

# 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.

**Date** 8 – 9 January 2026

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

Friday, 9 January 2026

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

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| 09.40 | Organisation of the Register                                | Ana del Vale<br>(Registrador Mercantil de Mallorca, Spain)                        |
| 10.00 | Registrable Assets and Description Requirements             | Maître Arnault Lesaulnier<br>(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<br>(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)

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| 11.30 | Current Legal Praxis          | Mag. Martin Ebner, LL.M. and Mag. Laurenz Schwitzer<br>(Schönherr Attorneys at Law)   |
| 11.50 | <b>Panel Discussion</b>       | 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 | <b>Summary and Conclusion</b> | Prof. Dr. Matthias Lehmann<br>(University of Vienna)  |