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# The European Company Lawyers Association

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# ECLA at a Glance

- Founded in 1983
- Umbrella association for 19 national company lawyers associations in 18 different countries
- Exclusively for **company lawyers**
- For **35 years**, ECLA has been **advocating for the profession** of in-house lawyers across Europe as well as **addressing major legal challenges** for European companies
- ECLA **represents** more than **42,000 company lawyers** across Europe

**19** national member associations

**42,000** individual company lawyers represented

**500,000** company lawyers in Europe



# Management



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A Pan-European Board, consisting of leading general counsel from multi-national companies, serves the of the Association and its members.



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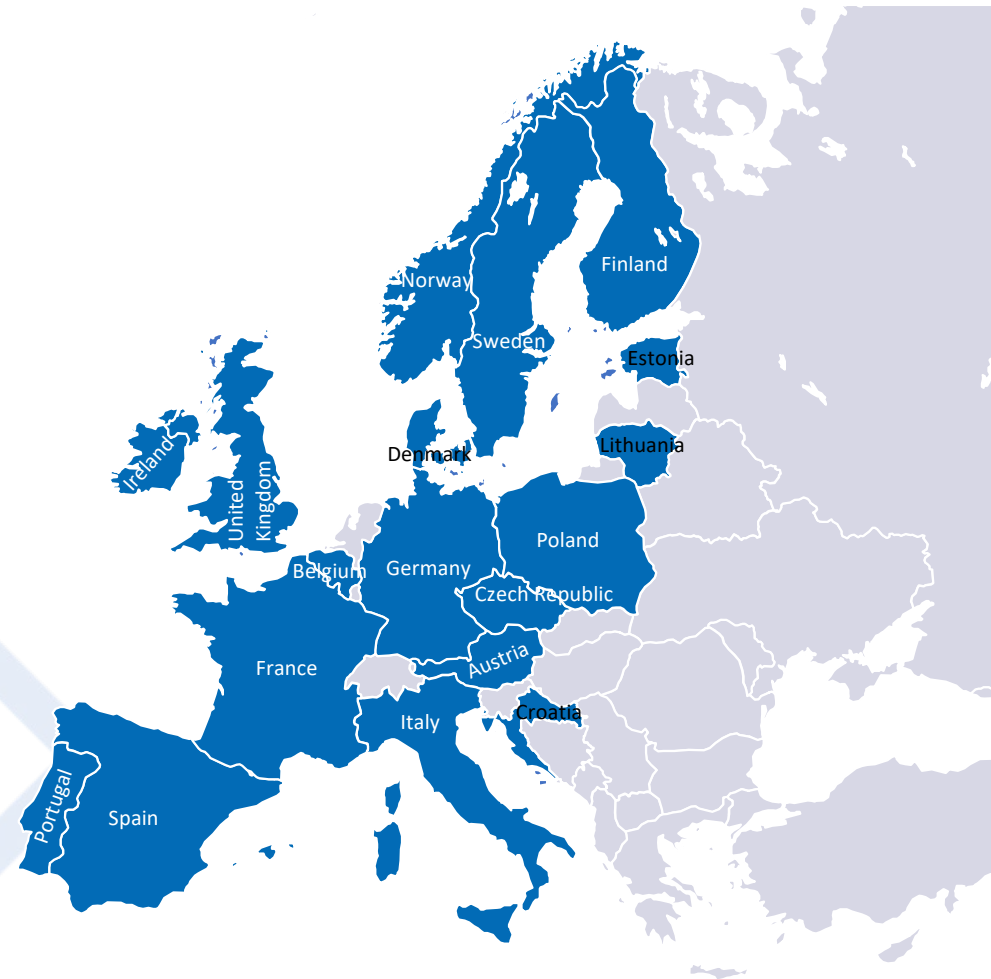
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# In-House Counsel Network

Today, 19 national company lawyers associations are members of ECLA and represent more than 42,000 company lawyers all across Europe.

Austria | VUJ | Vereinigung Österreichischer Unternehmensjuristen  
Belgium | IJE | Institut des juristes d'entreprise  
Croatia | UKP | Udruga korporativnih pravnika  
Czech Republic | UPPČR | Unie Podnikových Právníků České republiky  
Denmark | DVJ | Danske Virksomhedjurister  
England and Wales | LSoEW | The Law Society  
Estonia | EEJÜ | Eesti Juristide Liidu Ettevõtlusjuristide Ühendus  
Finland | TYI | Teollisuuslakimiesten Yhdistys/Industrijuristföreningen r.f.  
France | AFJE | Association Française des Juristes d'Entreprise  
Germany | BUJ | Bundesverband der Unternehmensjuriste  
Germany | DAV | Arbeitsgemeinschaft Syndikusanwälte im Deutschen Anwaltverein e. V.  
Ireland | LSol | The Law Society of Ireland  
Italy | AIGI | Associazione Italiana Giuristi di Impresa  
Lithuania | B.I.T.A. | Bendrovių ir institucijų teisininkų asociacija  
Norway | NLA | Norges Juristforbund, NJ-P Private Sector  
Poland | KIRP | Krajowa Izba Radców Prawnych  
Portugal | Oda | Ordem dos Advogados  
Spain | SAE | Sección Abogados de Empresa del Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Madrid  
Sweden | BJF | Bolagsjuristernas Förening





# Mission & Objectives



During the past 30+ years, ECLA has gained recognition as the leading representative of European company lawyers' associations and their individual members.

## 1

### Member Representation

- Representation of its members on an international level
- ECLA represents its members towards politics, courts, other associations and stakeholders in the legal society
- Membership is open to national company lawyers associations, only

## 2

### Centers of Excellence

- Creation of centers of excellence across Europe
- Scope: studies, documentation and contacts
- Improving the exchange of professional information
- Best practice sharing among the member association's members

## 3

### Networking

- Organisation of meetings, conferences and seminars
- Focus on current legal challenges
- Enhance education and training among company lawyers in Europe.
- All events are organized in different cities and regions of Europe to offer a service for all members

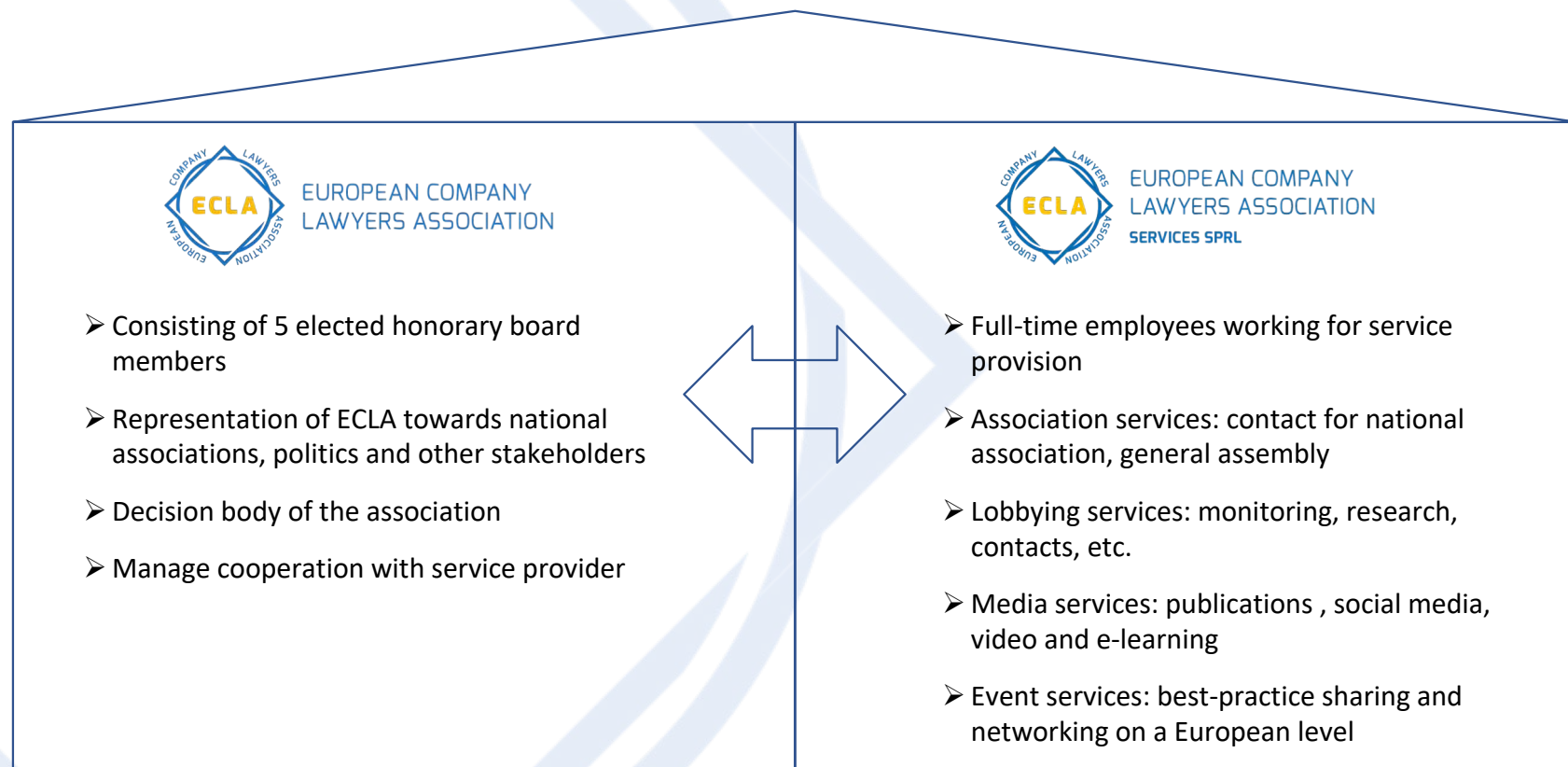
## 4

### Advancement of European Law

- Promotion of legal research in Europe and the European Union.
- ECLA strives to offer the comprehensive knowledge and experience of its members for the advancement of the laws of members countries, Europe as well as international law

# ECLA Service Provision

In order to provide services for its members, ELCA started a cooperation with an exclusive service provider who offers publications, events, lobbying and association services



# ECLA Centers of Excellence



ECLA focuses on five current pan-European legal challenges and developments which effects legal departments and company lawyers all across Europe.



## Corporate | M&A

- Corporate duties and liabilities
- Management and supervisory board
- Shareholder rights, actions and transparency
- Annual meetings
- Corporate litigation
- Foreign investment
- Cross border transactions



## Public Policy | EU-Regulations

- Monitoring of legislative developments
- Contribution to current legislative projects
- Initiate legislative proposals
- Assisting courts by offering information



## Digitalization | GDPR

- Best practice sharing while implementation of data protection requirements
- Active advancement of the law regarding digitalization of business models
- Education for company lawyers regarding legal challenges of digitalization



## Legal Technology

- Providing an information platform on legal tech solutions
- Guidelines on process analysis
- Best practice sharing on the implementation of legal technology



## Organisation | Diversity

- Organisational structure and processes in legal departments
- Information for legal departments in implementing diversity
- Expedite regulations on diversity in European legislative

# Interest Representation

ECLA advocates for the interest of company lawyers regarding their professional status as well as regarding legal challenges for their companies.

## ECLA's main areas of interest representation:

- Professional status of company lawyers
- Major legal challenges for legal departments in Europe

## Interest representation through:

- Constant communication of ECLA's positions
- Initiate legislative proposals
- Political information on legislative initiatives
- Information and networking events
- Research assistance and opinion creation



## Key institutions in the European Union:

- European Commission
- Council of the European Union
- European Parliament

## Further institutions:

- European Court of Justice
- U.S. Supreme Court
- Relevant Associations

**>> Position ECLA as a trusted partner and an outstanding center of expertise for company related legal challenges**

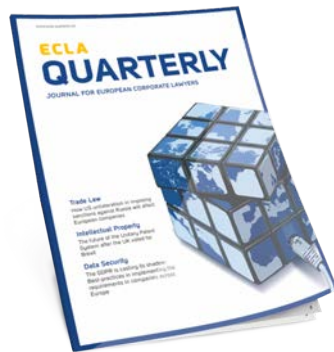




# Publications for Members

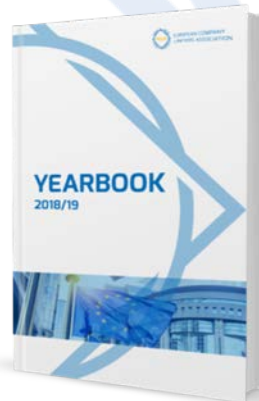


ECLA provides digital publications for its members which focusses on daily challenges of the work of company lawyers and the exchange of experience.



## ECLA | Quarterly

Periodical publication with a focus on current legal challenges for legal departments.



## ECLA | Yearbook

Bi-annual publication on the status of the profession of company lawyers in Europe.



## ECLA | Law Firm Monitor (2019)

Empirical study on cooperation between legal departments and law firms across Europe.

# Digital Services for Members



Multiple digital services and social media channels offer an intraday information tool for ECLA members and legal departments.



## ECLA | Social Media

Highly topical news and information on legal developments and services.



## ECLA | Content App (2019)

Exclusive ECLA App for members, providing various services and reference to all publications.



## ECLA | Video Platform

Comprehensive video channel for information and education purposes.

# ECLA Conferences

ECLA offers different opportunities for broadening the European network of members in both major conferences and intensive round table meetings.

## **ECLA | European In-House Legal Conference**

- Annual general meeting for company lawyers in Europe
- 2,5 days event in a distinguished European location
- Approximately 500 participants

## **ECLA | General Counsel Roundtable**

- Roundtable discussion of approx. 20 general counsel
- Pre-selected legal matter for comprehensive discussion
- Half a day event with gathering on the eve



# ECLA Expert Summits

Expert meetings focus on specific challenges for legal departments in selected fields of law and organizational issues.

## ECLA | Legal Technology Summit

- Event with the exclusive focus on challenges of legal tech
- Legal tech exhibition with solution provider booths
- Break-out sessions and workshops on implementation

## ECLA | Compliance Summit

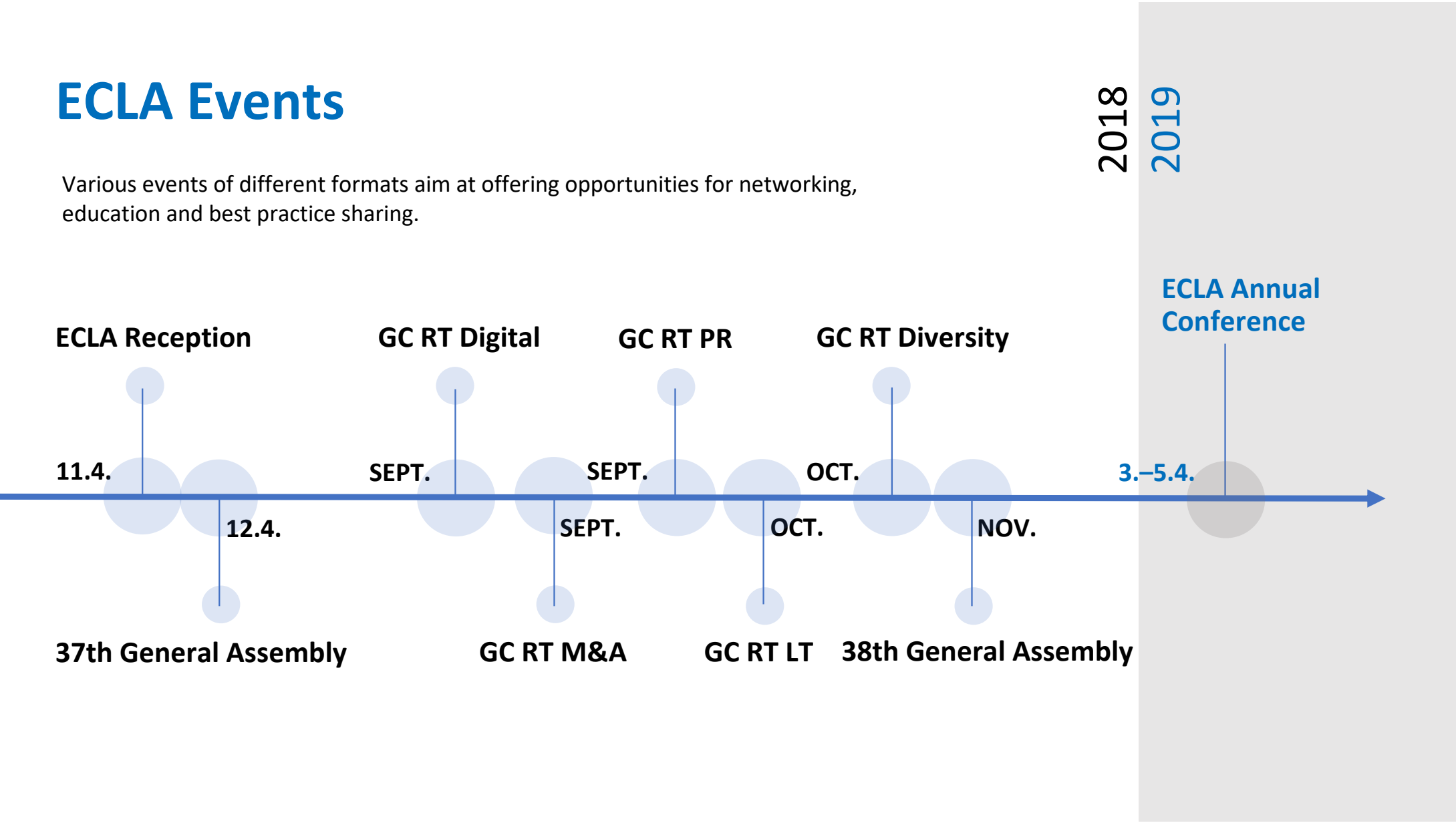
- European compliance event
- Compliance officers from all across Europe
- Discussions on current pan-European compliance challenges





# ECLA Events

Various events of different formats aim at offering opportunities for networking, education and best practice sharing.



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