

## Communication/Lobbying Roadmap: European Convention on the protection of the profession of lawyer

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Dates	Steps	Target audience	Communication/Lobbying actions
11-13/09/2024	Last meeting of the CJ-AV	<u>Members</u> of the CDCJ through Ministries of Justice or other relevant Ministries	<p>◆ Circulate an email to CCBE members asking them to convince their relevant Ministries to support the adoption of the text within the Plenary meeting of the CDCJ on 19-21 November 2021.</p> <p>In this email, the Secretariat will specify what needs to be communicated to the National ministries as well as the list of CDCJ's members who will need to approve the draft Convention.</p>
19-21/11/2024	Adoption by the CDCJ of the draft Convention	Public/Lawyers: Welcome the adoption of the adoption of the draft Convention by the CDCJ and inform the public about what is the Convention and why is it important.	<p>◆ Publication (beginning of October) of a CCBE leaflet explaining what is the Convention and why it is important (not only for lawyers but for the rule of law, fundamental rights...and therefore citizens).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The leaflet will be published and pinned on CCBE' website and social media</li> <li>○ The leaflet will circulated to CCBE's Human Rights Network</li> <li>○ The leaflet will be sent to CCBE members + communication network with a request to make it as much visible as possible.</li> <li>○ Circulate to observer organisations in the CJ-AV</li> </ul>

<p>22/11/2024 to 14/05/2025</p>	<p>The draft Convention will go through the required internal legal and linguistic checks in parallel to the finalisation of the draft text of the convention to ensure a swift transfer first to the GR-J and then to the Parliamentary Assembly for opinion, before a final examination and adoption by the Committee of Ministers in the first half of 2025 (expected date 14/05/2025)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Ministries of Justice or other relevant Ministries</li> <li>◆ PACE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ As regards the PACE, we have already been in contact with them to ensure their support. This should not be an obstacle to the adoption of the Convention as first, they will only have to provide an opinion and secondly the PACE launched the initiative.</li> <li>◆ Ministries: circulate an email to CCBE members asking them to convince their relevant Ministries to ensure their support for the adoption of the text when the text will come for adoption within the Committee of Minister probably on 14 May 2025. To this end the CCBE will send the leaflet mentioned above to its members for assisting them in this task, as well as the list of Ambassadors to the Council of Europe.</li> <li>◆ The CCBE will continue to regularly publish communications, notably using the leaflet on its social media.</li> </ul>
<p>14/05/2025 (TBC)</p>	<p>Meeting of the Committee of Ministers for adopting the Convention, potentially organised in Luxembourg under</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Public/Lawyers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ On the day of the adoption: CCBE press release + consider the possibility of a press conference (possibly in Luxembourg in collaboration with the Luxembourgish Presidency and Bar see point below)</li> <li>◆ Consider the possibility of a small CCBE delegation to travel to Luxembourg to interview</li> </ul>

	the Luxembourgish Presidency		some key actors such as the Luxembourgish Presidency once the text is approved, with a view to publish an interview video which will also give visibility to the role played by the CCBE.
After 14/05/2025	Signature and ratification process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ CoE and non CoE countries: promote the quick signature and ratification of the Convention</li> <li>◆ Public/Lawyers: to make them aware that the Convention has been adopted and is now open for signature and ratification. The idea would be to convince other civil society organisations to support the quick ratification of the Convention in as many countries as possible.</li> <li>◆ EU as the draft Convention provides the possibility for the EU to access the Convention + convince EU Member States to quickly ratify the Convention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Publish a second one page maximum leaflet to be circulated to CCBE members and public/civil society as to why a quick ratification is needed (this leaflet would complete the previous one. The two leaflets could be used together or separately.</li> <li>◆ Publication of a video Focusing on the importance / impact of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The leaflets and video will be published and pinned on CCBE's website and social media</li> <li>○ The leaflets and video will be circulated to CCBE's Human Rights Network</li> <li>○ The leaflets will be sent to CCBE members + communication network with a request to make it as much visible as possible. CCBE members will also be asked to convince their authorities to sign and ratify the Convention as quickly as possible.</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Organisation of a EU Commissioner for Justice</li> <li>◆ CCBE will also communicate and relay the information to its contacts with other international lawyers' organisations (ABA, JFBA, LAWASIA, etc)</li> </ul>

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