

Annual Report

IG International Business and Human Rights

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The coordinating committee is pleased to submit this report to our stakeholders. The membership to the IG is strong with more than 300 members. We hope to deepen the existing collaboration with the members over the coming months. The mandate of this Coordinating Committee will end in December of this year.

1. ESIL Workshop in Naples

We would like to thank all our participants of this year's successful workshop in Naples, especially our speakers and moderators – Stéphane Brabant, Beatriz Barreiro Carril, Marco Fasciglione, Michelle Ruby Kelsall, Gabriella Schwarz, Alla Tymofeyeva and Dennis West. More information on the Workshop can be found in our website.

In the context of the preparation for the ESIL annual meeting, the IG on Business and Human Rights, together with the IG on International Economic Law, prepared a joint call for papers and submitted a proposal for an Agora. The call for papers has been used to select the speakers for the Workshop held in Naples.

2. UN Business Forum on Business and Human Rights (November 2016 and 2017)

The members of the Coordinating Committee, Dr. Bordignon and Dr. Tignino participated at the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights held in November 2016. Dr. Bordignon attended as an ESIL delegate.

We extended the invitation to the members of the IG to participate in the 2017 UN Forum as members of an ESIL delegation.

3. Agenda 2017

After our annual business meeting the committee decided to focus on the following priorities:

1. Increase the visibility of ESIL at the next UN Forum on Business and Human Rights.
2. Organization of an informal meeting with IG's members during the UN Forum in Geneva.
3. Support of members' activities in the field of B&HR

4. Preparing handover to next Coordinating Committee for the conceptualization of the event during the annual meeting in Manchester.

4. Membership and Participation

We welcome short contributions to our blog and newsletter (max. 500 words about your publications, activities, reflections, reports from conferences and seminars). We will inform you about the planned activities during the 2017 UN Forum on Business and Human Rights. Please do not hesitate to contact us, if you have any ideas or questions.