

LAWYERS IN ADR

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***Roles, responsibilities
and opportunities for
lawyers in Alternative
Dispute Resolution
(ADR)***

The European Union is made up of 27 Member States who have decided to gradually link together their know-how, resources and destinies. Together, during a period of enlargement of 50 years, they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development whilst maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedoms.

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Overview

LAWYERS IN ADR is the shared name of three connected, EU funded projects, to promote the knowledge and the use of *Directive 2008/52/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2008 on certain aspects of mediation in civil and commercial matters*.

Specific Objectives

In particular, the three projects aim to:

- remove impediments for EU lawyers to actively resort to mediation;
- help set common standards for mediation advocacy, especially for cross border cases;
- facilitate cooperation and sharing of know-how among lawyers from EU countries in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

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Key Activities

LAWYERS IN ADR finances a wide array of ADR related activities, including:

- **Training** courses on civil and commercial mediation for EU lawyers;
- **Video** on cross-border mediation, translated into 23 EU languages;
- **Survey** on data gathering to quantify the cost of *not using* mediation;
- **Book** on mediation advocacy in the EU;
- **Website** with articles, video clips, rules, regulations and other ADR tools;
- **International Conference** to present the projects' results and impact.

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About "Civil Justice" 2007-2013

The Specific Programme "Civil Justice" 2007-2013, established by the European Parliament and the Council (Decision N°1149/2007/EC), aims to promote judicial cooperation among the 27 EU Member States. Activities funded under the Programme are meant to:

- contribute to the creation of a genuine European area of justice in civil matters based on mutual recognition and mutual confidence;
- encourage the elimination of obstacles to the good functioning of cross-border civil proceedings in the Member States;
- improve the daily life of individuals and businesses by enabling them to assert their rights throughout the European Union, notably by fostering access to justice;
- improve the contacts, exchange of information and networking between judicial and administrative authorities and the legal professions.

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