

EUROPEAN PRO BONO WEEK



Join us for the opening event of the European Pro Bono Week 2022 on 21 November. The topic will be:

Pro bono in times of crises

Tune in to hear from

- Commissioner Janez Lenarčič, European Commission
- Carole Simone Dahan, UNHCR
- Zuzanna Rudzińska-Bluszcz, Client Earth
- Lucy Westcott, Committee to Protect Journalists
- Phil Worthington, European Lawyers in Lesvos.

Register [here](#)

Our social tags are:

#EPBW

#EPBW2022

Further information is online [here](#), and we encourage you to watch our [video](#) about the week.

AGENDA

14.00
CET

Welcome

Marion Edge, Dechert

Video message from Commissioner Janez Lenarčič

Interview with Carole Simone Dahan, UNHCR

Moderator: Margaux Bia, DLA Piper

Panel Discussion

Moderator: Elise Perry, TrustLaw

15.20
CET

Closing remarks

Helen Rogers, Allen & Overy



Virtual - [Registration](#)



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About European Pro Bono Week 2022

From 21 to 25 November 2022, Europe will hold its fourth annual “European Pro Bono Week”.

European Pro Week celebrates the role played by volunteer lawyers, across Europe, in supporting civil society and promoting access to justice for those in need.

During the week, events take place across the Europe to highlight and promote pro bono culture.

A central objective of Pro Bono Week is to bring together various stakeholders in the pro bono ecosystem – lawyers, law students, non-profits, human rights activists, academics and business – for an engaging conversation about important issues relating to legal needs within Europe and the role for pro bono in tackling these issues.

European Pro Bono Week is co-organized by the “European Pro Bono Initiative” (comprising several international law firms), TrustLaw,

PILnet and the European Pro Bono Alliance (comprising several national pro bono clearinghouses and legal aid organizations across Europe).

Pro bono in time of crises

During European Pro Bono Week, each local event has a unique agenda, focusing on the most pressing legal needs and social issues in that city, region or country. However, this year, the overarching theme for the week is Pro bono in a time of crises. The past years with the pandemic, the war in Ukraine, the effects of climate change with natural disasters and an unusually hot summer in Europe are affecting all of us, but particularly already vulnerable individuals. Non-profits and social businesses are faced with new and quickly changing needs in all areas, whether economic, social and/or environmental. What is the role of pro bono lawyers, collaborating with civil society, academia and business, in a time of crises? How is each of these players affected by crises and what is the individual and joint response?

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