

EXPERT WORKSHOP · TEN YEARS OF THE MADRID–BUENOS AIRES PRINCIPLES

Universal Jurisdiction in Europe

A Critical Perspective

A decade after the Madrid–Buenos Aires Principles on Universal Jurisdiction, this moderated expert roundtable raises the question whether universal jurisdiction in Europe has lived up to its promise — and what it will take to strengthen accountability and cooperation over the next ten years.

DATE	TIME	VENUE	FORMAT
Thursday 17 September 2025	15:00 – 18:30 CEST	Fondazione Basso Rome, Italy	Moderated roundtable English · By invitation

PROGRAMME

15:00 – 15:20 **Opening & Welcome**

Welcome remarks and introduction to the content of the workshop

15:20 – 16:30 **PANEL I**

The Gap Between Principle and Practice

- *What are the main obstacles to the effective application of universal jurisdiction in Europe?*
- *What lessons from the past decade should guide the way forward?*
- *What are the most important steps to strengthen universal jurisdiction in the years ahead?*

16:30 – 16:45 *Coffee Break*

16:45 – 17:45 **PANEL II**

Building Accountability: Cooperation, Civil Society & the Road Ahead

- *What lessons can be drawn from experiences of successful coordination?*
- *What are the main challenges civil society faces in supporting universal jurisdiction cases?*
- *What commitments and actions are needed to move the field forward?*

17:45 – 18:15 **Synthesis & Recommendations**

From diagnosis to action — identifying priorities and concrete recommendations.

18:15 – 18:30 **Closing Remarks**

Conclusions, next steps, and how the discussions will reach wider audiences.

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