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Cristina Coteanu's principal areas of work include European and international law, European and foreign policy. Prior to qualifying as a Belgian 'Avocat', she was Director of a legal department for the Central and Eastern Europe countries of the Council of the Bars and Law Societies of the European Union (Brussels). She worked for the American Bar Association in Washington D.C. and for the European Parliament in Brussels. Cristina Coteanu acquired extensive experience in running multi-country European projects involving different national systems and cultures. She has worked full-time on legal and European affairs in the area of European law for more than 13 years and has a long list of successful projects carried out for the Commission and the Council of Europe.

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Cristina Coteanu has many years' experience of teaching European law and is currently teaching a course in this area as a part of the University of Sorbonne Master law degree programme. Since 1997, she is associated with the Institute of European Studies from the University Libre of Brussels (ULB) and worked on many academic projects, among others with the Oxford University and the Academy of European Law in Florence.

In addition to her international professional *parcours*, Cristina Coteanu has an international academic profile. She is graduated *magna cum laude* from the University Libre Brussels in European law (LLM), graduated *magna cum laude* in International Law (LLM) from the Faculty of Law (ULB), from the University Sophia Antipolis – Nice in International Relations and Diplomacy; upgraded to MPhil by the Queen Mary College – University of London; she received

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