



Press Release

Authentic Acts in Europe Website Launch www.authentic-acts.eu

Brussels, 17 May 2018 – The Notaries of Europe opened a new information website today for the general public: “Authentic Acts in Europe” - www.authentic-acts.eu. Produced with financial support from the European Commission, this website provides information on the evidentiary value of authentic acts drawn up in the 22 countries of the European Union familiar with notarial practice in matters of succession and family law. This information is available in English, French and the language of the country concerned.

Facilitating access to the law: a commitment by the Notaries of Europe

Making justice more efficient in Europe is a priority objective for Notaries of Europe. That is why they provide European citizens with resources that enable them to learn more about their rights. As a result of their joint work, the following websites inform thousands of citizens every year:

- Successions Europe website: www.successions-europe.eu
- Couples in Europe website: www.couples-europe.eu
- Buying property in Europe website: www.buyingmyhome.eu
- The Vulnerable in Europe website: www.the-vulnerable.eu

Drawing up authentic acts: the notary’s mission

With the [Authentic Acts in Europe](http://www.authentic-acts.eu) website, the Notaries of Europe wish to make the general public aware of the essence of their function: to confer authenticity on the legal instruments and contracts they draw up for their clients. Notaries perform this task on behalf of the State, which grants them the status of public office-holder. Like court decisions, authentic acts are enforceable, enabling the contracting parties to have obligations enforced directly without having to go before a court. Moreover, unlike private agreements, authentic acts have a superior evidentiary value which is binding on the courts, the administration and third parties.

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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.

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