

EuroExpert Minutes of the 27th General Assembly 2025

Date: 20th June 2025

Venue: Conseil National des Compagnies d'Experts de Justice, Paris

Present: **Luis Cavellini**, Asociación Española de Peritos Tasadores Judiciales
Martin Cupal, Komora soudních znalců ČR
Marco Debras, Chambre des Experts du GD de Luxembourg
Murielle Eyletters, Association Belge des Experts
Patrice Gardel, Bertrand Ludes, Conseil National des Compagnies d'Experts de Justice
Francisco Gomes, Cristina Maria Gomes Domingues (online), Associação Portuguesa dos Peritos Avaliadores de Engenharia
Ivan Martić, Hrvatsko društvo sudskih vještaka i procjenitelja
Roland Popp, Hauptverband der allgemein beeideten und gerichtlich zertifizierten Sachverständigen Österreichs
Christina Sadler-Berg, Bundesverband öffentlich bestellter und vereidigter sowie qualifizierter Sachverständiger e. V.



In attendance: **Bernhard Floter, Secretary General, Chairman Matthias Rant excused, Wolfgang Jacobs in the chair by appointment of the Chairman**
Notice of the date, venue and the agenda of the Annual General Meeting was given to the members on the 23rd April and 19th May 2025.

Wolfgang Jacobs welcomed the participants and opened the General Assembly. He thanked the representatives of the CNCEJ for hosting the high-quality Symposium the day before and the General Assembly in this year. A warm welcome was also given to the new President of the Associação Portuguesa dos Peritos Avaliadores de Engenharia, Cristina Maria Gomes Domingues.

1. Minutes of the last General Assembly

The minutes of last General Meeting were approved and passed unanimously.

2. Chairman's report

The Secretary General presented the report on behalf of the chairman.

He stressed the main achievements and outcomes of the Findex II project. These are:

- Suggestions for a definition of the minimum criteria for a person to be qualified as a 'judicial expert', including criteria for registration and periodical re-registration
- Recommendations for a list of requirements to be met by bodies responsible for managing expert's registers
- The development of the Findex II nomenclature with 19 groups and 66 sub-categories of fields of expertise to be used as a convergence guideline for nomenclatures in the Member States and a mapping system for a search engine on the e-Justice Portal.

- A demo IT tool based on six pilot Member States (Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Italy, Poland and Romania) to interconnect national nomenclatures and to implement a European search engine. The tool contains the necessary data fields, a technical description and various options for importing data from the national databases. It includes a questionnaire for direct communication between appointers and experts in order to agree on an appointment.

He emphasised that all EuroExpert standards had been included in the results uploaded to the project. All results could be downloaded or accessed from the EuroExpert website. The final payment of support for the Findex II project had been received in April 2025.

The Secretary General reported that the application for the Findex III project (submitted in September 2023) had not been considered by the EU-Commission in 2024. In April 2025 a further application (named E-REX) had been produced and submitted. A result would probably be received in October 2025.

EuroExpert Service

- 10 nominations by the EuroExpertFinder (8 in 2023), main clients Commercial Court Vienna and courts from Germany, main field of Expertise requested real estate valuation, construction and doctors, main countries Croatia, Spain and France.

Other Projects

Update of Remuneration Study

- Published in July 2024
- New entries from Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Romania and Serbia

E-Bulletin

The Secretary General reported that only one E-bulletin had been published in 2024 due to the poor submission of articles by the members. He made once again clear that the E-bulletin would be an important communication channel towards the European Institutions as well as towards the members of EuroExpert.

Project PRAVO-Justice

An additional project with the inclusion of EuroExpert representatives had been the Pravo-Justice project (www.pravojustice.eu). The EU-funded project promotes a greater rule of law in the Ukraine, in line with European standards and comparative practices. The six-months specialised course (February – July 2025) organised within the frame of the Pravo-Justice project aims to enhance the professional capabilities of Ukrainian judicial experts and support the establishment of a National Association of Judicial Experts in the Ukraine. EuroExpert would have been involved in this project by the intervention of Pawel Rybicki, representative of the EuroExpert member Instytut Bezpieczeństwa Wewnętrznego, from Poland. He organised five lectures with EuroExpert and four members of EuroExpert (ABEX, BVS, CNCEJ, Hauptverband Austria). The feedback of the participants had been very positive, so far.

The report was accepted by the General Assembly and adopted unanimously.

3. Financial Report 2024

The Financial Report was presented by the Secretary General. It shows a loss of € 18.086,68 as the final instalment of EU support, totalling €15,000, was received in April 2025. The financial report for the year 2024 which had been audited by Alexander Gregorich, was approved. The Secretary General and the Council were exonerated for the financial year 2024, passed unanimously.

4. Elections

4.1 Chairman

Matthias Rant had declared that he would step down from chairmanship not later than the Annual General Assembly in Paris. Wolfgang Jacobs was elected as Chairman, passed unanimously. There was no other candidate (Term of office until 31st August 2029).

The members thanked Matthias Rant for his important work in EuroExpert. He had served for over 19 years on council and had been in charge of many initiatives like the approach to the Council of the European Union as well as integrating EuroExpert in the Findex II project and the EU E-Justice plans in general.

4.2 Election Council

Martin Cupal, taking over the position of Wolfgang Jacobs in council was elected councilor for a term of office until 31st August 2026, passed unanimously. Roland Popp (Hauptverband Austria) was unanimously elected as councilor for a term of office that will last until 31st August 2029.

4.3 Election Auditor

General Assembly re-elected Alexander Gregorich for the financial year 2025, passed unanimously.

Informative

Members of Council from 1st July 2025

Chairman

Wolfgang Jacobs (Term of office until 31st August 2029)

Further Members of Council

Marin Cupal (Term of office until 31st August 2026)

Patrice Gardel (Term of office until 31st August 2027)

Murielle Eyletters (Term of office until 31st August 2028)

Roland Popp (Term of office until 31st August 2029)

5. Change of Statutes

Due to a new law on associations and foundations (Loi du 7 août 2023 sur les associations sans but lucratif et les fondations) EuroExpert had been forced to change some articles of the statutes. In order to comply with the new law, it was agreed at the last General Assembly that only the legally necessary parts would be changed and that EuroExpert would start with the changes when the Chambre des Experts du GD de Luxembourg as member of EuroExpert had the acceptance for their changes of statutes by the legal authorities in Luxembourg. The representatives of the appointed working group informed that the association would prepare the final changes, so that for EuroExpert the changes should start during this year.

6. Principles for the use of AI by Experts

The document on the use of AI by Experts had been produced by Council and circulated before the General Assembly. It was presented at the Symposium the day before and was accepted as new standard of EuroExpert, passed unanimously (see attachment).

7. Appointment Presidencies

Bertrand Ludes had been nominated by the Conseil National des Compagnies d'Experts de Justice, France, and would start his Presidency on the 1st July. The Komora soudních znalců ČR will be invited to nominate its candidate for the first half of 2026 not later than 1st December 2025. The members thanked Francisco Gomes from the Associação Portuguesa dos Peritos Avaliadores de Engenharia for his Presidency in the first half of 2025.

Informative

Updated order of nominating countries for Presidency:

France – France (1st July to 31st December 2025)
Czech Republic - Česká republika (1st January to 30th June 2026)
Germany - Deutschland (1st July to 31st December 2026)
Spain - España (1st January to 30th June 2027)
Belgium – Belgique (1st July to 31st December 2027)
Croatia - Hrvatska (1st January to 30th June 2028)
Luxembourg – Luxembourg (1st July to 31st December 2028)
Austria – Österreich (1st January to 30th June 2029)
Portugal - Portugal (1st July to 31st December 2029)

General Assembly 2016 had agreed that nominated candidates by the full member organisations would be automatically elected Presidents.

8. Miscellaneous

Ivan Martić and Marco Debras will inform the Secretary General if their associations would be prepared to host the next Annual General Assembly in 2026.

There being no further business the meeting closed. The Chairman thanked the members for their participation and the hosting Conseil National des Compagnies d'Experts de Justice for the hospitality during the last two days in Paris.

Bernhard Floter
Secretary General
Köln, 11th July 2025

Practice Guidelines Expert Reports and AI

EuroExpert in its objectives includes the development, promotion and convergence of professional standards for experts within the European Union. As part of this objective, it has agreed on practice guidelines for the use of AI when giving expert evidence. It is recognised that there are different systems of law and many jurisdictions in Europe, any of which may impose different or additional duties and responsibilities which must then be complied with by the Experts.

General – Artificial Intelligence

- 1) Generative Artificial Intelligence (hereafter AI) is a form of artificial intelligence that can create new forms of content, including text, images or sounds, based on patterns and data acquired from a body of training material. This training material may include information obtained by “scraping” public and private text sources to build large-scale language models.
- 2) Following Art. 3 Nr 1 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence from 13th June 2024 an AI system’ means a machine-based system that is designed to operate with varying levels of autonomy and that may exhibit adaptiveness after deployment, and that, for explicit or implicit objectives, infers, from the input it receives, how to generate outputs such as predictions, content, recommendations, or decisions that can influence physical or virtual environments.
- 3) These guidelines apply to the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Large Language Models (LLMs) and Generative AI (collectively referred to as "AI") by experts and are directed to give guidance.
- 4) AI is capable of being used to assist experts with various tasks, including drafting documents and summarising information.
- 5) To avoid any doubt, for the purposes of these guidelines, AI does not include technology or functionality which:
 - a. merely corrects spelling or grammar, provides transcription, assists with formatting, supports in improving text quality or translation and otherwise does not generate substantive content;
 - b. generates chronologies from original source documents;

Expert Reports

- 1) Expert reports are required to assert the opinions of the experts, and their reasoning process.
- 2) Experts are responsible for the content of the report at all times.
- 3) When Experts use AI applications, they have to have adequate knowledge and understand the application they use, can recognise risks and apply the AI applications in a responsible manner.
- 4) Depending on the appointment and/or the instructions to the expert prior agreement with the appointer might be necessary.
- 5) When experts use AI applications for any purpose in preparing an expert report for courts, they shall:
 - Respect the confidentiality of the data they work with by using AI applications that provide sufficient guarantees of data confidentiality or by not using confidential data in the AI application,
 - Ensure accordance with laws and regulations in the field of privacy and data protection,
 - Keep records and, in an annex to the report, identify how AI applications were used (for example any prompts used, any default values used, and any variables set),
 - Make full disclosure if the use of AI is regulated or addressed by any relevant code of practice or principles binding on or applicable to the expert.
- 6) Experts shall ensure transparency about the use of AI applications by adequately disclosing their use in the report.
- 7) Any use should classify:
 - The AI application, version and model used,
 - The information entered or question asked (prompt),
 - The result(s) obtained,
 - Any sources mentioned,
 - The way in which the expert has processed or used the result,
 - The justification why the results used are appropriate and relevant.