



We would be happy to get to know something about your academic/ professional career and it would be nice if you could describe your professional work in a few words.

I studied private law at the Universities of Rouen and Caen, in France. After receiving my degree in France, I decided to graduate with a LL. M. degree in European Law at the University of Wurzburg in 2001. I kept on living for some time in this beautiful city while I made internships in German law firms in Nuremberg and Frankfurt and then prepared for the admission test to the Bar school of Strasbourg. My time in Wurzburg ended in 2005 when I was admitted to the french Bar school and moved to Strasbourg, where I have been living and working since 2006. Two years later, I was also admitted to the German Bar. Atfirst I was employed in law firms in Strasbourg until I founded in 2012 in Strasbourg a new lawyer office with a German colleague. The focus of our activity is on transborder affairs between France and Germany. We both work for German companies or investors who need consulting services concerning their business with French partners and we offer counselling in German law for our French clients.

How do you see yourself in your role as a citizen of the EU?

During my studies I could see how much benefit it brings for everyone to strength Europe in terms of quality of life and cultural development. Europe offered me the possibility to study and work quite easily in a foreign country and increased the possibilities of cultural exchanges. As I now live at the frontier between Germany and France and work in both countries every day, I feel part of a region where the European idea can really be experienced. It's great to see how people from 27 countries already feel to belong to an entity whose the future development is not precisely defined yet but already exists in their daily life. To make it short: I feel good in my role as a citizen of the EU!

What is your personal opinion regarding the most important challenges and reasons regarding a participation in the European Union as a nation?

The financial and then economical crisis revealed that an integrated Europe is essential for the European nations. The goal is still undefined but it seems obvious that the nations shall accept that the fact that decisions will be made more often on the basis of a majority of nations - no longer on the basis of an unanimity. Moreover, the development of a political EU - beside the economical union - shall be the biggest issue between the current and future European nations. The evolution of the EU's role has come to a critical point : the need of a strong Europe is obviously in conflict to the will of all the member states to remain the central sovereign institution. In this context, the role of the states shall be defined in a new way in the near future.

What do you think about the importance of Almuni in terms of the cultural, academic and economical exchange?

As the time when you live as a student is almost one of the most important part of your life, I really enjoy to keep in touch with the university where I spent this time. Furthermore, I appreciate the idea of networking with alumni from different countries and with different backgrounds. It's a little bit like keeping the diversity and the easyness of getting in contact I enjoyed during my studies - and additionally the possibility to share our respective experiences we made since this time.