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Vienna, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Dear colleagues,

I am honored to present the work program of our association for the year 2019 as follows:

***I) meetings of the working groups:***

**1./ 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 14h00-17h00, Darmstadt, Germany:**

**Meeting of the working group “Independence and Efficiency”**

The meeting of the working group will take place in the course of the German Verwaltungsgerichtstag 2019 (see below, III.2)

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 14h00 to 17h00

Venue: DARMSTADTIUM (congress centre of Darmstadt)

Topic: „The Discretionary Power of the Judge“

Contact persons: co-chairs Rasa Ragulskyte-Markoviene and Holger Böhmann.

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Our meeting (in English language) will be organized in the framework of the Deutscher Verwaltungsgerichtstag 2019 in Darmstadt and all participants of the workshop (organized by the WG Independence and Efficiency) are invited to join the events of the German Verwaltungsgerichtstag (same procedure as at former Verwaltungsgerichtstag conferences, conference language in general is German). Our German member association, the Bund Deutscher Verwaltungsrichter und Verwaltungsrichterrinnen (BDVR), has kindly arranged that the participants of the AEAJ workshop will be free from the congress fee. The official program of the Deutscher Verwaltungsgerichtstag 2019 will last from Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 morning until Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019, noon. The program (in German

language) will be available for download most likely in January 2019, see <https://www.verwaltungsgerichtstag2019.de/>

Participation: will require a formal registration for participation at the German Verwaltungsgerichtstag as such (participation is free of charge for AEAJ members). Again – as in former times – this will need to be done electronically via a specific registration form prepared by the organizing company, available through a link at the homepage of the Deutsche Verwaltungsgerichtstag. This will be possible probably in January 2019.

Hotels: a contingent of hotels will be available to be booked also via the electronic registration procedure. As the hotel situation in Darmstadt could be tense, it might be advisable to make individual hotel arrangements apart from the contingent.

Further information, especially with an instruction for registration, will follow as soon as possible.

Additional programme: for Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019, evening a reception of the government of this German province is planned as well as

a joint dinner place will be reserved for AEAJ members as well as for members of VERDIF (Association of German, Italian and French Administrative Judges).

Please note that this event will be combined also with the General Assembly meeting of AEAJ. See below under II).

**2./ 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Helsinki, Finland:**

**Meeting of the working group “Taxation Law”**

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019, app. 9h30 -17h00 and

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019, app. 9h30 to 12h30

Topic: "the burden of proof - workshop on comparative procedural aspects"

Venue: Supreme Administrative Court of Finland

Contact persons: co-chairs of the WG Taxation:

Eugenia Papadopoulou (organisation part) [evapapa@otenet.gr](mailto:evapapa@otenet.gr) and

Barbara Wisiak (scientific part) [barbara.wisiak@bfg.gv.at](mailto:barbara.wisiak@bfg.gv.at)

Further details will follow as soon as possible.

**3./ 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019, Ljubljana, Slovenia:**

**Meeting of the working group “Environmental law”**

Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019: app. 9h30 to 17h00 and

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019: app. 9h30 to 12h30

Venue: Ljubljana

Detailed information will be given as soon as possible.

Contact persons: co-chairs Anders Bengtsson and Matthias Keller

[Anders.Bengtsson@dom.se](mailto:Anders.Bengtsson@dom.se) and [Matthias.Keller@vg-aachen.nrw.de](mailto:Matthias.Keller@vg-aachen.nrw.de)

**4./ we envisage:**

**Probably (!): 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019, Malaga, Spain:**

**Meeting of the working group “Asylum and Immigration”**

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019, app. 9h30 to 17h00 and

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 , app. 9h30 to 12h30

Venue: Malaga, Spain

Contact persons:

Co-chairs of the WG Asylum: Harald Dörig and Andrej Kmecl

[mail@doerig.de](mailto:mail@doerig.de) and [andrej.kmecl@sodisce.si](mailto:andrej.kmecl@sodisce.si)

An extramural activity is envisaged (excursion or guided tour on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in (around) Malaga).

Further details will follow as soon as possible.

## **II) General Assembly meeting**

**17<sup>th</sup> May 2019, afternoon, Darmstadt, Germany:**

App. 14h00: GA meeting

Venue: Verwaltungsgericht Darmstadt

Julius-Reiber-Straße 37, Darmstadt (app. 20 minutes walk from DARMSTADTIUM congress centre)

Room: ground floor, room C

Detailed information will be given as soon as possible. Please note that there are entrance controls for the courthouse building; please do remember to take an ID card with you.

Please note that the General Assembly meeting will take place after/in the course of the German Verwaltungsgerichtstag 2019 (see above under I.1/ the meeting of the working group Independence and Efficiency and see below under III.2/ the Information about the German Verwaltungsgerichtstag 2019).

Additional programme: For Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019 evening, some extramural activities are most likely offered (not for free) by the organizers of the German Verwaltungsgerichtstag. It is also likely that an English-guided tour to some nearby attractions will be offered on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Detailed information will be sent when available.

The agenda of the General Assembly will also be sent later.

We ask our member associations to nominate their representatives (up to app. 5 for each country) as soon as possible, until **12<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 latest**, by sending an e-mail to Secretary-General Karin Winter: [Karin.winter@bvwg.gv.at](mailto:Karin.winter@bvwg.gv.at) with copy to me.

Individual members are invited personally and are asked to inform us whether they participate also until **12<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 latest** also by

sending an e-mail to Secretary-General Karin Winter:

[Karin.winter@bvwg.gv.at](mailto:Karin.winter@bvwg.gv.at) with copy to me.

### **III) Other activities of AEAJ in 2019**

**1./ 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Ljubljana, Slovenia:**

**joint seminar AEAJ-EJTN**

topic: conflicts of norms in the application of fundamental rights

After the seminar, a board meeting will be held on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019, afternoon. Detailed information has already been sent to you via e-mail (e-mail from 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 as well as list of proposed participants, sent by e-mail of 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018).

**2./ 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 morning to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019 noon, Darmstadt,**

**Germany:**

**German Verwaltungsgesichtstag 2019**

Venue: DARMSTADTIUM (congress centre of Darmstadt)



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<https://www.verwaltungsgerichtstag2019.de/>

Participation: it will require a formal registration for participation at the German Verwaltungsgerichtstag as such (participation is free of charge for AEAJ members). Again – as in former times – this will need to be done electronically via a specific registration form prepared by the organizing company of the Verwaltungsgerichtstag, available through a link at the homepage of the Deutsche Verwaltungsgerichtstag. This will be possible probably in January 2019.

Hotels: a contingent of hotels will be available to be booked also via the electronic registration procedure. As the hotel situation in Darmstadt could be tense, it might be advisable to make individual hotel arrangements apart from the contingent.

Detailed programme of the whole conference of the German  
Verwaltungsgerichtstag will be available in January 2019.

Further information, especially with an instruction for registration, will  
follow as soon as possible.

Additional programme:

The organizers will offer (not for free) different extramural activities.

Please note specifically the joint dinner for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019,  
dinner or other activity for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019 evening and the planned  
excursion on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

Detailed information will be given as soon as available.

See also above under I.1/ the AEAJ workshop in the course of the German  
Verwaltungsgerichtstag as well as under II./ the GA meeting after the  
German Verwaltungsgerichtstag.

**IV) Funding conditions**

**1./ Regarding item I.1) to I.4), working group meetings:**

Again, due to the fact that no possibilities to fit into the restricted frames of the calls for funding, launched by DG Justice, have come up, no grants could be launched for 2019.

The European Commission still has not fully acknowledged the importance of judicial associations on the European level.

Therefore the board has decided to give lump sums to the chairs of the working groups. They will be in charge to distribute these means between the participants of the working group meetings (events I). The kind of distribution of this lump sum will depend on their decisions. On the basis of their decision the treasurer - upon his calculation - will fix the exact amount of the equal share of the lump sum to be distributed between the participants fixed by the co-chairs. In principle we might be able to give a contribution (it might vary between app. € 200 to maximum € 500) to necessary travel or accommodation costs (for two nights).

Please note that the exact contribution by AEAJ can be estimated only after the respective meeting, as this depends on the number of participants and especially on the received national funding by some of the

participants. E.g. in 2018 due to this fact the individual co-funding of AEAJ for participants finally could be higher than envisaged!

We will inform you as soon as possible, if any further funding for some of the working group meetings would be possible.

**2./ Regarding item II), General Assembly meeting:**

No funding can be granted for the participants at the General Assembly.

**3./ Regarding item III), other activities:**

Ad III.1/joint seminar EJTN-AEAJ, Ljubljana:

I refer to my e-mail sent to you on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Ad III.2/ Verwaltungsgerichtstag 2019:

Funding can be granted in the amount and within the scope of participation at the working group meeting (in the course of the Verwaltungsgerichtstag). Therefore, colleagues who are registered for the AEAJ workshop (Arbeitskreis) of the Verwaltungsgerichtstag (= which is the meeting of the working group) and have informed the co-chairs of this

working group (see below, are participants of the working group meeting and in this case eligible for co-funding of AEAJ (under conditions see above, IV.1).

**To apply for funding, please note the following procedure:**

- Please indicate in your application for participation, if you also apply for funding
- After the meeting please claim re-imburement (i.e. co-funding) of your costs to our treasurer, Ralf Höhne and note the following deadlines (!) for it:

For the events

**I.1) Independence WG meeting and I.2) Taxation WG:**

**15<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**I.3) Environmental WG and I.4) Asylum WG:**

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

to Ralf Höhne, [ralf.hoehne@vg-muenster.nrw.de](mailto:ralf.hoehne@vg-muenster.nrw.de) The (changed!) postal address of our treasurer is: **Dr. Ralf Höhne, Verwaltungsgericht**

**Münster, Manfred-von-Richthofen-Straße 8, 48145 Münster,  
Germany.**

Furthermore, please note that this assertion for co-funding (to Ralf Höhne) automatically implies that by this you declare that you do not get other means of (national) funding. Funding of AEAJ can always only be subsidiary funding, in case no national funding is granted to you.

- Afterwards, the treasurer will check the formal accuracy of the claim, inform the chairs and according to their decision you would then receive co-funding.

Thus, please note that all participants have to care for their travel and hotel facilities by themselves and to cover travel and accommodation costs by themselves. An eventual contribution might only be paid afterwards.

### **V) Applications for participation**

#### **Regarding item I.), working group meetings:**

All colleagues who are interested to participate in this event are asked to inform the chairs of the respective working groups (via their national contact person or for individual members of AEAJ directly)

**For I.1) Meeting of the WG Independence:**

Both, electronically for the Verwaltungsgerichtstag probably in **January 2019** (information will follow) and until **12<sup>th</sup> April 2019** latest by e-mail,  
namely to:

Mrs Rasa Ragulskyte-Markoviene, [r.markoviene@gmail.com](mailto:r.markoviene@gmail.com)

and Mr Holger Böhmann, [hboehmann@hotmail.com](mailto:hboehmann@hotmail.com)

For I.2) Meeting of WG Tax law:

**until 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2019** latest, namely:

Mrs Eugenia Papadopoulou, [evapapa@otenet.gr](mailto:evapapa@otenet.gr)

and Mrs Barbara Wisiak, [barbara.wisiak@bfg.gv.a](mailto:barbara.wisiak@bfg.gv.a)

For I.3) Meeting of WG Environmental law:

**until 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2019** latest, namely:

Mr Matthias Keller, [Matthias.Keller@vg-aachen.nrw.de](mailto:Matthias.Keller@vg-aachen.nrw.de) and Mr Anders

Bengtsson, [anders.bengtsson@dom.se](mailto:anders.bengtsson@dom.se)

For I.4) Meeting of WG Asylum and Immigration law:

**until 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2019** latest, namely:

Mr Harald Dörig, [mail@doerig.de](mailto:mail@doerig.de) and Mr Andrej Kmecl  
[andrej.kmecl@sodisce.si](mailto:andrej.kmecl@sodisce.si)

**I.1) to I.4):** Please inform also me under my above mentioned e-mail  
address cc. [Edith.zeller@vgw.wien.gv.at](mailto:Edith.zeller@vgw.wien.gv.at)

Please note the deadline for applications as - principally - admission is  
restricted. However, it is likely that also later applications could be  
approved in case enough places are still available

**Regarding item II): General Assembly:**

please inform Secretary-General Karin Winter: [Karin.winter@bvwg.gv.at](mailto:Karin.winter@bvwg.gv.at)  
with copy to me until 12<sup>th</sup> **April 2019**.

**Regarding item III.2/ German Verwaltungsgerichtstag:**

Apart from application electronically (most likely in January 2019) please  
inform Ralf Höhne, [ralf.hoehne@vg-muenster.nrw.de](mailto:ralf.hoehne@vg-muenster.nrw.de), and  
[karin.winter@bvwg.gv.at](mailto:karin.winter@bvwg.gv.at) as well.



Let me conclude that we update this information and will give details as soon as possible.

With best regards from Vienna and looking forward to seeing you soon,

Yours sincerely

Edith Zeller