



Amsterdam Pro Bono Week 2021

The state and future of pro bono

As part of the European Pro Bono Week, we are delighted to invite you to Amsterdam Pro Bono Week, bringing together Dutch NGOs, lawyers and academics to support civil society and the protection of human rights. This year's Amsterdam Pro Bono week consists of two days. On Tuesday the **23rd of November**, we are happy to invite you to two open online events. See the agenda below for more information.

On Thursday the **25th of November**, Pro Bono Connect together with Loyens & Loeff and TrustLaw have organised a closed round table for our law firms to share insights on their Pro Bono and CSR policies.

Events will be held in English and Dutch.

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AGENDA

DATE	WHO	ABOUT
<p>Monday 22.11.2021</p> <p>14:00 - 15:30 CET</p> <p>Online (English)</p>	<p>European Pro Bono Initiative</p>	<p><i>Opening European Pro Bono Week</i></p> <p>Join us for the online opening event of this year's European Pro Bono Week, the first ever joint European event during European Pro Bono Week that we are proud to present on 22nd November.</p> <p>More information Register here</p>
<p>Tuesday 23.11.2021</p> <p>14.00- 15.00 CET</p> <p>Online (English)</p>	<p>Dentons, DLA Piper, Vluchtelingenwerk & Pro Bono Connect</p>	<p><i>Access to Justice for Asylum Seekers: What Role for Commercial Law Firms?</i></p> <p>Join us for an interesting discussion on the role of commercial law firms in establishing access to justice projects in support of asylum seekers. During this webinar, the panelists will be discussing the importance of setting up collaborative projects - involving many commercial law firms working together - and NGOs assisting asylum seekers. We will also announce a new collaborative access to justice project in Amsterdam, involving international commercial law firms, Dentons and DLA Piper, as well as the Dutch Council for Refugees."</p> <p>Register here</p>
<p>Tuesday 23.11.2021</p> <p>15.00 - 16.00 CET</p> <p>Online (Dutch)</p>	<p>Loyens & Loeff N.V.</p> <p>Dieuwke Hoofd Graafland and Martijn Schoonwille</p>	<p><i>Samen COVID-19 bestrijden</i></p> <p>Volg deze sessie waarin wij onze praktische ervaring met het opzetten van pro bono projecten met multidisciplinaire teams en de bijbehorende uitdagingen en kansen bespreken. In deze sessie delen wij onze pro bono ervaringen naar aanleiding van een unieke samenwerking tussen het bedrijfsleven, de Nederlandse overheid en zorgautoriteiten om de COVID-19 testcapaciteit in Nederland te vergroten. Daarnaast zoomen we in op het publiek/private PrivateTracer initiatief dat is gebruikt voor de uiteindelijke CoronaMelder app.</p> <p>Aanmelden gotowebinar.com</p>
<p>Thursday 25.11.2021</p> <p>14:30 – 17:00 CET</p> <p>Online (English)</p>	<p>Hosted by Loyens & Loeff N.V together with Pro Bono Connect</p>	<p><i>The state and future of pro bono</i></p> <p>A closed round table with law firms in the Netherlands to discuss the future of pro bono work. What is the role of pro bono lawyers, collaborating with civil society, academia and business, in today's changing world? How is each of these players affected by these changes and what is the individual and joint response?</p>

About European Pro Bono Week 2021

From 22 to 26 November 2021, Europe will hold its third annual “European Pro Bono Week”. European Pro Week celebrates the role played by volunteer lawyers, all across Europe, in supporting civil society and promoting access to justice for those in need.

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During the week, on each day, events take place across the Continent – from Moscow to Dublin and Rome to Amsterdam – to highlight and promote pro bono culture.

A central objective of Pro Bono Week is to bring together various stakeholders in the pro bono ecosystem – lawyers, law students, non-profits, human rights activists, academics and business – for an engaging conversation about important issues relating to legal needs within Europe and the role for pro bono in tackling these issues.

European Pro Bono Week is co-organized by the “European Pro Bono Initiative” (comprising several international law firms), TrustLaw, PILnet and the European Pro Bono Alliance (comprising several national pro bono clearinghouses and legal aid organizations across Europe).

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During European Pro Bono Week, each local event has a unique agenda, focusing on the most pressing legal needs and social issues in that city, region or country. However, this year, the overarching theme for the week is the state and future of pro bono. The past year especially has resulted in changes to the legal needs of vulnerable individuals, non-profits and social businesses in all areas, economic, social and environmental. What is the role of pro bono lawyers, collaborating with civil society, academia and business, in today’s changing world? How is each of these players affected by these changes and what is the individual and joint response? Unmet legal needs are the basis for pro bono culture and practice, so identifying where the pro bono community stands and where we are headed is a natural consequence of these developments.



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