Union des Avocats Européens
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ANNUAL CONGRESS PROGRAM UAE 2026

BARCELONA, SPAIN

"MARKET, HOUSING AND LAW: THE EUROPEAN CHALLENGE OF GLOBAL CAPITAL"

Balance between economic freedom and social justice in European cities

How to harmonize the free movement of capital and foreign investment —essential principles of the European internal market— with the protection of the right to housing and urban social cohesion.

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Thursday, 4 June 2026

20:30 h · Welcome dinner

📍 *Restaurant Gala*

The Congress will open with a Welcome Dinner at Restaurant Gala, an iconic and vibrant venue in the heart of Barcelona.

An informal yet refined evening designed to reconnect colleagues from across Europe, welcome speakers and begin the discussions in a relaxed Mediterranean atmosphere.



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Friday, 5 June 2026

📍 *Assembly Hall, Barcelona Bar Association (ICAB)*

08:30 · Check-in

09:00 – 09:30 · Opening Session

Institutional welcome by the President of the European Lawyers Union, Avv. Rosanna Marzocca; Mª Eugenia Gay, Deputy Mayor of the Barcelona City Council and Cristina Vallejo, President of the Barcelona Bar Association.

9:30 – 11:00 · Panel 1 — Foreign Investment and Free Movement of Capital

Moderator: *Lorenzo Conti, Vice President of the U.A.E.*

- Legal limits on the acquisition of housing by non-residents.

  Speaker: *Emma Hakobyan, International Lawyer and Ambassador of the Armenian Diaspora in Spain.*

- Recent CJEU case law on investment control.

  Speaker: Pedro Gouveia e Melo, Honorary President of the U.A.E. and Lawyer in Portugal.

- Transparency, compliance and corporate responsibility in real estate investment.

  Speaker: Anne-Sophie Hatteau-Hiltzer, Lawyer in France and Member of the EC of the U.A.E.

- The Perfect Laundromat. Money Laundering through Real Estate.

  Speaker: Laura Stanila, Lawyer, Professor at the Timoara's University, Romania.

11:00 – 11:30 · Coffee Break

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11:30 – 13:00 · Panel 2 — Private Law and Contractual Balance in the Housing Market

Moderator: Ingrid Van Den Broek, Lawyer in Switzerland

• Sale and lease contracts in a globalized context.

Speaker: Agustín Cruz, President of the Real Estate Comission of the U.A.E.; Honorary President of the U.A.E. and Lawyer in EJASO, Spain.

• Unfair terms, consumer protection and the balance between parties.

Speaker: Boglar Szervatiusz, Member of the EC of the U.A.E. and President of the Hungarian Delegationn of the U.A.E.

• New contractual models: temporary rentals, cooperatives and collaborative housing.

Speaker: Cristina Grau, Expert in Cooperative Law and Board Member of the La Dinamo Foundation.

13:00 – 14:00 · Networking Lunch ·
📍 *Hall of Columns, Barcelona Bar Association (ICAB)*

14:30 – 16:00 · Panel 3 — Public Policies, Taxation and Urban Regulation

Moderator: Bruno Telchini, Honorary President and Coordinator of the UAE Commissions and Delegations.

• Local government action against real estate speculation.

Speaker: Cristina Vallejo, President of the Barcelona Bar Association and Specialist Real Estate Lawyer in Spain.

• Property taxation and measures for affordable housing.

Speaker: Dario Marsella, President of the Tax Commission of the U.A.E.

• European models of tourist rental regulation and social housing.

Speaker: Carmen Granados, Member of the EC of the U.A.E. and Specialist Real Estate Lawyer.

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16:00 – 17:00 · Final Roundtable

Moderator: Mª Camino Quiroga, Notary in Barcelona.

"The future of European cities: can the law guarantee housing?"

Speakers: *Nicole Hirst, Vice President of the U.A.E.*

David Bondia, Professor of Public Law at the University of Barcelona and Barcelona City Ombudsman

Gregory Thuan Didonne, President of the Human Rights Commission of the U.A.E.

Anna Estella Monteys, CEO of Barcelona Extranjería Abogados, S.L.P and Vice President of the Immigration Committee of the U.A.E.





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20:30 – 2:00 · Gala Dinner

📍Casa Fuster




Saturday, 6 June 2026

10:30 – 13:00 · Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Union of European Lawyers

(Internal session – restricted access to Committee members)

📍*Notaria Diagonal 490, Av. Diagonal 490, 2-1, Barcelona, Spain.*

13:30 – 15:00 · EC Lunch

📍 *La Barceloneta Restaurant, Barcelona*


