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## Press Release

### Notaries of Europe/Commission Conference on International Successions

Brussels, 19 November 2015

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Three months after Regulation (EU) No 650/2012 on international successions became applicable, the Notaries of Europe and the European Commission held a joint conference on Thursday 19 November so that legal professionals applying the regulation could exchange their opinions on practical issues and make a first assessment of experiences gained in the field. Věra Jourová, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality, and Jean Tarrade, President of the Notaries of Europe, spoke during the opening session.

On this occasion, Mr Jean Tarrade declared, *“In the area of successions, the Notaries of Europe are facing and will continue to face a significant increase in cross-border questions from European citizens. In response, they are using and developing increasingly efficient practical tools. We are ready to rise to this challenge”*.

Mr Tarrade then listed the various initiatives the Notaries of Europe have already implemented for European citizens:

- EUFides, an online collaboration platform enabling two foreign notaries to work together on cross-border files
- The interconnection of registers of wills thanks to the European Network of Registers of Wills (ENRW)
- The creation of an information website for the public: [www.successions-europe.eu](http://www.successions-europe.eu)

Mr Tarrade’s speech is available [here](#) (in French only).

Ms Věra Jourová also said: *“Notaries are at the forefront of the application of the Regulation: in many Member States, they are the starting point for citizens aiming to plan their succession, and for heirs seeking to better understand and organise their international inheritance. Notaries also deliver the European Certificate of Succession in several Member States. They are thus an important partner for the Commission, both to ensure the efficient implementation and application of the Regulation and to help citizens to fully benefit from it.”*

The Notaries of Europe press release of 17 August 2015 can be consulted [here](#). Photos and videos of the event will also be available on the Notaries of Europe website in the coming days ([www.cnue.be](http://www.cnue.be)).

Furthermore, the successions regulation will be at the heart of the questions discussed during the Notaries of Europe information evening also organised on Thursday for expatriates living in Brussels.

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