ECLA Programme

Political purpose of ECLA:

ECLA shall seek to secure legal professional privilege before the institutions of EU and before the institutions – including but not limited to the national competition authority – of each member country. ECLA shall seek to obtain recognition of company lawyers – where appropriate as a profession in its own right.

Educational purpose of ECLA:

ECLA shall organise pan-European legal conferences. ECLA shall organise one or more regional conferences or seminars annually for members of relevant geographical area. ECLA shall seek to secure that members are granted rebates and discounts from providers of conferences and seminars as well as from providers of legal textbooks, other legal books and other legal information.

Networking opportunities:

ECLA shall work for net working opportunities for its members generally and shall include the establishment of transnational experience/work groups for example organised for specific industry and other sections. The net working opportunities shall allow the direct and indirect members of ECLA to: Develop and make available information about best practices for company lawyers. Secure practical help in achieving the objectives of the legal departments of its members Allow the members to use existing legal sources for information and knowledge effectively Take advantage of all technologies tailored to company lawyers e.g.

- Case/matter/project management systems
- Document management systems
- Group ware and communication software

Monitor emerging systems and technologies for law departments e.g. document assembly, knowledge management and internet/intranet/extranet. Allow the members to use existing legal sources for information and knowledge effectively ECLA shall design and manage discussion forums in digital form.

Promotion of conference and seminars:

ECLA shall make available information – but not recommend or endorse – conferences and seminars for company lawyers by way of advertising the events on ECLA's web-site or by e-mail to the ECLA contacts.