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# 2013 European Pro Bono Forum

24–25 OCTOBER 2013

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## AGENDA

# PILnet's 2013 European Pro Bono Forum

WARSAW, 24–25 OCTOBER 2013

—Evening Welcome Reception 23 October—

## 23 October

10:00–18:00

### Meeting of Pro Bono Clearinghouses *(by invitation)*

Location: University of Warsaw Students' Union  
Krakowskie Przedmiescie 24  
Student Government Room 200, 2nd Floor

16:00–18:00

### Pro Bono Council Annual Meeting *(by invitation)*

Location: University of Warsaw Students' Union  
Krakowskie Przedmiescie 24  
Student Government Room 200, 2nd Floor

17:00–19:00

### Registration

Location: Hotel Sofitel Warsaw Victoria  
Krolewska 11, 00-065 Warsaw

19:30–22:00

### Welcome Reception

Sponsored by The Polish Bar Council

Location: Hotel Sofitel Warsaw Victoria  
Krolewska 11, 00-065 Warsaw



## WORKSHOP STREAMS

**Building Strong Pro Bono Foundations** 🌐

Human Rights

**Global Pro Bono**

**Pro Bono Frontiers**

**Pro Bono Lab**

🌐 Simultaneous Polish/English translation available for these sessions.

# 24 October

Location: Hotel Sofitel Warsaw Victoria  
Krolewska 11, 00-065 Warsaw

08:00–12:00

## Registration

09:00–9:45

## FORUM OPENING I

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Balowa A–B–C

### Welcome Address:

- **Andrzej Rzeplinski** | Constitutional Tribunal | Poland

### Keynote Speaker:

- **Shirin Ebadi** | Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2003, The Centre for Supporters of Human Rights | Iran

### Introductions:

- **Filip Czernicki** | Polish Legal Clinics Foundation | Poland
- **Atanas Politov** | PILnet | Hungary

09:45–10:45

## PLENARY PANEL DISCUSSION

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Balowa A–B–C

### Access to Justice in Poland and the Rise of Pro Bono

#### Moderator:

- **Edwin Rekosh** | PILnet | U.S.A.

#### Speakers:

- **Adam Bodnar** | Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights | Poland
- **Lukasz Bojarski** | INPRIS–Institute for Law and Society, PILnet | Poland
- **Agnieszka Wardak** | Dentons | Poland
- **Eleonora Zielinska** | Warsaw University | Poland

10:45–11:15

### Coffee Break

Balowa Hall and Belweder Hall

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**Pro Bono in Poland: Now and the Future** 

Balowa A–B–C

Picking up where the plenary panel discussion left off, this workshop offers participants the chance to delve deeper into the Polish pro bono environment, evaluate its strengths and discuss the opportunities to widen its reach and impact in the future.

**Moderator:**

- **Roman Rewald** | Weil, Gotshal & Manges | Poland

**Speakers:**

- **Malgorzata Krol** | Lodz University | Poland
- **Pawel Pietkiewicz** | White & Case | Poland
- **Mikolaj Pietrzak** | Polish Bar Council | Poland
- **Krzysztof Smiszek** | Polish Society of Antidiscrimination Law | Poland

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**LGBTI Rights**

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This in-depth workshop will share pro bono projects that have advanced the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people in Europe and discuss the current legal needs, opportunities and challenges of doing more pro bono work in this field.

**Moderator:**

- **Nicolas Patrick** | DLA Piper | U.K.

**Panelists:**

- **Robert Biedron** | Member of the Sejm | Poland
- **Pierre Brochet** | McDermott Will & Emery | U.K.
- **Ksenyia Kirichenko** | Coming Out | Russia
- **Jacqueline Mulryne** | Arnold & Porter | U.K.

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## Pro Bono in Asia

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The panel in this workshop will discuss pro bono practices and partnerships in mainland China and Singapore. It will explore pro bono experiences across the region, discuss the implications of the rapidly growing NGO sector on pro bono culture, and present a case study that highlights the changing face of pro bono in Asia.

### Moderator:

- **Seth Gurgel** | PILnet | China

### Speakers:

- **Lynn Li** | Longan Law Firm | China
- **William Lu** | Mayer Brown | China
- **Lim Tanguy** | Law Society for Singapore | Singapore

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## Business and Human Rights: From Principles to Practice



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The Ruggie Principles set the benchmark for preventing and addressing the risk of adverse impacts on human rights linked to business activity. This workshop will look at the progress made and challenges facing law firms and corporations in implementing the principles.

### Moderator:

- **Yasmin Batliwala** | Advocates for International Development | U.K.

### Speakers:

- **Andrew Denny** | Allen & Overy | U.K.
- **Janet Love** | Legal Resources Centre | South Africa
- **Carmen Pombo** | Fundacion Fernando Pombo | Spain
- **Ken Resnick** | GE Oil & Gas | Italy
- **Anna Triponel** | Shift | U.K.

13:00–14:15

Lunch

Kitchen Gallery and Opera

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### Legal Clinics

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This workshop will explore the successes and lessons learned from Poland's well-established network of legal clinics, examine the role for pro bono lawyers and discuss how the new European Network of Clinical Legal Education can promote higher standards of teaching and greater collaboration by clinical legal educators.

**Moderator:**

- **Filip Czernicki** | Polish Legal Clinics Foundation | Poland

**Speakers:**

- **Maciej Bednarkiewicz** | Polish Bar Council | Poland
- **Magdalena Olczyk** | Kozminski Academy | Poland
- **Ulrich Stege** | Brescia University | Italy

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### Women's Rights

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This workshop will examine the impact that partnerships between NGOs and pro bono lawyers can have on protecting the rights of women in Europe. In focus will be issues related to reproductive rights, gender-based violence and gender equality.

**Moderator:**

- **Annette Bain** | Herbert Smith Freehills | Australia

**Speakers:**

- **Anna Collignon** | Stibbe | Netherlands
- **Maria Rosslhumer** | Women Against Violence Europe | Austria
- **Karolina Wieckiewicz** | Federation for Women and Family Planning | Poland

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## Cause Lawyering in the Middle East and North Africa

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This workshop, which is co-organized by Legal Agenda, will offer discussion on cause-lawyering experiences in the Middle East and North Africa, explore the impact of cause-lawyering practices in the region, present lessons learned and highlight challenges met by legal practitioners in their public interest endeavors.

### **Moderator:**

- **Habib Nassar** | PILnet | U.S.A.

### **Speakers:**

- **Wahid Ferchichi** | University of Tunis | Tunisia
- **Zeina Jallad** | Columbia University | U.S.A.
- **Nizar Saghie** | Legal Agenda | Lebanon

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## Raising the Bar

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Locally, nationally and regionally, bar associations have a crucial role to play in leading the charge and setting the standards for pro bono practice in Europe. This workshop will offer insight into the opportunities and challenges facing bar associations when it comes to pro bono.

### **Moderator:**

- **Maria Slazak** | National Council of Legal Advisers | Poland

### **Speakers:**

- **Birgit Spiesshofer** | Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe | Germany
- **Monika Strus-Wolos** | The Polish Bar Council | Poland
- **Hanna Stypulkowska-Goutierre** | Paris Bar Association | France

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**Accessing Pro Bono: A Practical Workshop for NGOs** 

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This practical how-to workshop will help NGOs that are new to pro bono take their first steps in accessing the free legal advice and assistance that lawyers can provide.

**Moderator:**

- **Marianne McKeown** | PILnet | Hungary

**Speakers:**

- **Miriam Buhl** | Weil, Gotshal & Manges | U.S.A.
- **Ozgur Kahale** | DLA Piper | France
- **Lycette Nelson** | Mental Disability Advocacy Center | Hungary

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**Civil Liberties in Europe**

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Following on from last year's insightful workshop on this topic, this session will offer perspectives on some of the recent threats to civil liberties in Europe and offer discussion on the role of pro bono lawyers in restoring and strengthening access to justice.

**Moderator:**

- **Michael Skrein** | Reed Smith | U.K.

**Speakers:**

- **Dimitris Christopoulos** | The Hellenic League for Human Rights | Greece
- **Balazs Denes** | Open Society Foundations | Hungary
- **Lydia Vicente** | Rights International Spain | Spain



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## Rising to the Pro Bono Challenge in Russia & Ukraine

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Pro bono lawyers have a crucial role to play in supporting the work of human rights NGOs in the increasingly challenging environments of Russia and Ukraine. This workshop will look at how local pro bono lawyers are rising to the challenge.

### Moderator:

- **Dmitry Shabelnikov** | PILnet | Russia

### Speakers:

- **Anastasia Dergacheva** | Morgan, Lewis & Bockius | Russia
- **Mykola Sioma** | Ukrainian Legal Aid Foundation | Ukraine
- **Alexandra Timoshenkova** | Timoshenkova & Partners | Russia

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## Pro Bono, Access to Justice and the Internet

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Social media, Skype and other types of tech media offer lawyers a fresh and innovative way of engaging in pro bono. This workshop will look at projects that use the internet to boost access to justice and discuss how pro bono lawyers can capitalize on these tools.

### Moderator:

- **Rebecca Hilsenrath** | LawWorks | U.K.

### Speakers:

- **Ian Bassin** | Avaaz | U.S.A.
- **Shira Stanton** | Avocats Sans Frontieres | Belgium
- **Louise Zekaria** | Clyde & Co. | U.K.

16:30–18:00

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## NGO MARKETPLACE AND COFFEE

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Sponsored by Dentons Krakowska and Mazurska and Gdanska

An opportunity for NGOs to showcase their work, distribute publications and make connections with other public interest organizations and pro bono lawyers.

19:00–22:00

**WHITE & CASE**

## PRO BONO AWARDS DINNER

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Sponsored by White & Case

Location: Kubicki Arcades of the Royal Castle of Warsaw

# 25 October

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Krolewska 11, 00-065 Warsaw

08:00–12:00

## Registration

09:00–9:30

## FORUM PLENARY

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Fighting Fraud and Corruption in Brussels: Lobbyists, Whistle Blowers and Legislative Action.

### Keynote Speaker:

- **Monica Macovei** | Member of European Parliament | Romania

### Introduction:

- **Edwin Rekosh** | PILnet | U.S.A.

09:30–10:45

## PLENARY PANEL DISCUSSION

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Balowa A–B–C

### Pro Bono and the Global Corporation

With corporations increasingly coming to the forefront of pro bono, this panel discussion will showcase the strides that are being made globally to harness the skills and expertise of in-house lawyers. This workshop will examine the strengths and challenges of in-house pro bono and highlight the unique opportunities for corporations to lead the way in inspiring other leaders to join the expanding pro bono movement worldwide.

### Moderator:

- **Anne Kelley** | Microsoft | U.S.A.

### Speakers:

- **Roger James** | Viacom | U.K. & Ireland
- **Wojciech Kowalewski** | Siemens | Poland
- **Ken Resnick** | GE Oil & Gas | Italy
- **Jette Valentin Winberg** | Hewlett-Packard | Denmark

10:45–11:15

## Coffee Break

Balowa Hall and Belweder Hall

The lab will introduce ways in which existing programs can boost their impact, whether through novel collaborations or by developing new approaches to expand their reach.

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### Collaborating on Pro Bono Projects for Higher Impact

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This workshop will showcase pro bono projects in which law firms and corporations have partnered up to enhance the skills and expertise available to NGOs and to have a wider and more in-depth impact.

#### Moderator:

- **Patricia Brannan** | Hogan Lovells | U.S.A.

#### Speakers:

- **Jonathan Ng** | Ashoka | U.S.A.
- **Louis O’Neill** | White & Case | U.S.A.
- **Monique Villa** | Thomson Reuters Foundation | U.K.

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### How to Be a Brilliant Pro Bono Lawyer

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What makes a really brilliant pro bono lawyer? This workshop will examine projects in which the pro bono lawyer has gone beyond the call of duty, resulting in a project or collaboration that has the “wow factor”.

#### Moderator:

- **Joss Saunders** | Oxfam | U.K.

#### Speakers:

- **Ignacio Dominguez** | Latham & Watkins | Spain
- **Olivia Mak** | Save the Children | U.K.
- **Fiona McLeay** | PILCH Justice Connect | Australia

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## Pro Bono in Emerging Economies: Argentina, India and Nigeria

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Amidst rapid growth and industrialization, pro bono is taking root within the emerging economies of Argentina, India and Nigeria. This workshop will explore the challenges and opportunities of doing pro bono work in these jurisdictions.

### Moderator:

- **Dina Stukanow** | Cyrus R. Vance Centre for International Justice | U.S.A.

### Speakers:

- **Ade Ipaye** | Lagos Attorney General | Nigeria
- **Babatunde Irukera** | SimmonsCooper Partners | Nigeria
- **Swathi Sukumar** | iProbono | India
- **Martin Zapiola Guerrico** | Comision Pro Bono | Argentina



## International Pro Bono by European Lawyers I: Recasting Roles

Sponsored by Ashurst

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This workshop will showcase a number of international pro bono projects that have been undertaken by European lawyers, both remotely and in-country, which have enabled corporate lawyers to step outside of their comfort zones, to use their skills and expertise in an unexpected way and to recast their roles as pro bono lawyers.

### Moderator:

- **Michele O'Brien** | International Senior Lawyers Project-Europe | France

### Speakers:

- **Jacek Gizinski** | DLA Piper | Poland
- **Mariana Goetz** | Redress | U.K.
- **Pierre Servan-Schreiber** | Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom | France

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### Institutionalizing Pro Bono in Your Law Firm

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Speakers in this workshop will discuss the mechanics of establishing a pro bono program within a law firm, offer practical ways of overcoming the pitfalls and challenges, and highlight the benefits that setting up structures for pro bono within a firm can bring.

**Moderator:**

- **Suzanne Turner** | Dechert, PILnet | U.S.A.

**Speakers:**

- **Eamonn Conlon** | A&L Goodbody | Ireland
- **Ewa Don-Siemion** | Chajec, Don-Siemion & Zyto Legal Advisors | Poland
- **Benjamin Weinberg** | Dentons | U.S.A.

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### Pro Bono Roles in International Courts and Tribunals

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Cases before international courts and tribunals provide an opportunity for pro bono lawyers to have a forceful and strategic impact on the protection of human and environmental rights. This workshop will explore the how, why, when and where of pro bono in international litigation.

**Moderator:**

- **Stephen Brown** | Jones Day | U.K.

**Speakers:**

- **Andrea Ernst** | Shearman & Sterling | Germany
- **Johanna B. Fine** | Center for Reproductive Rights | U.S.A.
- **Pierre Kirch** | Paul Hastings | France

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## Joined Up Pro Bono

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A one-off piece of pro bono advice or research is valuable support for an NGO, but sharing that work, coordinating with others and thinking strategically about how to make the most out of pro bono can really multiply that impact. This workshop will explore current projects and new ideas for creating a more joined-up approach to pro bono practice.

### Moderator:

- **Servaas Feiertag** | Transparency International | Germany

### Speakers:

- **Michael Napier** | Attorney General's Pro Bono Committee | U.K.
- **Clarissa O'Callaghan** | Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer | U.K.
- **Jasper Teulings** | Greenpeace | Netherlands

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## International Pro Bono by European Lawyers II: Recasting Alliances

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This workshop will showcase a number of international pro bono projects that have been undertaken by European lawyers, both remotely and in-country, which have enabled pro bono lawyers to make unexpected alliances across borders and sectors, to combine their skills and expertise in an unexpected way, and to recast their alliances as pro bono lawyers.

### Moderator:

- **Michele O'Brien** | International Senior Lawyers Project-Europe | France

### Speakers:

- **Kai-Uwe Karl** | GE Oil & Gas | Italy
- **Zbigniew Lasocik** | University of Warsaw | Poland
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13:30–14:00

## FORUM CLOSING

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- **Filip Czernicki** | Polish Legal Clinics Foundation | Poland
- **Maciej Bobrowicz** | National Council of Legal Advisers | Poland
- **Andrzej Zwara** | Polish Bar Council | Poland
- **Atanas Politov** | PILnet | Hungary

14:00–

## Lunch

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Kitchen Gallery and Opera

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