



**Dear AIJA members**  
**Dear friends**

I am honoured to present you my candidacy to the position of Treasurer of our beloved association.

My journey with AIJA started in 2011 when, as a 28 years old associate of my (small) boutique firm, and pregnant with my first son, I took the train from my home city Lille to Amsterdam to attend my first event and Congress.

I left home with anxiety and the feeling I would not belong... but it did not take me more than 2 hours to feel welcome and already regret to leave the Congress at the end of the scientific programme on Friday.

Since then, I have devoted most of my time in AIJA for the Labour Law Commission: doing a national report, speaking, organizing a triple seminar in Lille, and becoming an officer of this wonderful commission (first as VP and then as President).

A few months ago, I was - unexpectedly - offered to contribute in a wider way as Deputy Treasurer. I accepted this responsibility in a humble way, knowing I could count on the support of my fellow Bureau members. The last months have been for me the opportunity to understand better the core functioning of our beloved association.

Thanks to the work of my predecessors in the Bureau, and the ones of the team in Brussels, we have gone through the pandemic despite the absence of live events, and last year has shown that AIJA is well alive!

We must now find a new pace and ensure that we can keep delivering the high quality our events are known for in a sustainable way for our association, while at the same time keeping in mind that our membership is composed of young lawyers.

I feel that I can contribute to this new stage and, if you entrust me with your vote, I will commit to act in transparency and with dedication to AIJA and its members.

Yours faithfully,  
Caroline Barbe