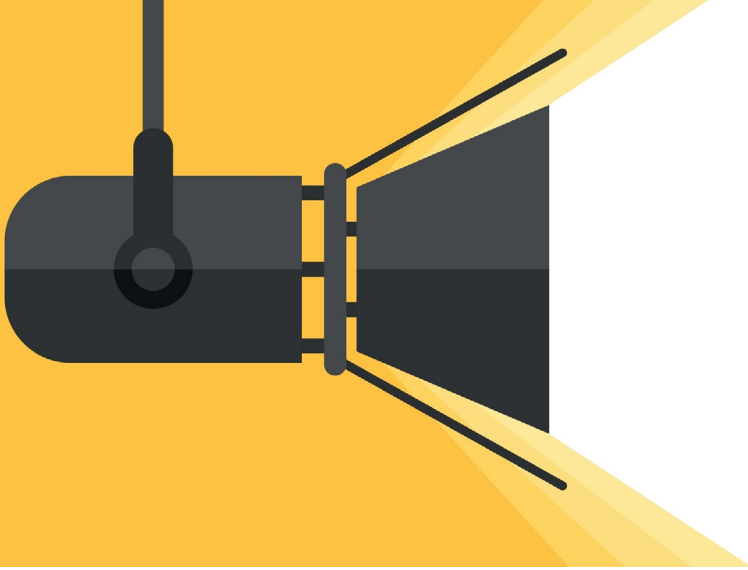


# Spotlight by Véronique Boillet

Véronique Boillet is a Professor at the Law School of the University of Lausanne and member of the Board of the Swiss Institution for Human Rights. She has in-depth knowledge of the European and Swiss constitutional system, which she has taught since 2017 and has analysed in several contributions published in European and Swiss law journals.

Her interests include the principle of non-discrimination and the link between the environment and human rights.





On 9 April 2024, Switzerland was condemned by the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) in the case of *Klimaseniorinnen Schweiz and others v Switzerland*<sup>1</sup> for violating Articles 6 and 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

This condemnation – and more specifically the fact that the Court ruled that Switzerland has violated Article 8 ECHR because it has not adopted sufficient measures to achieve a significant and progressive reduction of its greenhouse gas emission levels to reach net neutrality over the next three decades – gave rise to unprecedented protest among a large number of Swiss politicians. In addition to the outraged reactions in the media, both chambers of the Federal Parliament<sup>2</sup> and the Swiss Government<sup>3</sup> issued statements questioning the legitimacy of the judgment.

In particular, they called on the Court to respect the sovereignty of States and their democratic process. They urged the Swiss Government to inform the Committee of Ministers that Switzerland had already adopted all the necessary measures to

comply with its treaty obligations, implying that no further action would be taken on the judgment. This piece aims to focus on these two aspects.

Members of parliament have protested the ruling claiming that it calls into question the will of the people. Parliamentarians argue that the Court's decision undermines the Swiss democratic principle because of a referendum in June 2021 in which the Swiss people rejected a CO2 bill.<sup>4</sup> According to politicians, it was because the rejection came from the people that the Court exceeded its prerogatives, thereby undermining democratic processes.

In Switzerland, the electorate is recognised as the supreme body. It has considerable power in constitutional matters through the rights of referendum and initiative (art 138 ff Federal Constitution). The exercise of the latter right is, apart from a few formal conditions, limited only by the imperative rules of international law. Proposals that are problematic from the point of view of the ECtHR are frequently formulated,<sup>5</sup> thereby underpinning the widespread belief that the people are above the law. However, while proposals for constitutional amendments that fail to comply with the provisions of the ECtHR may indeed be considered valid by the Federal Parliament, their implementation must then comply with the Convention. The Federal Supreme Court expressly reiterated that requirement in a landmark ruling.<sup>6</sup>

In other words, the Swiss electorate is not above the law and, more specifically, popular decisions must be implemented in a manner that complies with the ECtHR. And the judges of the European Court did not fail to recall this principle in their judgment, seeming to anticipate the political reactions in Switzerland.

§ 412, 'democracy cannot be reduced to the will of the majority of the electorate and elected representatives, in disregard of the requirements of the rule of law. The remit of domestic courts and the Court is therefore complementary to those democratic processes. The task of the judiciary is to ensure the necessary oversight of compliance with legal requirements.'

Turning now to Switzerland's refusal to comply with the judgment, the inadequacy of Swiss authorities' response should be underlined. They noted that on 30 September 2022, the Swiss people adopted the Federal Act on Targets for Climate Protection, Innovation and Improved Energy Security, which sets a net zero target for 2050, an intermediate target for 2040 and average targets for the years 2031–2040 and 2041–2050. However, the Court had already taken this law into consideration (§ 564 ff) and held that it was not sufficient to meet the positive obligations deduced from art 8 ECtHR.

<sup>1</sup> <https://hudoc.echr.coe.int/fre#%7B%22tabview%22:%7B%22document%22%7D%7B%22itemid%22:%7B%22001-233206%22%7D%7D>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.parlament.ch/fr/ratsbetrieb/suche-curia-vista/geschaefte?AffairId=2024005>; <https://www.parlament.ch/fr/ratsbetrieb/suche-curia-vista/geschaefte?AffairId=20240054>.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.admin.ch/gov/fr/accueil/documentation/communiqués.msg-id-102244.html>.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.admin.ch/gov/fr/accueil/documentation/votations/20210613/loi-sur-le-CO2.html>.

<sup>5</sup> See, for example, art 72 para 3 or art 121 para 3 of the Federal Constitution.

<sup>6</sup> ATF 139 I 16.

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.parlament.ch/fr/ratsbetrieb/suche-curia-vista/geschaefte?AffairId=20220061>; <https://www.admin.ch/gov/fr/accueil/documentation/communiqués.msg-id-102244.html>.

As for the revision of the CO2 Act adopted on 15 March 2024, which is also being referred to by the Swiss authorities,<sup>7</sup> it has already been judged to be largely insufficient by civil society.<sup>8</sup>

Given the above, we cannot but observe that the statements made by the Swiss authorities are highly problematic because they call into question the legitimacy of the Court and judicial review in general. They imply that the Court has engaged in judicial activism, even though it has a rich body of case law on environmental matters to support such a conclusion.

They imply that the Court is undermining democratic processes, when it is the judge's

responsibility to ensure that the decisions of all public bodies, including the people, comply with human rights. And finally, they suggest that the Court is undermining the separation of powers by dictating climate policy to the Swiss Parliament, even though the Court emphasises that Parliament has big discretion when it comes to choosing concrete measures (eg the sectors in which action should be taken). As Charlotte Blattner pointed out 'It is thus important to disentangle justified criticism from 'opportunistic' criticism, which merely uses the ruling to express general disapproval of the ECtHR and climate lawsuits more broadly'.<sup>9</sup>

## ELI Webinar:

### Assessing the Impact of *KlimaSeniorinnen* and Associated Rulings



- Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President; Professor, University of Fribourg)
- Véronique Boillet (Professor, University of Lausanne)
- Luca De Carli (Head of Unit CLIMA A1 Strategic Coordination, Legal & Institutional, DG for Climate Action, European Commission)
- Matthias Keller (Co-Reporter of ELI Climate Justice project; Judge, Aachen Administrative Court)
- Kerem Altiparmak (Senior Legal Programme Consultant, International Commission of Jurists)
- Róbert Ragnar Spanó (Partner at Gibson Dunn; Former President of the European Court of Human Rights)

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<sup>8</sup> <https://www.wwf.ch/fr/medias/loi-sur-le-co2-le-parlement-place-la-politique-climatique-sur-un-terrain-instable>.

<sup>9</sup> <https://verfassungsblog.de/separation-of-powers-and-klimaseniorinnen/>.



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12 Representational activities held  
in July and August 2024



## July

- 3 July** ■ **ELI President, Prof Dr Pascal Pichonnaz, and Hungarian Bar Association President Meet**
- They were joined by ELI's Secretary General, Dr Vanessa Wilcox. [More here.](#)
- 8 July** ■ **ELI President and Northern Ireland Law Society President Meet**
- More [here.](#)
- 10 July** ■ **ELI President and International Bar Association (IBA) Vice-President Meet**
- They were joined by ELI's Secretary General. [More here.](#)
- 11 July** ■ **ELI President and Association Henri Capitant President Meet**
- They were joined by ELI's Secretary General and Scientific Director, Christiane Wendehorst. [More here.](#)
- 12 July** ■ **ELI President and Vojvodina Bar Association Committee President Meet**
- They were joined by ELI's Secretary General. [More here.](#)



**31 July ■ ELI and ELSA Luxembourg Presidents Meet**

They were joined by ELI's Secretary General. More [here](#).



**31 July ■ ELI and the American Law Institute Representatives Convene**

President Pichonnaz, First Vice-President Birgitte Gammeljord, Second Vice-President Sir Geoffrey Vos, former Vice-President Lord John Thomas, ELI's Scientific Director and Secretary General were present from the ELI's side on the occasion, as was Prof Karen Young. More [here](#).



## August



**23 August ■ ELI Secretary General and ELSA International President Meet**

More [here](#).



**23 August ■ ELI and Supreme Court of Justice of Luxembourg Presidents Meet**

They were joined by ELI's Secretary General. More [here](#).



The European Law Students' Association

**26 August ■ ELI and ELSA Switzerland Presidents Meet**

They were joined by ELI's Secretary General. More [here](#).



**28 August ■ ELI Secretary General and ELSA Norway President Meet**

More [here](#).



**28 August ■ ELI and European Bar Federation Presidents Meet**

They were joined by ELI's Secretary General. More [here](#).





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The Ukrainian Bar Association (UBA) is the biggest non-governmental, non-profit organisation which unites lawyers from all areas of the legal profession in Ukraine. In 2022, the UBA turned 20 years old! We are proud that today, the UBA has 7,000 members, 27 committees, 23 regional offices, more than 550 events per year, dozens of legislative proposals annually and many other initiatives and projects. Only our values remain unchanged, which are: respect for the rule of law, protection of human rights, development of the legal profession and upholding the professional rights of lawyers, and at present – resisting the aggression against Ukraine on the legal front.





**Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv, Faculty of Law**



**Galatasaray University, Faculty of Law**



**Centre for Democracy and Law Miko Tripalo**

Since its founding in 1992, the Law Faculty of the University of Plovdiv has been training law students, aiming to produce highly qualified lawyers for the judiciary, public administration, and legal entities. It offers a 5-year Integrated Master of Arts in Law with various professional tracks, followed by additional Master's programs. The Faculty is known for its distinctive educational approach, integrating modern teaching methods and offering courses in English and other foreign languages. It supports academic mobility within European law faculties and is a candidate member of the European Association of Law Faculties (ELFA). The Faculty also features a Legal Clinic, a Student Law Academy (SLA), and a Doctoral School (DS), and it publishes the law review *Studia iuris* and an ALUMNI Association. It regularly releases Annual Scientific Works and Proceedings.

Galatasaray University is the apotheosis of a five-century-old teaching tradition that began in 1481. It was founded through an international agreement signed 1992, with the participation of the President of the Republic of Turkey, Turgut Özal, and the President of France, François Mitterand. Galatasaray University Faculty of Law aims at educating excellent lawyers fluent at least in two foreign languages and competent at national and international levels. Owing to its well-known qualities, Galatasaray Faculty of Law has been the highest ranked undergraduate programme for several years. The curriculum comprehends content-rich fundamental modules, as well as optional modules preparing its students to national and international legal practice and research.

The faculty is composed of French and Turkish lecturers and professors. They apply a modern teaching method focused on discussions and questioning in order to stimulate analytical line of reasoning.

Established on 2 July 2003 in Zagreb, the Centre for Democracy and Law Miko Tripalo is a nonprofit and nonpartisan organisation named after Miko Tripalo, a prominent Croatian public figure. The Centre acts as an independent think tank, aiming to foster Croatia's democratic development through policy research and public discourse. Its activities include producing evidence-based research, promoting public debate and ensuring the involvement of non-governmental stakeholders in policy discussions. Miko Tripalo was a key figure in Croatian politics and activism, championing democratic principles and social justice. His commitment to a fair, democratic Croatia aligns with the Centre's mission, reflecting his legacy of advocacy for democratic values and responsible governance.

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## rojects



ELI organises its work around projects, which can be long-term endeavours or quick reactions to legislative developments.



ELI Projects

Project Team Meeting

**Project Team Meeting of ELI Project on Enhancing Child Protection**

26 July 2024

The above Project Team met to discuss critical aspects of their draft.



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ELI Output Translation

**ELI-UNIDROIT Model European Rules of Civil Procedure Available in Farsi**

19 August 2024

ELI is grateful to Mr Esmail Shayegan and Mr Majid Ghamami for their efforts in translating the output.



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New Project

**ELI and Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) Cooperate on Cogenerated Data Project**

30 August 2024

Prof Dr Alain Strowel, ELI Advisory Committee Member on the ALI-ELI Principles for a Data Economy: Data Transactions and Data Rights project, and Prof Dr Sebastian Schwamberger, LLM, an ELI Consultant in the above project, will lead ELI's contribution to the GPAI project. More [here](#).



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ELI as an Observer

■ **ELI at the Special Commission at the Hague Conference on Private International Law**

5 July 2024

ELI Council Member, Prof Fausto Pocar, participated as an ELI Observer. More [here](#).

■ **ELI as Observer at the 57th Session of the UNCITRAL Commission**

12 July 2024

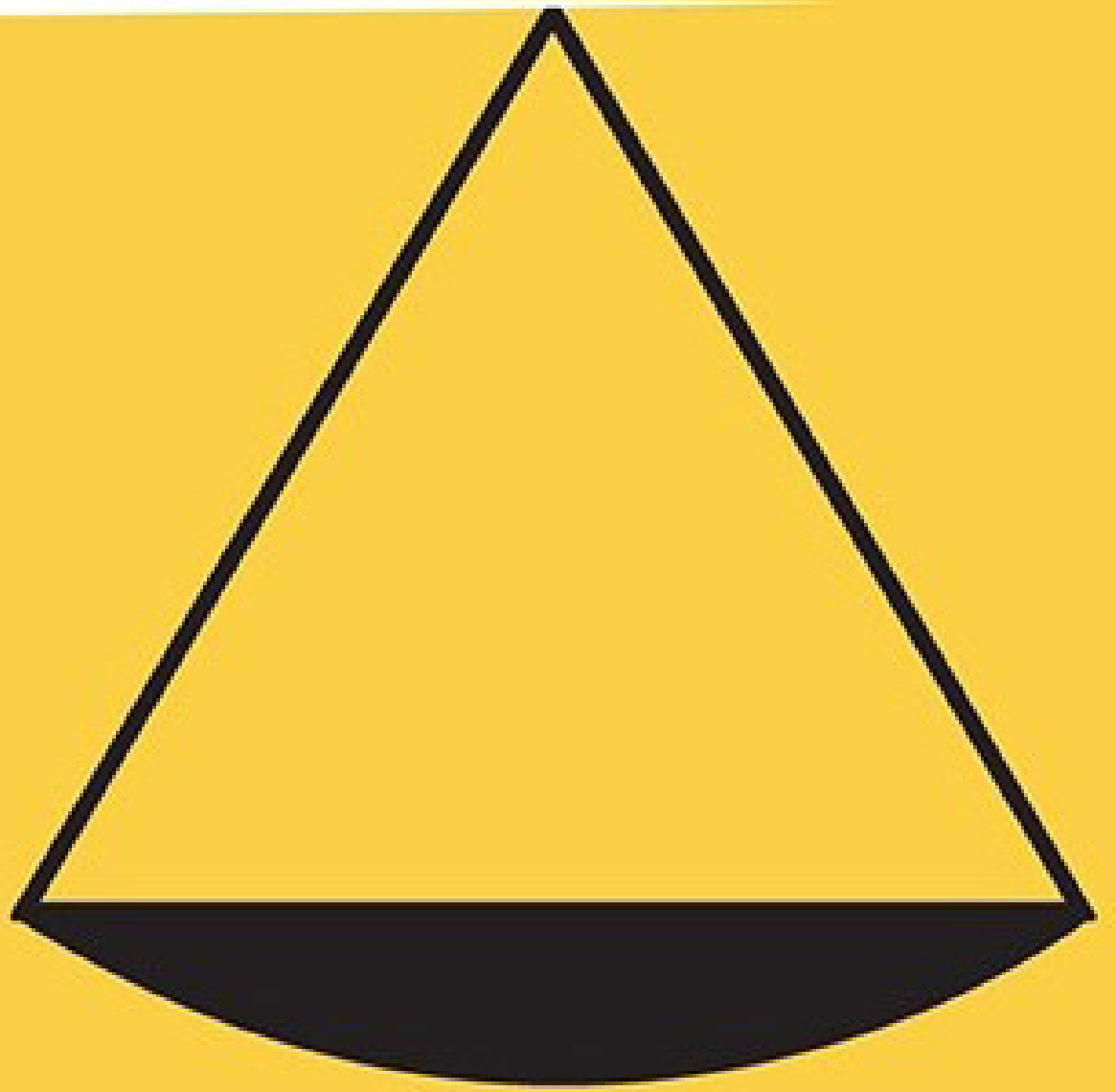
ELI's Scientific Director, Prof Dr Christiane Wendehorst, represented ELI on the occasion. More [here](#).



**New ELI Publication Available**

**ELI Charter of Fundamental  
Principles of a European Democracy**





# Constitutional Democracy

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## ubs & SIGs

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Hub and SIG Meetings and other activities were held throughout July and August 2024

Hubs and SIGs are country- and topic-specific groups respectively.

Hubs and SIGs serve as dedicated working groups within ELI, aimed at facilitating discussion, sharing and monitoring legal developments, and stimulating project proposals. As such, they are of fundamental importance to ELI's success.

## French Hub

**3 July 2024**  
Online

■ **French Hub Holds an Online Meeting for Members**

More [here](#).

**12 July 2024**  
Online

■ **ELI Featured in Dalloz Article**

As part of a series of interviews with members of ELI's French Hub. More [here](#).

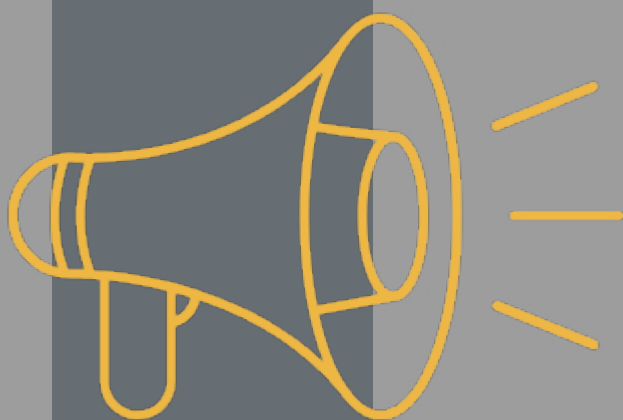
## Spanish Hub

**22 July 2024**

■ **Spanish Hub Participates in 'ENIA Chair on Generative AI: Challenges and Risks' Launch**

More [here](#).

# New Project Announcement - ELI French Hub



ELI members are invited to join the kick-off workshop on 17 October 2024 (15:00–18:30 CET) at the Catholic University of Lyon to explore opportunities for involvement.

Brief background: The Covid-19 pandemic and the Ukraine war have revealed the fragility of our globalised world, where the focus on economic performance weakens resilience. Climate change will likely trigger more crises, making it crucial to ensure access to essential goods and services at a European level.

The notion of essential goods is key to both fighting poverty and strengthening societal

resilience. It goes beyond common goods by ensuring access during crises.

The focus of this project is to define what qualifies as essential and create a legal framework to protect these goods, some of which may always require special legal protections.

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## Upcoming Events



**9–11 October 2024** ■ **ELI 2024 Annual Conference and Meetings**  
Dublin, Ireland

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The #ELIAC24 is a premier knowledge-sharing and networking event for influential jurists and stakeholders from across Europe and beyond.

**21 October 2024** ■ **First Webinar on Third Party Funding Litigation**  
Online

More information soon.

**11 November 2024** ■ **Second Webinar on Third Party Funding Litigation**  
Online

More information soon.

**December 2024** ■ **ALI-ELI Webinar Series: Enterprise Foundations**  
Online

More information soon.

# ELI Activities

# Hub and SIG Events

For further updates, please see the [ELI Website](#).

- Book Talk with Prof Anthony J Sebok. More [here](#).

- 39th Webinar on 'Guidelines for Behaviourally Informed Green Policymaking' in its Webinar Series. More [here](#).

- 40th Webinar on 'Private Law for the Digital Market' in its Webinar Series. More [here](#).

- Workshop on Third Party Funding in the EU. More [here](#).

- ELI Annual Conference Panel: Application of European Law by the National Judge: A Comparative Perspective. More [here](#).

- 2nd Annual Meeting. More [here](#).

- Event on Climate Justice: New Challenges for Law and Judges. More [here](#).

- ELI Annual Conference Panel: Sustainability in Food Chains. More [here](#).

## Austrian Hub

**23 October 2024**

Online

## Croatian Hub

**10 September 2024**

Online

**17 September 2024**

Online

## Italian Hub

**13 September 2024**

Online

**11 October 2024**

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## Nordic Hub

**16 September 2024**

Aula Magna (Sweden)

**3 October 2024**

More soon

## Portuguese Hub

**11 October 2024**

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## Ukrainian Hub

- Discussion platform on 'Rule of Law in Conditions of War'. More soon.
- Webinar series 'Legal Challenges and Opportunities in Wartime and Post-War Reconstruction'. More soon.

More soon

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## Turkish Hub

- ELI Annual Conference Panel: Navigating the ESG Regulatory Landscape in Turkey and its Harmonisation with European Law. More [here](#).

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## Competition Law SIG

- Seminar on Private Enforcement of Competition Law. More [here](#).

**20 September 2024**  
University of Latvia (Riga)

## Digital Law SIG

- ELI Annual Conference Panel: Algorithmic Contracting. More [here](#).

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## Family and Succession Law SIG

- Workshop on Reinforcing EU Family and Succession Law. More [here](#).
- ELI Annual Conference Panel: Stepchildren in Cross-Border Family and Succession Law. More [here](#).
- Webinar on Claims Against the Estate for Unmarried Partners More [here](#).

**13 September 2024**  
Maximilian University of  
Munich (Germany)

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Online



- Webinar on Fundamental Rights on New Migration Pact. More soon.
- SIG Meeting at the ELI 2024 Annual Conference. More [here](#).

**More soon**

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