



THIRD FL-EUR CONFERENCE EUROPEAN PATHWAYS FOR SUPPORTING AND PROTECTING ADULTS: INSIGHTS AND BEST PRACTICES ACROSS EUROPE

The 3rd FL-EUR Conference will be organised in Amsterdam by the FL-EUR and the Amsterdam Centre for Family & Law of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam on Friday 2 May 2025.

Family Law in Europe: Academic Network ([FL-EUR](#)) is an academic initiative, uniting prominent family-law experts from 31 European jurisdictions. In 2022-2023 the FL-EUR experts and reporters have completed detailed National Reports on the legal regulation of empowerment and protection for vulnerable adults in their jurisdictions. These reports have been published on the [FL-EUR website](#).

This conference will explore the latest developments in statutory measures, ex lege measures, and voluntary measures, offering a comparative overview based on the FL-EUR national reports. It will also highlight insights and best practices by examining both the law in the books and its application in practice in pioneering countries.

The aim of the Conference is to share the results of the FL-EUR comparative research project, to provide an overview of insights and best practices that other countries might benefit from and to bring together scholars, policy makers and practitioners working in the field of legal support and protection of adults.

Date: Friday 2 May 2025

Location: Amsterdam, The Netherlands, The Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Conference fee:

- early registration fee before 15 March 2025: €120,- for regular participants and €60,- for PhD students;
- regular fee after 15 March 2025: €150 for regular participants and €75,- for PhD students

Conference and dinner are free: for speakers, FL-EUR members & reporters and STRIDE-partners

Registration closes 15 April 2025, the number of places is limited. Please register, using the registration form below. Registration for ordinary and student participants is completed after receiving your payment



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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

2 May 2025

Amsterdam, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

9.15 - 9.45 Registration coffee & tea

9.45 - 10.00 Opening *The FL-EUR project and its first subject: Support and protection of adults.*

Prof. Masha Antokolskaia (Chair FL-EUR, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, NL)

10.00 - 12.00 Session I: *Statutory measures*

Introduction: Comparative overview of statutory measures based on the FL-EUR reports. Prof.

Tim Wuyts, (FL-EUR, University of Hasselt, Belgium)

Best practices in European countries: law in action and law in the books

- Ireland
- Norway
- Germany

Discussion

12.00-12.15 Break: coffee & tea

12.15- 13.00 Session II: *Ex- lege measures*

Introduction: Comparative overview of Ex- lege measures based on the FL-EUR reports

Prof. Wendy Schrama (FL-EUR, Utrecht University, NL), Dr. Femke de Kievit (Utrecht University, NL)

Best practices in European countries: law in action and law in the books

- Austria – prof. Marianne Roth (FL-EUR, University of Salzburg) & dr. Ingeborg Mottl (FL-EUR, University of Salzburg)

Discussion

13.00-14.00 lunch

14.00-15.30. Session III: *Voluntary measures*

Introduction: Continuing Powers of Attorney: Current status and future directions – an overview of the European Landscape measures based on the FL-EUR reports prof. Katrine Kjærheim



Fredwall (FL-EUR, University of Oslo, Norway), Prof. Jordi Ribot (FL-EUR, University of Girona, Spain), Dr. Rieneke Stelma-Roorda (FL-EUR, Vrije University Amsterdam), Prof. Paula Távora Vítor (FL-EUR, University of Coimbra, Portugal);

Understanding the practical application of CPAs: Insights from empirical research in three European countries

- Spain – Prof. Jordi Ribot (FL-EUR, University of Girona, Spain)
- The Netherlands – Dr. Rieneke Stelma-Roorda (FL-EUR, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
- Norway – Prof. Katrine Kjærheim Fredwall (FL-EUR, University of Oslo, Norway)

Discussion

15.30-16.00 Break: coffee & tea

16.00-17.45 Session III: PHD Research projects using FL-EUR data

- Fiore Schuthof (PhD candidate Utrecht University, NL)
- Amber Jans (PhD candidate University of Hasselt, Belgium)
- Marie-Laure Luykx (PhD candidate University of Hasselt, Belgium)
- John Ek (PhD candidate Oxford University, UK)
- ***Discussion***

18.30 Conference dinner De Veranda