

THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN
THE ELEVENTH OF MAY

In Strasbourg,

At the seat of the European Parliament,

Before Mr Eric RICOU, notary in Benfeld, Bas-Rhin, President of the Chamber of Notaries of the Bas-Rhin, the undersigned,

Appeared:

Mr Jean-François SAGAUT, notary in Paris, President of the 111th Congress of the Notaries of France

And Mr Jean TARRADE, notary in Paris, President of the Council of the Notariats of the European Union (CNUE)

WHO required the undersigned notary to collect their statements and acknowledge their joint intention to contribute to the legal certainty of citizens of the European Union.

This will happen as follows:

The appearing parties recall first, on the occasion of the 111th Congress of the Notaries of France on the topic "Legal Certainty, an Authentic Challenge":

- That the European Union was created and developed based on an economic trading area but that, beyond that, today it shapes a society's choice, founded on States embodying the rule of law, with democratic imperatives, foremost among which is legal certainty, and directed towards the wellbeing of the citizens of the European Union.
- That more than 40,000 notaries present in 22 of the 28 Member States of the European Union provide a local legal service on a daily basis for EU citizens and businesses.
- That this local legal service was born of the Romano-German legal system that is an integral part of the historical culture of continental Europe.
- That this system in which notaries advise the parties, draw up documents with privileged evidentiary value and guaranteeing their conservation, enables the implementation, for the benefit of the European Union's citizens and businesses evolving in this area, of preventive justice, the guarantor of the legal certainty due from the Member States with respect to EU citizens.
- That in so doing, notaries, in their capacity as delegates of official authority, contribute to the strengthening of an area of justice, freedom and security pursuant to the commitments of the treaties binding the Member States of the European Union.

- THUS, those appearing declare and affirm the following under this CHARTER constituting a common commitment of the notaries of the European Union:

ARTICLE 1

The notaries of the European Union make legal certainty a reason for their existence and the aim of the general interest purpose that they accomplish on a daily basis at the service of all citizens living in the European area.

ARTICLE 2

Accordingly, they commit to providing their expertise at the service of the citizens and institutions of the European Union, in particular by:

- Informing citizens and businesses by all appropriate means of the legislation in force in the various participating countries in addition to the policy for access to the law,
- Supporting the notaries of the member countries of the European Union for cross-border cases, particularly by developing the European Notarial Network (ENN) and the EUFIDES platform, thus rendering efficient the action they undertake for people living outside their country of birth,
- By providing notarial expertise for the European Union institutions in their area of competence in order to facilitate the implementation of the treaties.

All these elements in order to allow the emergence and consolidation of a European citizenship.

ARTICLE 3

For the same purpose they commit to developing the legal instruments adapted to cross-border solutions following the example of the latest achievements that owe much to notarial contributions, such as the regulation on international successions, the European Certificate of Succession (ECS), the European Enforcement Order (EEO), the Brussels I Regulation and the Brussels IIa Regulation.

In the light of the above, those appearing asked the notary hereby undersigned to acknowledge their intention,

Which is granted to them now.

Full powers are also given to the undersigned notary to issue any authentic copies of this charter in order to ensure the widest possible dissemination.

DULY ACKNOWLEDGED

ESTABLISHED ON THREE PAGES

Recorded and passed at the place and on the date stated above.

Having read the charter, those appearing signed with the notary drawing up the document, who signed himself.

Jean-François Sagaut President of the 111 th Congress of the Notaries of France	
Jean Tarrade President of the Council of the Notariats of the European Union (CNUE)	
Eric Ricou Notary	