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## Press Release

# Marius Kohler is New President of Notaries of Europe

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**Berlin, 19 January 2018** – The 40,000 notaries of Europe and their 200,000 employees have a new President for 2018, Dr. Marius Kohler, a German notary from Hamburg. In a ceremony held today in the presence of the acting German Federal Minister of Justice and for Consumer Protection Heiko Maas, Dr. Kohler took over the reins of the Council of the Notariats of the European Union (CNUE). He succeeds Spanish notary José Manuel García Collantes.

### **Professional background**

Dr. Marius Kohler has been practising as a notary in Hamburg since 2011. He studied law at the Universities of Freiburg (Germany), Uppsala (Sweden) and Harvard (United States). During and after his studies, he worked as a research assistant at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law and at the Institute for German and Foreign Civil Procedure Law at the University of Freiburg. After passing the bar examination at the Supreme Court of New York and practising as a lawyer at the international law firm GLEISS LUTZ in Stuttgart and Frankfurt, he was appointed candidate notary in 2006. Between October 2007 and December 2010, he headed the Brussels office of the German Federal Chamber of Notaries.

### **Work Programme**

Significant milestones await the CNUE in 2018, including the publication by the European Commission of a series of legislative proposals in the area of company law aimed at providing for digital solutions throughout the company lifecycle and facilitating the cross-border mobility of companies. The CNUE's role will be to offer constructive support when it comes to transferring the current well-functioning corporate procedures into the electronic world building on the existing infrastructure so as to preserve the reliability of business registers and the underlying structures of corporate law.

2018 will also be devoted to training notaries on the new European regulations on matrimonial property regimes and the property consequences of registered partnerships, which will enter into force in 17 EU Member States as of 29 January 2019. The CNUE intends to organise a series of cross-border training seminars building on the successful "Notaries for Europe, Europe for Notaries" programme put into place for the European Succession Regulation with the support of the European Commission between 2013 and 2017.

Finally, the CNUE will also pay particular attention to the various notary-related information tools available to the general public. In particular, work will begin shortly on a complete overhaul of the European Directory of Notaries ([www.notaries-directory.eu](http://www.notaries-directory.eu)) and a new website will be put online on the probative force of authentic instruments used in the 22 countries of the European Union with a Latin type notariat.

For more information on the German Presidency of the CNUE and its programme: <http://www.notaries-of-europe.eu/index.php?pagelD=15919>



Consult the CNUE's 2017 Annual Report at the following link: <http://www.notariesofeurope-report.eu/en/>

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

*The Council of the Notariats of the European Union (CNUE) is an official body representing the notarial profession in dealings with the European institutions. Speaking for the profession, it expresses the joint decisions of its members to the institutions of the European Union. The CNUE includes 22 notarial organisations in the European Union, representing over 40,000 notaries and 200,000 staff. 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.*