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# Peter Stelmaszczyk becomes the new President of the Notaries of Europe

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On the occasion of the handover ceremony held in Berlin on Friday 20 January, the German notary Peter Stelmaszczyk became the new president of the Council of the Notariats of the European Union (CNUE) for 2023. He succeeds the Italian notary Giampaolo Marozz and now represents the 22 notariats of the European Union (EU) and the 45,000 notaries of Europe. In the presence of high-profile figures, such as the German Justice Minister Marco Buschmann and the Latvian Minister of Justice Inese Lībiņa-Egnere, President Peter Stelmaszczyk outlined the priorities of his work programme for the coming months.

## ★ *Creating a European framework to combat money laundering*

In 2023, the European institutions will continue their work towards the adoption of new anti-money-laundering regulations. The notaries of Europe are particularly involved, not only as entities subject to obligations, but also and above all because of their position as public officers appointed by their States. Notaries contribute daily to the prevention of money laundering in important areas of legal transactions, such as real estate and company law.

## ★ *Supporting the digital transformation of justice systems*

[The digitalisation of EU judicial systems](#) and [the revision of the e-IDAS/e-ID Regulation](#) are two dossiers expected to be adopted in 2023. The EU is also working on an initiative to “Upgrade Digital Company Law”. A new directive proposal is expected at the beginning of the year. In this context, the CNUE positions itself as a promoter of the principle of legal certainty by default. It considers it essential that the development of digital solutions in a cross-border context does not undermine legal certainty and works with the European institutions in this direction.

★ *Protecting the Vulnerable*

In 2023, the European Commission will publish a legislative proposal on the protection of vulnerable adults. Such an initiative should address the difficulties encountered in cross-border situations. In this regard, [the CNUE supports to the European institutions the need to adopt a European regulation](#) on the mutual recognition of protection schemes of vulnerable adults.

★ *Standing alongside Ukraine and the Ukrainian notariat*

Throughout 2022, [the CNUE has been committed with citizens and notaries of Ukraine](#). This institutional, material and legal support will continue and intensify in 2023. One of the objectives will be to plan the necessary means for the reconstruction of the country and its notariat. Partnerships will be envisaged in this direction with international and European institutions.

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*Dr. Peter Stelmaszczyk is a notary in Burscheid (Germany). He studied law at the universities of Passau, Cologne and Paris 1 — Panthéon-Sorbonne. From 2008 to 2015, he worked as an attorney at the international law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Cologne in the field of corporate law and mergers and acquisitions. In 2013, he obtained his doctorate in law from the University of Cologne (doctoral thesis on ‘Cash Capital Increase without Subscription Rights in Hostile Takeover Scenarios’). In 2015, he became candidate-notary and served until 2021 as Director of the German Federal Chamber of Notaries (Bundesnotarkammer) in Brussels. Dr. Peter Stelmaszczyk is also the author of numerous scientific publications on the topic of company law and private international law.*

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## \_ The CNUE in a nutshell

**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 notariats of the 22 Member States familiar with this institution: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain. The notariats of Montenegro, the Republic of North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine are observer members. The CNUE represents more than 45,000 notaries and 200,000 employees.