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Training Seminars for Judges, Prosecutors and Lawyers in Private Practice

THE EUROPEAN UNION CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS – FOCUS ON ARTICLE 47



The Project

The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (EU Charter) which became legally binding in December 2009 is a key legal instrument for the protection of fundamental rights in Europe having a great impact on other branches of law.

Within the framework of the Justice Programme the Academy of European Law has already implemented three projects involving the training of legal professionals of the Member States on the EU Charter. The projects were co-financed by the European Commission and aim to bring light to the application and interpretation of the EU Charter and to highlight its relevance and potential for the daily work of legal practitioners.

The present EU project to be implemented in 2020-2021 consists of seven decentralised seminars spread across the EU. Each session will group participants from several Member States, in certain cases from selected legal professions, in order to allow for an optimal exchange of national experiences and to enhance networking possibilities. For every event, a specific programme will be carefully conceived for the selected target group and a focus will be chosen accordingly.

This series of seminars represents a great opportunity for legal practitioners of the European Union interested in the topic. They will be able to improve and update their knowledge about the EU Charter, discussing with experts from across Europe the most relevant practical issues and recent developments in the field. It will allow them to be part of a European network of legal professionals with an interest in the protection of fundamental rights.

Key topics

- Legal value of the Charter
- The relevance of the Charter for the national legal order
- Content and scope of the Charter
- Hints on application and interpretation of the Charter
- Relationship with the European Convention of Human Rights and other human rights provisions
- The right to a fair trial and the right to a remedy

Interactive methodology

- Case studies on the scope of application of the Charter and on substantive application of Charter provisions
- Group discussions

Target group

- Lawyers in private practice
- Judges and prosecutors

Eligible countries

- Member States of the European Union (including their overseas departments), except for Denmark and the United Kingdom.
- Albania and Montenegro.

Calendar of events 2020-2021

ONLINE

8-9 October 2020

Target group: Judges and prosecutors
Language: English; Event no.: 420DT110

ONLINE

In cooperation with the Barcelona Bar Association (ICAB)
11-12 February 2021

Target group: Lawyers in private practice
Language: English; Event no.: 421DT36

ONLINE

In cooperation with the Thessaloniki Bar Association (BATH)
Target group: Lawyers in private practice

12-13 April 2021

Language: English; Event no.: 421DT24

ONLINE

In cooperation with the Latvian Judicial Training Centre (LJTC)
21-22 June 2021

Target group: Judges and prosecutors
Language: English; Event no.: 421DT25

SLOVENIA

In cooperation with the Judicial Training Centre (JTC)
Ljubljana, 27-28 September 2021

Target group: Judges and prosecutors
Languages: English, Slovene (with simultaneous interpretation);
Event no.: 421DT26

PORTUGAL

In cooperation with the Portuguese Bar Association (OA)
Lisbon, 25-26 October 2021

Target group: Lawyers in private practice
Language: English; Event no.: 421DT27

BULGARIA

In cooperation with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ)
Sofia, 9-10 December 2021

Target group: Judges and prosecutors
Language: English, Bulgarian (with simultaneous interpretation)
Event no.: 421DT69



Expected results

By the end of the project's lifetime, the following results will be achieved:

- 7 training events for lawyers in private practice, judges and prosecutors organised throughout Europe;
- 245 legal practitioners trained on fundamental rights; including 125 judges/prosecutors and 120 lawyers in private practice;
- Production of written presentations and case studies, as well as selected audio podcasts which will be available for free online on a dedicated project website;
- Increased knowledge and understanding of the EU Charter among members of the judiciary and lawyers in private practice;
- Increased ability to implement the provision of Article 47 of the EU Charter;
- Increased collaboration with colleagues from other EU Member States in the field of fundamental rights.

Project webpage

If you are interested in more information about the seminar series or would like to have free access to the specially developed training materials, please visit our project webpage under the following link:

www.era-comm.eu/charter-of-fundamental-rights

The content of the webpage will be updated regularly.

The training package in all available language versions will be added after the implementation of the planned seminar series.

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