

\_ Press release

# Launch of the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the Notaries of Europe Hackathon

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From 21 to 22 November 2022, in Rome, around 40 participants from the 22 notariats of the European Union will work on the creation of innovative digital solutions in the context of the first edition of the Notaries of Europe Hackathon organised by the Council of the Notariats of the European Union (CNUE) and Notartel, the IT company of the Italian Notariat. During these two days, eight multidisciplinary and international teams will aim to create concrete projects or applications around two critical topics in the field of justice: electronic identification and interoperability of national systems.

## ★ *Digitalisation of justice: a European political challenge*

The COVID-19 crisis has highlighted the need for a coherent legislative framework at European level. A number of initiatives are currently being discussed between the European institutions to digitalise EU justice systems by making them more accessible and efficient. One of the main objectives announced is to use digital technology as the default option for cross-border judicial cooperation, in particular by enabling interoperability between the IT systems used by judicial authorities. Another objective pursued by the revision of the European e-IDAS/e-ID Regulation is to create a common framework between national digital identities. In this specific political context, the topics of electronic identification and interoperability have been selected for the first Notaries of Europe Hackathon, in order to identify innovative solutions.

★ *Digitalisation of justice: a notariat's commitment*

The European notariats are involved in the digitalisation of justice. At national level, they have developed technologies to simplify secure communication between notaries, public registers and clients via electronic channels. They provide their clients with effective solutions for archiving their documents and for easy and secure access. At European level, the CNUE has put in place several tools to facilitate cross-border notarial cooperation, such as [the interconnection of registers of wills in Europe](#), [the European Directory of Notaries](#) and the [European Notarial Network](#).

The CNUE President Giampaolo Marozz said: *"I expect this Hackathon to be an excellent example of what can be done when people with the right mix of skills come together and work hard to achieve a common goal. What is at stake today is to demonstrate that notaries, when faced with technology, do not lose their function, that they do not lose their essence as professionals, but that, on the contrary, our role is growing in the face of the digital challenge."*

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## \_ About the CNUE

**The Council of the Notariats of the European Union (CNUE)** is the official body representing the notarial profession in dealings with the European institutions. The CNUE brings together the

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