

Report on the Fourth Conference of

EuRoQuod

The national network of court coordinators in the field of European Union Law

EuRoQuod- the Romanian national network of court coordinators in the field of European Union Law is a project that was launched in 2012 by the National Institute of Magistracy and drew its inspiration from the Dutch and Italian networks. The goal was to improve the knowledge of European law within the Romanian judiciary and to acknowledge the accessibility of European law information resources using web technology.

EuRoQuod is now a functional network, composed of 46 court coordinators, most of them very active, with a very useful website, containing three sections: one dedicated to the network, another one for preliminary references and a section dedicated to specific areas of law where EU law is applicable.

Within only one year from the birth of the network, the NIM has already organized four Conferences dedicated to EuRoQuod.

At the last Conference, which was organized at Bucharest between 17th and 18th of October, we had the pleasure of having amongst us Mr Reinier van Zutphen, president of the Administrative High Court for Trade and Industry, Netherlands and central coordinator of Eurinfra, Mr Rudolf Winter, senior vice-president of the Administrative High Court for Trade and Industry, Netherlands, Mrs Marilia di Nardo, member of *Gaius*, Italy, as well as Mr Andrei Florea, legal secretary to judge Camelia Toader, CJEU. The representatives of the two similar networks delivered short presentations of their national projects, of the actions taken and the results achieved and also of their ups and downs. Thus, we hope that this event created the framework for future cooperation between the Dutch, Italian and Romanian networks.

At this anniversary conference, several members of EuRoQuod spoke eloquently of their activities on behalf of the Network over the year, of their experience in the application of EU law within their own courts, of the need for guidance and support that judges show all over the country and expressed their commitment to the project for the future.

Apart from the presentations on EU law regarding judicial cooperation in civil matters (the law applicable to divorce and legal separation) and VAT cases, our Conference experimented modern communication techniques and modern training methods. The challenges posed by sustaining a network of judges and by the continuous changing technological environment were also examined by the representatives of Eurinfra. The Conference was broadcasted on line in English, accessible in this way for the Dutch and Italian judges, creating a connection between the three networks. Moreover, members of Eurinfra and Gaius networks had the possibility to use online chat in order to actively participate in the debates and also to connect via Skype with the participants in the Conference.

Although we initially had some concerns regarding the technical aspects involved in organizing the event, we hope that this was a starting point for future common events and that the members of the three networks will continue to interconnect using modern techniques.

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