

A Register for Security Rights in Movables: Lessons from Comparative Law

8 and 9 January 2026, Vienna

Abstract

The Austrian Government plans to introduce a register for security rights in movable property. Such a register could facilitate the financing of Austrian businesses and improve their access to much-needed liquidity. But how should this register look? Which features are indispensable, which merely practical? Which rules should be avoided?

Valuable lessons can be drawn from the experiences of other European countries that have similar registers. To benefit from their experience, we will bring together experts from academia and practice of different EU Member States. They will present their national registers, highlighting strengths and weaknesses. This will form the basis for the ensuing discussion. The objective is to identify best practices that could inform a future Austrian act.

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Place Juridicum, Schottenbastei 10-16, A-1010 Vienna, rooftop floor

Format The conference will take place in hybrid format: Speakers and participants will meet in person; simultaneously, the proceedings will be streamed online. Whether you intend to participate in person or online, please register no later than 5 January 2026 here: <https://eur-int-comp-law.univie.ac.at/team/lehmann-matthias/veranstaltungen/a-register-for-security-rights-in-movables-lessons-from-comparative-law/>



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Programme

Thursday, 8 January 2026

Time	Topic	Speaker
13.00	<i>Registration and Coffee</i>	
14.00	Inauguration	Prof. Dr. Brigitta Zöchling-Jud, (Dean of the Law School, University of Vienna)
14.05	The Economic Case for a Security Rights Register	Prof. Dr. Matthias Lehmann (University of Vienna)
Part 1: The Register for Security Rights in Movables and Legal Doctrine: Function, Structure, Effects		
Chair: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Faber (Paris Lodron University of Salzburg)		
14.30	France	Prof. Dr. Philippe Dupichot (Sorbonne University Paris)
14.50	Poland	Prof. Dr. Piotr Tereszkievicz (Jagellonien University Cracow)
15.10	Discussion	
15.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16.00	Romania	Dr. Ioan Șumandea-Simionescu (Babes-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca)
16.20	Belgium	Dr. Hugo Graitson (University of Liège)
16.40	Slovakia	Dr. Sandra Meňhartová (Comenius University, Bratislava)
17.00	Discussion	
17.20	International Perspectives: The Cape Town Convention	Dr. Ole Böger (Judge at the Hanseatic Regional Court Bremen)
17.50	Summary and Conclusion	Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Faber (Paris Lodron University of Salzburg)
19.00	<i>Speakers' Dinner</i>	

Friday, 9 January 2026

Time	Topic	Speaker
08.30	<i>Registration and Coffee</i>	
09.00	Greetings	Mag. Eva Landrichtinger (Managing Director, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber)
09.10	Legal Challenges for the Establishment of a Security Rights Register	Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Faber (Paris Lodron University Salzburg)

Part 2: The Register of Security Rights in Movable Property in Legal Practice: Administration, Registration, Costs

Chair: Prof. Dr. Matthias Lehmann (University of Vienna)

09.40	Organisation of the Register	Ana del Vale (Registrador Mercantil de Mallorca, Spain)
10.00	Registrable Assets and Description Requirements	Maître Arnault Lesaulnier (Greffier associé du tribunal de commerce d'Ajaccio)
10.20	Registered Assets and the Effects in Insolvency Proceedings	Ilona Fedurek (Schönherr Attorneys at Law Poland)
10.40	Registration and Related Costs	Mihaela Maxim (Banca Comercială Română)
11.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	

Part 3: Improving Business Financing: The Future of a Movable Property Register in Austria

Chair: Mag. Doris Zingl, MBL (Verband österreichischer Banken & Bankiers)

11.30	Current Legal Praxis	Mag. Martin Ebner, LL.M. and Mag. Laurenz Schwitzer (Schönherr Attorneys at Law)
11.50	Panel Discussion	Mag. Martin Ebner, Mag. Dr. Irene Klippl, LL.M. (Erste Group Bank AG Head of Banking Legal), Dr. Luciano Duque-Cordero (Bank Austria), Mag. Laurenz Schwitzer
12.20	Summary and Conclusion	Prof. Dr. Matthias Lehmann (University of Vienna)