Dear all,

There is some feedback on the questions and suggestions for development the DRLA (Association).

# **First of all**, Russian legislation is unstable and changes frequently, unfortunately. So, any translation of our legal acts and codes can have a real disadvantage – the loss of relevance. But we have official source of the Legislation of Russia in English <https://english.garant.ru/> .

Below are common recourses for lawyers.

## **GOVERNMENT PORTALS**

**The official Internet portal of legal information (**[**http://pravo.gov.ru/**](http://pravo.gov.ru/) **)**

* Contains federal constitutional laws
* Decrees and orders of the President of the Russian Federation
* Resolutions of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation
* Materials of judicial practice
* Official publications: "Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation", "Collection of Acts of the President and the Government"

**Portal of the Ministry of Justice of Russia (<http://pravo.minjust.ru/> )**

* Database of current legal acts at the federal level
* Regulatory acts of the subjects of the Russian Federation
* Municipal regulations
* Charters of municipalities

**Federal Portal of NPA Projects (<http://regulation.gov.ru/> )**

* Information about new draft laws
* The opportunity to get acquainted with the changes in the NPA
* Participation in the discussion of draft laws

## **LEGAL REFERENCE SYSTEMS**

**ConsultantPlus** (<http://consultant.ru/> )

* Federal (FREE) and regional legislation
* Comments on the laws
* Judicial practice
* Financial advice

**Garant (**[**http://garant.ru/**](http://garant.ru/) **)**

* Current legislation
* Codes and laws
* Forms of documents
* Background information (exchange rates, production calendar)

## **THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM**

**GAS – State Automated System “Justice" (<http://sudrf.ru/> )**

* Address and reference information about the courts
* Court regulations
* Information about cases and decisions taken
* Sample documents

**The file of arbitration cases (<http://kad.arbitr.ru/> )**

* Information about arbitration court cases
* Case review results
* Information about legal entities
* Data on the bankruptcy of counterparties

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

**Scientific Electronic Library (<http://elibrary.ru/> )**

* Publications on legal issues
* Access to scientific journals

**Parliamentary Library (<http://parlib.duma.gov.ru/> )**

* Electronic catalogs of books and articles
* Materials on parliamentary issues

All these resources provide up-to-date information and are regularly updated. It is recommended to use official government portals to obtain the most reliable information about the current legislation.

## **RECOURSES WITH INTERESTING LAW INFORMATION:**

* <https://zakon.ru/>
* <https://pravo.ru/>

# **Secondly**, updating the Association's website is undoubtedly a top priority.

The Association's website and materials in English are a great idea, very convenient.

# **Thirdly,** Russian Law Associations below…

## **THE ASSOCIATION OF LAWYERS OF RUSSIA (ALR) <http://eng.alrf.ru/>**

**General Information:**

The Association of Lawyers of Russia is a state non-profit organization established on the instructions of the President of Russia in 2005. Currently, it unites more than 35,000 members.

**Organizational Structure**

* Regional branches: 86 branches across Russia
* Commissions: 38 specialized commissions
* Public reception centers: over 1,170 centers providing free legal assistance

**Main Areas of Activity**

Free Legal Assistance:

* Regular legal consultations for citizens
* All-Russian Unified Day of Providing Legal Assistance
* “Legal Consultation” project in collaboration with Rossiyskaya Gazeta
* Over 1 million citizens received assistance between 2011-2022

Youth Movement:

* Coordination Council of Young Lawyers
* Over 70 councils of young lawyers under regional branches

International Activities:

* Representation in the Russian Commission for UNESCO Affairs
* Participation in the Council of Europe
* Establishment of the Swiss Academy of International Law in Geneva

Educational Activities

* Organization of professional and public accreditation
* Conducting the Legal Forum of BRICS countries
* Work on improving the quality of legal education

**Key Projects**

* All-Russian Legal (Law) Dictation
* Protection of social and labor rights of citizens
* Support for small businesses
* Assistance to refugees
* Clarification of state support measures
* Legal support during mobilization period

The Association actively develops international cooperation and participates in various educational projects aimed at improving the quality of legal education in Russia and abroad.

## **ALL-RUSSIAN PUBLIC ORGANIZATION «RUSSIAN JUDGES ASSOCIATION» <https://rfros.ru/>**

**Main Activities**

* The Russian Judges Association is a public organization aimed at:
* Strengthening the independence of judicial authorities
* Consolidating judges of federal courts
* Uniting judges of regional courts
* Working with retired judges
* Developing the rule of law in Russia

**Key Areas of Work**

* Scientific and Practical Activities
* Organizing conferences and seminars
* Exchanging professional experience
* Developing methodological materials

**Achievements of the Organization**

* Scientific and Practical Conference in Tambov
* Publication of the poetry collection «My Russia: Verses by Servants of Themis»
* Conducting various professional events

**Partners and Collaboration**

Interaction is carried out with:

* The Council of Judges of the Russian Federation
* The Judicial Department under the Supreme Court of the RF
* The magazine «Sudya» — the official publication of the judiciary community

**Contact Information**

Organization Address:

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**Development Prospects**

Planned Events:

* Conference of the Russian Judges Association (May 20, 2025)
* Annual award «Judge of the Year 2024»
* Development of international cooperation
* Expansion of educational programs

**Important Aspects of Activities**

The organization contributes to:

* Professional growth of judges
* Improving the quality of the judicial system
* Developing legal culture
* Strengthening the independence of the judiciary

The Russian Judges Association plays a significant role in developing the country’s judicial system, promoting professional growth of judges and strengthening the rule of law. The organization actively participates in various events aimed at enhancing the authority of the judiciary and improving judicial practice.

**Yaroslav Zholobov** is the Deputy Chairman of the St. Petersburg Branch of the All-Russian Public Organization «Russian Judges Association»

I’m going to establish **RUSSIAN PROSECUTORS ASSOCIATION** with my friends and colleagues soon…

My other friends are…

## **REGIONAL YOUTH PUBLIC ORGANIZATION «UNION OF YOUNG LAWYERS OF THE ALTAI KRAI»**

**General Information**

* Date of establishment: October 12, 2010
* Address: Barnaul, Stroiteley Avenue, 11a
* Chairman: Ruslan Alexandrovich Demakov
* Email: [laclos@yandex.ru](mailto:laclos@yandex.ru)

**Main Areas of Activity**

* Enhancing legal culture among the younger generation
* Improving the educational process
* Disseminating legal information
* Studying current issues in the development of Russian legislation
* Organizing information space for young lawyers

**Implemented Projects**

* «Cycle of Legal Lessons» in children’s homes of Barnaul (since 2011)
* «Free Legal Consultation System» (since 2012)
* «Altai Krai Debate League» (since 2012)
* «Round Table on Current Socio-Political Issues» (since 2010)
* «Free Legal Assistance» to the population of the Industrial District of Barnaul during the 2012 elections
* «Presentation of the Development of the Russian Federal Penitentiary System» until 2020 at Altai State University (October 2011)

**Organization’s Partners**

* Bar Association of Altai Krai
* Administration of the Industrial District of Barnaul
* Barnaul Children’s Home «Priyut»
* Children’s Home No. 6 of Barnaul
* Human Rights Ombudsman in Altai Krai
* Public Chamber of Altai Krai
* Altai Academy of Economics and Law
* Altai Branch of RANEPA
* Barnaul Law Institute of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia
* Altai Institute of Economics
* Council of Veterans of the FSB of Russia in Altai Krai
* Siberian Center for Mediation and Law

The organization actively promotes legal culture among young people, provides free legal consultations, and organizes various educational events in Altai Krai.

# **Fourthly,** regarding the participation of individuals who are not from Russia or the Netherlands in the Association, I am aware of the practice of inviting **guests** to events, and in case of formalization in the charter documents - **honorary members**, who are approved through a separate procedure. Currently, such provision is not included in the Association’s charter, to my knowledge, but I believe that this possibility cannot be ruled out in the future.

Unfortunately, I didn't quite catch Lyudmila's idea about checking invited participants (maybe guests) for a ban in Russia... As it was correctly noted, the Association was established in the Netherlands and it is difficult for me to imagine the existence of Russian legal prohibitions that apply to it. However, in my opinion, some loyalty of individuals and organizations to cooperation with Russia is more important, it is difficult to define criteria for such loyalty. Otherwise, the point of interacting with Russian lawyers and studying Russian law will be lost.

# **Fifthly,** thinking of the lectures, publications of the Association I really suppose that:

* **in the short term**, it is more convenient to invite respected members of the association to share the results of **their own** scientific activities and their own legal experience,
* **in the long term**, it is possible to consider and create **new** research based on the needs of the Association's members or on the basis of prevailing trends and circumstances.

## Some **Russian online education platforms** by analogy with Coursera:

* <https://skillbox.ru/>
* <https://netology.ru/>
* <https://www.lektorium.tv/>
* <https://edutoria.ru/>

I suppose that saving the current knowledge of the former professors that are part of the DRLA is great and complicated question. In this case it could be positive to use English language as common language for the DRLA members communication.

Moreover, forms of the knowledge can be different: online and offline, written, audio-, video-… Lectures, literature, publications, etc. Participating in Russian and Dutch forums, conferences, legal events etc.

Even in Telegram it could be a private channel for members of the DRLA – some news, for example. Russian legal news - @Garant\_bot as a variant.

Much more important to understand the legal sphere for the updating information of Russian legislation. For example, I use the Garant system and can set up a notification feed for changes in legislation in important areas for me or monitor changes in specific legal acts automatically. Also AI-technologies can help in making news line…

Maybe better to help concrete Dutch legal researchers with their sphere of scientific interests… Step by step…

# **Sixthly,** before we discussed the necessity of cultural interaction. I see at least two directions for the Association:

1. try to add **cultural features** to the possible forms of interaction between Russian and Dutch lawyers: famous people and events important to the countries, literary works, films, joint creative activities (hiking, painting, whatever);
2. in order to «grow up» Dutch-Russian interaction in legal sphere it is important to start from the beginning: **our children**.

I really believe that sharing, comparing of our values will create a new generation of thinking people and lawyers. It could have a great result for the developing, positive thinking and improvement of legislation for both states…

Well, I tried to be brief and modest.

Best regards,

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P.S. It is possible to navigate through the document.