

**European Law Faculties Association
Annual General Meeting and Conference 2026**

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND LEGAL EDUCATION
Exploring the impact of AI on legal education and professions

Bilbao, 15-17 April 2026

PROGRAMME

15 April 2026 (Wednesday)

19.30

Welcome Reception. *Bistró Guggenheim Bilbao (Guggenheim Museum)*

Optional visit with audioguide to the Guggenheim Museum before the reception (from 17.00)

16 April 2026 (Thursday)

Paraninfo. Universidad de Deusto. Campus Bilbao.

8:30 – 9:15

Registration. *Paraninfo Cloister*

9:15 – 9:30

Institutional Welcome. *Paraninfo*

- **Juan Jose Etxeberria**, Rector of the University of Deusto
- **Jose Ramon Intxaurre**, Dean of Deusto Law School
- **Gema Tomas**, Deusto Law School, President of ELFA

9:30-10:15

Keynote Speech. *Paraninfo*

“Are We Asking the Right Questions? Rethinking Legal Education in the Age of AI”. **Ricardo Devis.** Founder, Bilbao AI

10:15 – 10:30

Group Photo. *Paraninfo*

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break. *Auditorio Cloister*

Programme will continue in Auditorio

11.00 – 12:15

1st Panel: AI and legal learning in Law Schools.

Chairs: **Jivko Draganov**. University of National and World Economy Sofia (Bulgaria) – Former President of ELFA / **Lana Bubalo**. University of Stavanger (Norway). ELFA Board.

Speakers:

- **Akaki Beridze**. Georgian International University GIU (Georgia)
- **Dunja Duic**. Vice-Dean for Science, International Cooperation and Postgraduate Studies, Chair of Constitutional and European Law. Faculty of Law, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek (Croatia).
- **Pablo Garaizar**. Associate Professor at the University of Deusto, member of its AI Commission
- **Aleksandra Klich**. Head of Legal Clinic of University of Szczecin (Poland) and European Network for Clinical Legal Education (ENCLE)
- **David Sehnálek**. Vice-dean for bachelor's degree study and two-year follow-up master's degree programme, Masaryk University Faculty of Law, Brno (Czech Republic)

Discussion and Q&A

12:15 – 12:30

ELFA Award.

- **Laurence W. Gormley**, University of Groningen (Netherlands). ELFA Award Coordinator – Former President of ELFA

12:30 – 12:45

European Journal of Legal Education (EJLE).

- **Greta Bosch**, Editor-in-Chief of EJLE. University of Exeter (United Kingdom)

12:45– 14.00

Lunch. Auditorio Cloister

14.00- 15.00

Collaboration Hub. Auditorio Cloister

Open networking space for members to share ideas and alliances for collaborative research, Erasmus and other academic projects or agreements

15.00 – 16:15

2nd Panel: Potential, risks and challenges on AI in Law schools

Chairs: **Izabela Krasnicka**, University of Bialystok (Poland), Deputy Editor of EJLE, ELFA Board / **Greta Bosch**, Editor-in-Chief of EJLE. University of Exeter (United Kingdom)

Speakers:

- **Soledad Atienza**. Dean of IE Law School. Madrid (Spain). Professor in Law. Member of Editorial Team European Journal of Legal Education. Co-President Law Schools Global League.

- **Gregory Bowman.** Dean of Roger Williams University School of Law. Law School Admission Council's (LSAC) (United States of America)
- **Otar Davitaia.** Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Law and Diplomacy. LEPL Sokhumi State University. Tbilisi (Georgia)
- **Leo P. Martinez.** Dean Emeritus & Albert Abramson Professor of Law Emeritus UC Law San Francisco (United States of America)
- **María Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballel.** Professor of Commercial Law at Carlos III University and MICROSOFT-UC3M *Research Chair in Artificial Intelligence: Grounds and Horizons* (Spain). President of European Law Institute (ELI)

Discussion and Q&A

18:45

Tour by Boat

Sailing the river Nervion on the Bilbao estuary to the restaurant.
Departure point: "Pio Baroja Pier" (Bilbao)

20:00

Conference Dinner. *Restaurant: "Real Club Marítimo del Abra"*

Dress code: casual business

Return to Bilbao organized by bus from the restaurant. Buses will stop in hotels located near University of Deusto

17 April 2026 (Friday)

Auditorio

9:00 – 10:15

3rd Panel: Legal Experience with the use of IA.

Chairs: Lukas Rass-Masson. University Toulouse I Capitole (France), ELFA Board / **Gabriel Marti.** Law student at University of Fribourg (Switzerland). President International Board of European Law Students' Association (ELSA) 2025/2026

Speakers:

- **José María de Dios Marcer.** Autonomous University of Barcelona. (Spain). Former ELFA President.
- **R. Baris Erman,** Assistant Professor for Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure. MEF University Law Faculty. Istanbul (Turkey)
- **Albert Gómez Jordán,** Lecturer of Roman Law. Faculty of Legal Sciences, University Rovira Virgili. Tarragona (Spain).
- **Magnus Kristofferson.** School of Behavioural, Social and Legal Sciences. Ørebro University (Sweden)
- **Giga Phartenadze,** PhD in Public Administration, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of the Law and Social Science at Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University (Georgia)

Discussion and Q&A

10:15 – 10:45

Coffee Break. *Auditorio Cloister*

10.45-12.00

4th Panel: Legal professions facing the AI challenge.

Chairs: **Barbara Pozzo.** Università degli Studi dell'Insubria – Como (Italy) and **Ovidiu Ioan Dumitru.** Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Faculty of Law, (Romania). ELFA Board

Speakers:

- **Ludmila Glembotzky Goya.** Lawyer. AI & LegalTech. Siemens Gamesa. Secretary of Fédération des Barreaux d'Europe (FBE) New Technologies Commission.
- **Veronica Ruiz Abou-Nigm.** Chair in Private International Law, University of Edinburgh. Former President of ELFA
- **Alexandre Pacheco da Silva.** Professor of Law. São Paulo Law School of Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV Direito SP). Center for Education and Research in Innovation (CEPI/CERI) (Brasil).
- **Carlo A. Pedrioli, J.D., Ph.D.** Professor of Law. Southern University Law Center. Louisiana (United States of America)
- **Guido Smorto.** Full Professor of Private Comparative Law - University of Palermo (Italy).

Discussion and Q&A

12:00 – 13:00

ELFA Annual General Meeting.

13:00 – 13:15

Closing Remarks.

13:15

Farewell Lunch.
Auditorio Cloister