

Europe Summer Meeting

LNA NEXT WAVE

Legal Netlink Alliance | Summer General Assembly

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About Next Wave



What is Next Wave?

Launched in 2023, Next Wave is LNA's program dedicated to the next generation of legal professionals. It creates pathways for growth through global exposure, skill development, and professional relationships – built around career support, knowledge sharing, and cross-border secondment opportunities.

Today, Next Wave brings together around 50 young lawyers across the LNA European network.

~50

young lawyers

6+

countries

3 yrs

of growth

2

in-person events

Three Pillars

- ▶ Global exposure
- ▶ Skill development
- ▶ Professional relationships

Next Wave Budapest event

Friday, 26 June 2026 | Hotel Kempinski Corvinus, 16:00 CET



Event Overview

Format: In-person (Budapest)

Audience: Young lawyers – Next Wave members exclusively

Participants: 7 participants: Dr Károly Bagócsi, Hanna Szabó, David Yatskiv, Bart Dreef, Lorena Tanase, Anik Müller, Lisette Oosterveen

Countries: Hungary, Romania, Germany, Spain, The Netherlands

Topics Discussed

- Career growth and visibility within the firm
- Shared experiences, struggles and learnings
- Cross-border collaboration
- LNA Secondment Program – opportunities

Key Findings & Feedback

What worked well: Engaging discussions, shared experiences, and insightful advice on career growth and opportunities, all in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

Key discussion points: Career growth, career paths, experiences, balancing between personal characteristics.

Learnings for future events: Better promoting the Next Wave event.



Engagement – Where we stand & What we propose



The Challenge

- ⚠ Lower attendance than Madrid Winter Meeting
- ⚠ Low response rate to invitations (email & WhatsApp)
- ⚠ Engagement spikes at events, drops between them
- ⚠ Some firms not yet channeling members to Next Wave
- ⚠ Competing priorities: billable hours, travel budgets
- ⚠ Secondment program: no active placements to date

What We Propose; TBD

- **Early calendar link:** Save-the-date 3–6 months in advance for every dedicated NW event
- **Mentorship matching:** Each NW member paired with a senior LNA partner from a different country – structured 2 calls/year
- **Visibility & recognition:** NW member spotlight in LNA newsletter; certificate of participation; mention in General Assembly
- **Secondment availability list:** All firms confirm secondment availability by end of August 2026 – distributed to all NW members by email

LNA Secondment Program

Making it work – concrete next steps



The LNA Secondment Program enables young lawyers to work temporarily at a partner firm in another country – fostering cross-border experience, professional development, and an international network.

What We Offer

- Short-term (2 weeks) placements at LNA member firms
- Cross-border legal experience
- Networking with international peers
- Tailored to practice area needs

Immediate Actions

- Secondment form in the conference folder – all NW attendees can express interest at Budapest
- Secondment form to be sent to all NWs via mailing list
- All firms to confirm secondment availability – deadline: July, 15th
- Availability list distributed afterwards to all NW members via mailing list

Next Steps

- Match available placements with interested lawyers
- Target: first confirmed secondment by end of 2026
- Share success story in Winter 2027 General Assembly

Next steps & Thank you



Key Milestones

15 July 2026 All firms confirm secondment availability → list distributed to NW members

Q3 2026 Save-the-date for Winter Meeting NW event sent to all NW members

Q3 2026 Mentorship matching pilot launched (5 pairs)

Q4 2026 First NW member spotlight in LNA newsletter

Winter 2027 Next in-person Next Wave event + secondment results report

Thank you!

Q&A

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