

**IX<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION CONFERENCE**  
**Celebration of 20 years of GEMME**  
**(Groupement Européen de Magistrats pour la MEdition)**

**PROGRAM**

**The development of mediation in the 5 continents :  
dream or reality ?**

Conference organised under the high patronage of **Éric Dupond-Moretti**,  
*Keeper of the Seals, French minister of Justice*

And under the chairmanship of **Guy Canivet**, *Honorary President of the Court  
of Cassation, former member of the Constitutional Council, honorary president  
and founder of GEMME and GEMME-France*

**Council of Europe, 25 and 26 May 2023**



**Thursday 25 May 2023**

**Room 10**

08:00 Welcoming of participants.  
Home security badges.  
**(Identity card required. No prohibited objects (sharp))**

08:50 Screening of a film on the Council of Europe (Room 10)

09:05 – 09:20

**Mediation and human rights**

**Francis Dangel**, *Director General of Administration at the General  
Secretariat of the Council of Europe*

**Introduction to GEMME's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary by its founders.  
GEMME... 20 years already! From 2003 to 2023.**

**The founders:**

**Guy Canivet**, *Honorary president of GEMME and GEMME-France*

**Eric Battistoni**, *Former vice-president of GEMME and honorary  
member of GEMME-France*

**Béatrice Brenneur**, *Honorary president of GEMME, president of  
GEMME-France*

09:20 - 10:45

## Opening of the conference

President: **Guy Canivet**, Honorary President of the Court of Cassation, former member of the Constitutional Council, Honorary President of GEMME

**Miltiadis Chatzigeorgiou**, Judge, Vice President of Areios Pagos, Greece

**Jean-Paul Besson**, First President of Chamber at the Paris Court of Appeal, representing Jacques BOULARD, President of the Paris Court of Appeal (introduction to the video recording of Mr. Boulard)

**Valérie Delnaud**, President of the Colmar Court of Appeal

**Sylvie Favier**, State Counselor and President of the Administrative Court of Appeal of Nancy

**Hon. Louise Otis**, Former judge of the Court of Appeal of Quebec, President of the Administrative Tribunal of the OECD and the Appeal Tribunal of the OIF, Honorary President and co-founder of the CIM

**Alain Pilette**, Deputy Director of Justice, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union

**Chiara Giovanucci-Orlandi**, Professor at the University of Bologna (Italy)

10:45 - 11:15

Break

Round table 1

11:15 - 12:30

## Recent reforms to implement mediation - European advances in mediation

Moderator: **François Staechelé**, Honorary President of the Chamber, Secretary General of GEMME-France, mediator and trainer in mediation

**"Reforms in France"** : **Frédérique Agostini**, Councillor at the Court of Cassation, Vice-President of GEMME-France

**"Reforms in Italy"** : **Emmanuela Pucci**, Lawyer in Milan and Lyon, civil and commercial mediator in Lyon and Milan, certified international mediator, former lawyer at the Milan Bar Association

**In Belgium, "The law of 2018"** : **Éric Battistoni**, Former Judge of the Labour Court of Verviers (Belgium), co-founder of GEMME, honorary member of GEMME-France

**"Reforms in Romania"** : **Dragos Calin**, Judge at the Court of Appeal of Bucharest, former vice-president of GEMME

Debates (15mn)

12:30

Lunch in the Council of Europe (Blue Room)

Round table 2

14:00 -  
15:15

### Administrative mediation

*Moderator: Philippe Gazagnes, Honorary Magistrate, Mediator, former National Mediation Coordinator for administrative jurisdictions, Vice-President of GEMME-France*

**"Overview of administrative mediation in Europe"** : **Karim Salem**, administrative magistrate in Egypt, doctoral student in administrative mediation at the Carré de Malberg Research Institute (IRCM), University of Strasbourg, expert at the CEPEJ (GT-QUAL)

**"Administrative mediation in France"** : **Didier Artus**, President of Limoges Administrative Court

**"The experience of the Strasbourg Administrative Court"** : **Jean-Pierre Vogel-Braun**, Honorary President of the Chamber and ex-referent for mediation at the Strasbourg Administrative Court

**"Mediation in the Belgian public service"** : **Emmanuel Jacobowitz**, lawyer in Brussels (Belgium)

**"An example of administrative mediation"** : **Yvane Robin**, Lawyer, mediator

Debates (15 mn)

Round table 3

15:15 -  
16:00

### Family mediation and international family mediation

*Moderator: Frédérique Agostini, Councillor at the Court of Cassation, Vice-President of GEMME-France*

**Crossed views of a magistrate and a lawyer on mediation and the development of amicable methods in family matters**

**Anne Gongora**, Honorary President of Chamber, Mediation referent of the family division of the Court of Appeal of Paris, General Secretary of GEMME

**Barbara Régent**, Lawyer, mediator, co-founder and president of the associations *Les Avocats de la Paix* and *Humanéthic*, co-founder of the association *Les Elles du Business* for the promotion of female entrepreneurship

**International family mediation**

**Daniela Ganancia**, Honorary Magistrate, mediator

Debates (15 mn)

16:00 Break

Round table 4

16:20 -  
17:30

### Environmental mediation, project mediation

*Moderator: Romain Carayol, Lawyer mediator, president of the French Federation of Mediation Centers*

**"The environmental mediation"** : **Hon. Louise Otis**, *Former Judge of the Court of Appeal of Quebec, president of the administrative tribunal of the OECD and of the appeal tribunal of the OIF, honorary president and co-founder of CIM*

**"The installation of an underground power line in a town"** : **Gilles-Robert Lopez**, *Former President of the Bar, mediator, mediation trainer*

**"Mediation with companies building facilities for the Paris Olympic Games"** : **Pierre Pelouzet**, *Company Ombudsman*

**"Environmental mediation in France"** : **Myriam Bacqué**, *Mediator trainer in conflict prevention and amicable conflict management, Manager of the Maison de la communication in La Rochelle*

Debates (20 mn)

Round table 5

17:30 -  
18:00

### New technologies applied to mediation - Online mediation

**(Interventions in English language)**

*Moderator: Dragos Calin, Judge at the Court of Appeal of Bucharest, former Vice-President of GEMME*

**"For or against online mediation"** : **Alessandro Bruni**, *Lawyer, mediator and international arbitrator, founder of Concilia, member of GEMME-Italy*

*In videoconference:*

**Hon. Elisabeth S. Stong**, *NYC, Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York*

20:00



**Gala dinner** at the "Maison Kammerzell"  
**Celebration of 20 years of GEMME**



**Friday 26 May 2023**

**Room 9**

08:00 Welcoming of participants.  
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**09:00-09:15 Mediation in intellectual property matters - mediation at the EUIPO**

*Moderator:* **Barbara Régent**, Lawyer, mediator, co-founder and president of the associations Les Avocats de la Paix and Humanéthic, co-founder of the association Les Elles du Business for the promotion of female entrepreneurship

**Virginia Melgar**, President of the 5<sup>th</sup> Board of Appeal of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)

**09:15-10:45 MEDIATION AT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

**"The actions of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) for the development of mediation practices in Europe"** : **Muriel Decot**, Executive Secretary of the CEPEJ

**Mediation in action at the Council of Europe**

*Moderator:* **Myriam Bacqué**, Mediator, trainer, Maison de la Communication in La Rochelle

**9:45-10:00 The preventive dimension of labour mediation at the European Development Bank of the Council of Europe Europe**

**Bertrand Delcourt**, Lawyer at the Paris Bar, mediator of the European Development Bank of the Council of Europe, trainer in mediation and treasurer of GEMME-France

**10:00-10:30 Mediation at the Council of Europe**

**Martine Van der Wielen**, Mediator at the Council of Europe

**"an example of mediation in the Council of Europe and group mediation"** : **Béatrice Brenneur**, former Mediator at the Council of Europe

**10:30-10:50 Future perspectives**

*Moderator:* **Hélène Abelson-Gebhardt**, Honorary magistrate, mediator

**"Online consumer mediation in Germany"** : **Félix Braun**, Director of the Federal Consumer Mediation Service in Kehl (Germany)

**"The place of the human being in front of artificial intelligence, the metaverse and the three-dimensional or 3D??"** : **Gilles-Robert Lopez**, Former Dean, mediator, member of GEMME

10:50-11:10 Break

11:10-12:10

## SOME MEDIATION PRACTICES IN THE WORLD

*Moderator* : **Alain Ducass**, consultant, coach and mediator, editor of *Africa-Mediation-Info*, President of the Euro-African Mediation and Change Weeks (EAMWC), Board member of CIM

### 11:10-11:30 Mediation in Africa

**"Commercial mediation in Morocco"** : **Mohammed El Ghorfi**, Mediator and arbitrator

**"The mediarbre"** : **Félix Tobin**, President of the association BRIDGE, member of the association of professional graduated mediators of Ivory Coast (MEDIP- CI)

**"The advances of mediation in the OHADA space"** : **Michel Tchicaya**, Director of CERFOPMAN of the Catholic University of West Africa (UCAO), head of the CIM for Côte d'Ivoire, lawyer and mediator

### 11:30-11:45 Mediation in Asia

**"Mediation in Vietnam, Japan and China"** : **Thi My Hank Ngo Folliot**, Lawyer, vice-president of CIM

### 11:45-12:00 Mediation in America and Quebec

**"The Quebec Example"** : **Hon. Louise Otis**, Former Judge of the Quebec Court of Appeal, President of the OECD Administrative Tribunal and of the OIF Appeals Tribunal, Honorary President and co-founder of the IMC

12:00-12:15 Debates

12:15 - 12:25

## Closing of the proceedings

**Stephen Bensimon**, Director of IFOMENE

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12:30 - 14:15

Lunch in the Blue Room of the Council of Europe

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