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## Press Release

### Mr Rudolf Kaindl, New President of Notaries of Europe

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#### **CNUE 2011: Helping to achieve a citizen's Europe**

Helping to achieve a citizen's Europe by developing the European judicial area is the main objective of the new Austrian presidency of the Council of the Notariats of the European Union (CNUE) in 2011. Following a meeting in Vienna on Friday 14 January 2011, **Mr Rudolf Kaindl**, Austrian notary and new president of the 40 000 notaries in the European Union, explained that the Notaries of Europe intend to bring their experiences to the various areas of work begun by legal Europe. *"The authentic instrument is the instrument of the notaries in 21 EU Member States that enables legal exchanges to be made considerably easier at European level. We are working towards a safe and reliable European legal environment at the service of citizens and businesses"*, Mr Kaindl declared.

Important responsibilities await the new CNUE president and his team, during his one-year tenure. On the one hand, the European Commission has launched numerous programmes directly concerning the notariats, such as the single market act, the programme for European citizenship and the Stockholm programme. On the other, many ambitious legislative texts are being negotiated: the draft regulation on international successions, the revision of the Brussels I Regulation and European contract law. These are all priorities for the Austrian presidency, to which can be added legislative negotiations on mortgage credit, matrimonial property regimes, discussions on strengthening the fight against money laundering, the development of a European e-Justice portal and many initiatives relating to company law.

Mr Rudolf Kaindl will also seek to maintain the increasingly close cooperation with the European institutions. The CNUE is preparing three big projects for 2011 that are co-funded by the European institutions. These are the drafting of web pages on the law on matrimonial property regimes in all the Member States, the creation of a European Directory of Notaries and the development of the European Notarial Network ([www.enm-me.eu](http://www.enm-me.eu)) which will offer training in Community law for Europe's notaries. There are also some events planned by the Austrian presidency, such as the 23rd Conference of European Civil-Law Notaries on contract law in Salzburg on 7 and 8 April. In addition to a conference on company law planned for June 2011, the CNUE is holding a colloquium on topics relating to matrimonial property regimes in Brussels in October, organised jointly with the European Commission.

Further information on the Austrian presidency of the CNUE is available at: [www.cnue2011.at](http://www.cnue2011.at).

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#### **The CNUE in brief:**

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*The CNUE includes 21 notarial organisations in the European Union. The European notariats are represented in the CNUE by the presidents of the national notariats. The CNUE operates under the authority of a President, the CNUE's spokesperson, who has tenure for one year.*

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