

INTRODUCTORY TRAINING

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

Event organiser Association Pro Refugiu (Romania)

14 February 2024

9.00 -9.40	Registration of participants
9.40 - 9.50	Welcome and introduction to the course
	Berbec Silvia – Lawyer Bucharest Bar & President Association Pro Refugiu
9.50 -10.20	Introduction to the rule of law (conceptual framework, meanings of terms and
	concepts)
	Berbec Silvia – Lawyer Bucharest Bar
10.20 -11.15	Principles of EU law and core EU legislative framework related to the rule of law
	(Charter, Treaties, etc.)
	Berbec Silvia – Lawyer Bucharest Bar
11.15-11.45	Break
11.45 - 13.00	The role of the European courts in upholding the rule of law
	Court of Justice of the European Union competencies and procedures (references for
	preliminary rulings, direct actions)
	Berbec Silvia – Lawyer Bucharest Bar
13.00 -14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 14.45	CJEU case law (reference for preliminary rulings, direct actions) related to the rule of
	law
	Stefan Bogrea – Lawyer Bucharest Bar
14.45 -15.00	Questions & Answers
15.00 - 15.30	The puissance of the infringement procedure in tackling rule of law backsliding (overview presentation of the procedure)
	Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer
	in the Bucharest Bar
15.30 -15.45	Break
15.45 - 16.15	CJEU case law (infringement procedure) and case studies
	Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer
	in the Bucharest Bar
16.15 -16.30	Questions & Answers
16.30 -17.00	CJEU ruling and non-implementation
	Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer
	in the Bucharest Bar





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9.00 -9.40	Registration of participants
9.40 - 10.30	Practical guidance for lawyers concerning written and oral pleadings in the
	proceedings before the CJEU
	Silvia Berbec – Lawyer Bucharest Bar
10.30 -11.15	European Court of Human Rights competencies and procedures
	Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer
	in the Bucharest Bar
11.15 -11.30	Questions & Answers
11.30-11.45	Break
11.45-12.30	ECtHR case law relevant for the rule of law on fair trial and freedom of expression
	Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer
	in the Bucharest Bar
12.30 - 13.00	Non-enforcement and/or erroneous interpretation and application of ECtHR
	judgments
	Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer
	in the Bucharest Bar
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 14.30	Practical guidance for lawyers concerning proceedings before the ECtHR
	Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer
	in the Bucharest Bar
14.30 - 15.30	Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation (current situations, how lawyers can
	defend victims of SLAPP)-journalists and human rights defenders –particular issues
45.00 45.45	Stefan Bogrea –Lawyer Bucharest Bar
15.30 - 15.45	Questions & Answers
15.45 - 16.00	Break
16.00 - 17.00	Other particular challenges to the rule of law (e.g. corruption and conflict of interests,
	discrimination, violation of freedom of expression, etc.)
47.00	Stefan Bogrea –Lawyer Bucharest Bar
17.00	Concluding remarks
	Silvia Berbec – Lawyer Bucharest Bar & President Association Pro Refugiu



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