Congress agenda and invitation to the General Assembly 2026

Thursday, 26 November 2026

12:30 - 14:30	**Women in EPLAW (Lunch and Networking)**
	Venue: Les Petits Oignons, rue de la Regence 25, 1000 Brussels
18:30 - 22:00	**Black Tie Gala Dinner – 25th EPLAW anniversary**
	Venue: The Merode - Place Poelaert 6, 1000 Brussels
22:00 - 00:00	**Live concert and party**

Friday, 27 November 2026

8:15	**EPLAW Outreach**
	Venue: The Hotel, bd. de Waterloo 38, 1000 Brussels
9:00	**General Assembly**
	- President's report and update from committees - Treasurer's financial report - Approval of the annual accounts 2025 - Approval of the budget 2026-2027 - Discharge of the directors - Renewal of the terms of the directors whose first term expires this year - Appointment of new directors - Election of a new President and President-Elect
9:40	**Keynote**
	by Rian Kalden (UPC CoA judge) and Willem Hoyng (Chair of the UPC AdvCo)

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10:10 **Practicalities of UPC litigation – Judges' perspectives**

Moderator: Ludvig Holm (SE)

Panelists:
Nordic-Baltic Regional Division - judge Stefan Johansson
Central Division Munich – judge Thomas Adocker
Brussels Local Division – judge Samuel Granata

11:10 **Coffee break**

11:30 **Evidentiary seizures and production of evidence - is the UPC following the national courts or does it go further?**

Moderator: Christine Kanz (DE)

Panelists:
Stanislas Roux-Vaillard (FR)
Giovanni Galimberti (IT)
Christian Dekoninck (BE)

12:30 **Lunch**

14:00 **Lessons from Venice**
Update from Mock trial

Mark van Gardingen (NL)

14:45 **Claim for Damages After Wrongful Enforcement of a PI**

Moderator: Cordula Schumacher (DE)

Panelists:
Penny Gilbert (UK)
Justyna Rasiewicz (PL)
Philippe Campolini (BE)

15:30 **Farewell**