
Terms of Reference – Future of the Legal Profession and Legal Services Network

The Future of the Legal Profession and Legal Services Network (“Future Network”) is tasked with facilitating structured exchanges between Bars and Law Societies on developments of strategic importance for the legal profession and legal services. The Network operates as a forward-looking forum, supporting the CCBE in anticipating, understanding, and responding to major transformations affecting the legal profession.

The Future Network focuses in particular on exchanges relating to:

- challenges to the European legal profession arising from globalisation, technological change, and the expansion of the unregulated legal services sector;
- legal innovation and technological developments affecting the organisation, regulation, and practice of the legal profession; and
- national strategies and good practices from local Bars and Law Societies relevant to the future of legal services.

In carrying out its tasks, the Future Network aims to undertake the following activities:

1. Promoting the exchange of expertise and good practices among Bars and Law Societies, with a view to:
 - identifying common challenges and comparative approaches; and
 - sharing practical experiences and solutions developed at national level.
2. Contributing to CCBE activities by:
 - providing (technical) input to discussions among Bar leaders, including the CCBE’s annual Bar Leaders’ discussion held alongside the CCBE Standing Committee in Vienna;
 - contributing to the identification and prioritisation of future CCBE activities in this area; and
 - identifying potential needs for further CCBE action.
3. Fostering cooperation within the CCBE
 - Where relevant, the Future Network may support and cooperate with other CCBE committees on cross-cutting issues related to the future and the development of the legal profession.

The meetings of the Future Network will be convened as needed, primarily online, with the possibility of holding hybrid meetings when considered necessary.

The CCBE Secretariat will support the Network and ensure effective coordination with the relevant work of CCBE committees and working groups.

