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Dear colleagues,

I am honored to present you our working program for the year 2013 as follows:

1./ 23rd – 25th of May 2013, Utrecht, General Assembly and Conference

The event will take place in Paushuize, Kromme Nieuwegracht 49, 3512 Utrecht

It will start with a reception on Thursday 23rd May, 17:00.

On Friday, 24th of May 2013 09:00 a.m. the General Assembly will take place.

After lunch a Conference with the topic “an effective remedy in administrative cases: the principle of finality”. This theme includes the issue of “cassation decisions vs. decisions on the merits”. The Conference is organized in collaboration between the University of Utrecht and our working group Independence and Effectiveness.

In the evening of 24th of May 2013 a drink and dinner will be offered to the participants and accompanying persons in Paushuize.

For Saturday, 25th of May 2013 an excursion to Amsterdam will be organized. It will offer a canal cruise and a guided tour at the Rijksmuseum. At approximately 14.00 a bus will bring those who are interested in such a connection to Schiphol National Airport.

For further and detailed information, as well as for registration and booking please contact the website that has been installed for this event under <http://eventscrvb.eu/AEAJConference/program.htm>

Moreover, I ask all contact persons to inform me **in addition to the obligatory inscription at the conference website about the names of the participants** under my above mentioned e-mail address, heinrich.zens@vwgh.gv.at , too. If you apply for funding of travel and accommodation costs (see the conditions hereinafter) it is obligatory to send the application for funding **to me**.

The agenda of the General Assembly itself will be sent out later. Moreover, all participants in the conference will be asked to answer to a questionnaire dealing with the national situation concerning the topic of the conference.

Please note that the deadline for registration on the website is the 30th of April 2013. Deadline for sending applications for funding to me is already 15th of April 2013.

2./ 5th – 8th of June 2013, Deutscher Verwaltungsgerichtstag 2013 in Münster

In the framework of this event our association will organize a round table dealing with “Judicial Ethics in Europe” on Thursday, 6th of June, 14:00 until 17:00.

Moreover our working group “Independence and Effectiveness” will organize a workshop dealing with the topic “legal remedies and compensation in case of

long lasting procedures” on Friday, 7th of June 2013, 15:00, at the Verwaltungsgericht Münster, Piusallee 38, 48147 Münster.

In the evening of this day there will be an opportunity to have dinner together.

On Saturday, 8th of June 2013. 10:00-16:00 there will be the possibility to participate in an excursion “Perlen des Münsterlandes” with the visit of important palaces and gardens.

The participation in all scientific events and the reception on 5th of June will be free for our members. Other events have to be booked and paid to the organizers. This is also true for the excursion. Its price is € 36,--.

Detailed information and the entire program are available on the website of this event, www.muenster2013.de (in German language; if you need any help, please turn to our treasurer Dr. Ralf Höhne, Ralf.Hoehne@vg-muenster.nrw.de , who is also member of the steering committee of the Verwaltungsgerichtstag). It is obligatory to register, be it online or by fax, using the form on the mentioned website. For registration by mail please follow the links “Anmeldung” and “Anmeldeformular” , print it and fax it to the organizers (Intercongress). Or use the link the organizer for online registration.

In both cases, please register under “Referierende/Moderatoren/Schriftführende” Nichtmitglied and **not** under „Teilnehmer“. If you register by mail, please add the words „Teilnehmer VEV“. If you register online, please add these words in the frame “Anmerkungen” that is provided on the online inscription form.

If you want to participate in our meeting on Wednesday, 5th of June, please make inscription under “Treffen der Landesverbände, AEAJ”.

If you want to join the Rahmenprogramm, in particular the excursion on Saturday, please register there. These events have to be paid by the participants. The website offers a link to hotel reservations in Münster, too. A suitable would be the Trip-Hotel, situated near the congress venue.

In **addition** to this I ask you to inform me under my e-mail address about the names of the participants. If you apply for funding for travel and accomodation costs it is obligatory to do so under my e-mail address. Please tell me also, whether the participants want to join the excursion and/or the dinner on Friday evening.

Please note that the deadline for registration at the above mentioned website or by fax is the 3rd of May 2013. Deadline for sending applications for funding to me is already 15th of April 2013.

3./ 13th and 14th of September 2013: Meeting of the working group environmental law in Dublin dealing with the topic “Legal remedies against inactivity of authorities in the light of the Charta, the ECHR and the Aarhus Convention”

The participants will be informed about the details of this meeting later.

4./ 19th and 20th September 2013: Meeting of the working group Asylum and Immigration in Split, Croatia

The meeting will start at Thursday, 19th of September 2013, noon with discussions within the working group and will be continued by a bigger conference on 20th of September 2013. The topics to be dealt with will be:

- Effects of the Fundamental Rights' Charta in the scope of Asylum- and Immigration Law in the light of the actual jurisprudence of ECJ
- Cooperation of the working group with EASO
- Implementation of the Stockholm Program concerning the implementation of a Common European Asylum System
- Union Citizenship after the judgments Zambrano and Dereci

A sightseeing program will be provided on Saturday, 21st of September 2013.

The participants will be informed about further details of this meeting later.

5./ Meeting of the working group Taxation on 26th and 27th of September 2013 in Athens dealing with the following topics:

Fundamental Rights of Union Citizens in the light of the tax-jurisdiction of ECJ
Demanding preliminary rulings before ECJ

The participants will be informed about the details of this meeting later.

In cooperation with NIM two common meetings will be offered:

6./ 16th and 17th of May 2013 in Bucharest: EU-legislation, Wild birds' Directive, Fauna Flora Habitat Directive

This meeting is organized as an internal event of our working group environmental law. For more information, please turn to its chair:

Dr. Werner Heermann, werner.heermann@googlemail.com

7./ 13th and 14th of June 2013 in Eforie, Black Sea: "Access to Administrative Justice in order to seek fundamental rights".

This workshop will be held by Edith and me. It will deal with the cooperation between international courts (ECHR, ECJ) and national constitutional and administrative courts in case of conflicts between individual decisions, administrative acts of general nature or laws with fundamental rights.

Eforie can be reached by train from Bucharest and from Constantia. Maybe, a transfer would be organized by NIM at a certain point of time from the Airport of Bucharest to Eforie.

8./ In cooperation with European University Institute (EUI) we are going to organize three workshops this year.

The first workshop will take place on 27th and 28th of May 2013 in Florence dealing with “Non-Discrimination”. For further information, please follow the respective link at our website www.aeaj.org. There you can also find the details concerning funding for this event. Please take into consideration the deadline of the call for the first meeting with 15th of April 2013.

Our association is entitled to propose 10 participants for each meeting. EUI will then select 5 from this proposal and funding will be granted by EUI, not by us.

In this context please have especially the application requirements and selection criteria of EUI in mind, as listed on the website. Please send your complete application, including the necessary documents to the e-mail address:

florence@aeaj.org . It is advisable to do this as soon as possible.

Following the same system, there will be two more calls for workshops organized by EUI. I am going to inform you about the topics and these calls in time. They will also be available via a link from our website.

Funding conditions:

- **For the events ./6 and ./7 our Romanian partner will care for accommodation and meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) in the course of the seminar which will be for free for all participants up to a number of 10 participants from AEAJ (except Romanian members).**
- **For the event mentioned under ./8 and the two following workshops funding is not granted by us, but by EUI, provided the participants are selected by this institution.**
- Our association has applied for funding concerning the activities, mentioned under 1./ to 7./ in the framework of the European Commission's Fundamental Rights' program. The decision upon our application will probably be taken at the end of March.

The amount of money available for funding is therefore depending on that decision.

If funding is granted by the EU (big funding), we are able to give funding as follows :

For the events 1./-5./ reimbursement of necessary travel and hotel costs up to € 535,-- in all for 32 participants (chairs and board members included)

For the events 6./ and 7./ reimbursement of necessary travel costs up to € 400,-- in all for 10 participants (chairs excluded)

If there is no funding granted by the EU (small funding), we are just able to give a small contribution for a small number of colleagues. It will, depending on the financial situation, be possible to grant a lump sum of € 200 or € 250 for 10 participants (board members and chairs excluded) in the meetings ./2 - 5./.

In the case of small funding there will be no contribution from our side for the participants of the General Assembly (and connected conference) and of the events ./6 and ./7 organized together with NIM (nevertheless NIM will care for accommodation and meals for maximum 10 of our participants).

Please send your nominations (including the e-mail address of the participants) for all events, except of ./8, to my e-mail address heinrich.zens@vwgh.gv.at as soon as possible, but until **15th of April 2013** latest. Please send the nominations for ./8 with the necessary documents (see link at our website) to florence@aeaj.org as soon as possible (see the deadline in the call). If you nominate more than one participant per event, please inform us about your priorities. Moreover, tell us, whether the participants apply for funding respectively whether they only want to join the meeting with “big” funding or also with “small” funding (or no funding at all-if costs are covered by national court administration it would be easier for us to fund other colleagues).

Please let me also know whether the participants want to join the social events mentioned in my letter and exactly which kind of event.

We are going to inform the participants about the decision concerning funding as soon as possible (we depend on the Commission’s decision and have to wait for it anyway).

Please note that in any case participants have to care for their travel facilities and hotel reservations by themselves (except events ./6 and ./7 where the participants only have to care for their travel facilities, whereas NIM cares for the hotel); even if funding is granted the participants have to pay travel and accommodation costs first by themselves (except events ./6 and ./7 where NIM will care for the hotel and the meals) and can only turn to our treasurer:

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for reimbursement within the mentioned limits after the meeting.

For event ./8 EUI is the contact point to get information about the reimbursement or funding procedure; see the link to its website on our website.

I am looking forward to your nominations and to meet you and your colleagues on occasion of one or the other meeting.

With my best regards from Vienna
Heinrich Zens

