



Press release

General Assembly of the Notaries of Europe in Como: 22 countries and one Ukrainian delegation in attendance

Free support and counselling for refugees

Giampaolo Marozz, President of the CNUE: *“The aim of the Notariat is to safeguard the rule of European law and to protect the weakest groups.”*

Como, 24 June 2022 — Today, in Como, the General Assembly of the Council of Notariats of the European Union (CNUE) will be held under the chairmanship of Giampaolo Marozz, President-in-Office for 2022. The assembly will bring together 22 European countries and a Ukrainian delegation with an address by its president, Volodymyr Marchenko, whose Notariat has been granted observer status to the CNUE.

On the agenda, the essential role of the Notariat in the Ukrainian crisis and the strong support that the CNUE unanimously decided to give to the country attacked by Russia in the first days of the invasion. This essential support is the result of close cooperation with the European Commission, which has made it possible to identify economic and legal sanctions and apply them to Russian and Belarusian nationals.

With the aim of providing practical support to the Ukrainian people, the European Notariat has also established close relations with the Red Cross in the various countries and internationally to provide economic support to Ukrainian refugees fleeing the conflict and to allow them to be accommodated in the different countries by providing free services and advice in the areas of family law, custody of unaccompanied minors, family reunification and, more generally, to obtain all the necessary documents in such a sensitive phase where they are forced to start a new life far away from their own country.

During the afternoon meeting, the issue of the application of sanctions in full respect of the rule of law and its preservation in Europe will be central, but also the need to ensure the effectiveness of the sanctions themselves. A section will also be devoted to the fundamental theme of technology and platforms developed for project implementation.

“ When I took over the rotating presidency of the CNUE, my first objective was to contribute to the reflection on how notaries can be a tool to strengthen the rule of law paradigm and thus the protection of the weakest. Today is important because it is only with the passionate application of the rule of law, which has often been lacking over the years, that we can live, and make our children live, in a fairer and more equitable community. I am particularly proud of the concrete support that the European Notariat has provided to Ukrainian refugees, and I am even more proud of the mobilisation of all colleagues who have the opportunity to contribute free of charge to Ukrainian women and men who have fled the war. This is an important positioning for the whole profession, and a necessary service for refugees who can find a beacon of



hope in European notaries, a hand extended to start over, as long as necessary, far from the war ,” said the CNUE President Giampaolo Marcoz.

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