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ADVANCED TRAINING

LighT: Litigating change – Training lawyers on the EU rule of law acquis

Event organiser Association Pro Refugiu (Romania)

Event location Hotel Lido by Phoenicia

Boulevard Gheorghe Magheru 5-7, Bucharest

13 March 2024

9.00 -9.30	Registration of participants
9.30 – 9.45	Welcome and introduction to the course <i>Gabriela Ionescu – Project manager, Association Pro Refugiu</i>
9.45 – 10.15	Main threats to the rule of law from outside and from within the judiciary. Lawyers' role in upholding this fundamental EU value <i>Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar</i>
10.15 – 10.45	The freedom of expression of lawyers within the context of the rule of law <i>Stefan Bogrea – Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar</i>
10.45 -11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 12.00	European Court of Human Rights standards concerning freedom of expression of legal professionals and recent case law (ECtHR and CJEU) <i>Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar</i>
12.00 – 12.15	Questions & Answers
12.15 – 13.00	Hypothetical case scenario (lawyers elaborate a defense strategy / case concerning freedom of expression, group exercise) law <i>Stefan Bogrea – Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar</i>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 -14.45	Interactive discussion based on the group exercise
14.00 – 14.45	How to defend victims of SLAPPs -journalists and human rights defenders(practical tips for the defense strategy) <i>Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar</i>
14.45 – 15.30	The role of lawyers in upholding the rights of vulnerable groups-minorities, disabled persons, elderly (access to justice as key issue in the promotion of the rule of law, current obstacles) <i>Stefan Bogrea – Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar</i>
15.30 -16.00	Coffee break
16.00 -17.00	Case-law vulnerable groups <i>Stefan Bogrea – Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar</i>



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14 March 2024

9.00 -9.30	Registration of participants
9.30 -10.30	Rule of law and fair trial; the role played by lawyers <i>Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar</i>
10.30 -11.15	Case law study on fair trial <i>Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar</i>
11.15 -11.45	Coffee break
11.45 – 13.00	Non implementation of judgements of ECtHR –consequences <i>Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar</i>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 14.45	Non implementation of judgements of CJEU –consequences-infringement procedure <i>Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar</i>
14.45 – 15.00	Questions & Answers
15.00 – 15.45	Rule of law framework to address systemic threats in EU-EU Commission procedure <i>Stefan Bogrea – Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar</i>
15.45-16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 17.00	Rule of law and exceptions to the rule of law-immunities and discretionary power <i>Stefan Bogrea – Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar</i>
17.00	Final conclusions <i>Gabriela Ionescu – Project manager, Association Pro Refugiu</i>

