

"The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union: assessing and responding to the training needs of legal practitioners and public officials"

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Draft Programme

Wednesday 17 December 2014

(Albert Borschette Conference Centre - Meeting room AB-0A)

13.00 – 14.15 *Registration*

14.30 – 15:00 *Welcome and introduction*

- Mr Frans **TIMMERMANS**, *First Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for Better Regulation, Inter-institutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights (tbc)*
- Italian presidency

15.00 – 16.45 *Session I: The application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union by legal practitioners*

Chair: Mr Olivier de SCHUTTER (BE), Professor at the University of Louvain (UCL) and College of Europe in Natolin, Member of the Scientific Committee (FRA), Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

- **Mr Ulf BERNITZ (SE)**, *Professor of European Law at Stockholm University, Director of the Wallenberg Foundation Oxford/Stockholm Association in European Law, based at the Institute of European Law, University of Oxford,*
- **Mr Josef BAXA (CZ)**, *President of ACA Europe, President of the Supreme Administrative Court of the Czech Republic (tbc)*
- **Mr Alejandro RUBIO GONZÁLEZ (ES)**, *State Attorney representing Spain at the ECJ*
- **Mr Justice Paul GILLIGAN (IE)**, *President of the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ), Member of the Board of the Courts Service of Ireland and a High Court Judge*

- **Mr Paul NEMITZ**, *European Commission, Director for Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, DG Justice*
- **Discussion 20 minutes**

16:45 - 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 - 18:30 *Session II: Fundamental Rights training for judges and legal practitioners*

Chair: Mr Jean-Paul JACQUÉ (FR), Professor at the University of Strasbourg and at the College of Europe (tbc)

- **Mr Wojciech POSTULSKI (PL)**, *Secretary General of EJTN*
- **Mr Wolfgang HEUSEL (DE)** *Director of the European Law Academy in Trier*
- **Mr Jean Marc SAUVE (FR)** *Vice-President of the Conseil d'État of the French Republic, Vice-President of ACA (Association of the Councils of State and the Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions of the European Union) and of the International Association of Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions*
- **Mr Valerio ONIDA (IT)**, *President of the Scuola Superiore della Magistratura, former President of the Italian Constitutional Court (tbc)*
- **Mr Philippe BOILLAT (CoE)**, *Director General, Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe*
- **Discussion 20 minutes**

19.30 *Networking dinner*

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09.00 – 10.30 *Session III: The role of national human rights institutions and equality bodies in fundamental rights training*

Opening address: **Mr Morten KJAERUM**, *Director of the European Agency for Fundamental Rights*

Chair: *European Commission*

- **Ms Evelyn COLLINS (UK)**, *Chair of the EQUINET Board, Director of the Northern Ireland Equality Commission*
- **Ms Beate RUDOLF (DE)**, *Director of the German Institute for Human Rights*
- **Mr Kosmas BOSKOVITS (GR)**, *Legal counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*
- **Mr Ondřej HORÁK (CZ)**, *Director of Civic Education Centre at Masaryk University in Brno*
- **Discussion: 20 min**

10:30-10:45 *coffee break*

10.45 – 13.00 *Session IV: Fundamental rights training for public authorities*

Chair: *European Commission*

- **Mr Ferenc BANFI (HU)**, *Director of the European Police College (tbc)*
- **Ms Cristina SGANGA (UK)**, *Human Rights Trainer*

- **Ms Anita WIEMAN-HESTERMAN (NL)**, *Project Manager at the Dutch Police Academy*
- **Discussion: 15 min**
- **Mr Gil ARIAS-FERNÁNDEZ (ES)**, *Executive Director a.i. of FRONTEX (tbc)*
- **Mr Michael DIEDRING (DE)**, *Director of European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)*
- **Mr Michaël PRIVOT (BE)**, *Director of ENAR*
- **Discussion: 30 min**

13.00 – 14.30 *Lunch*

14.30 – 16.30 *Session IV: Fundamental rights training at the local level*

Chair: Mr Antonio COSTA (PT), *President of the CIVEX Commission, Mayor of Lisbon (tbc)*

- **Mr Andreas KIEFER (AT)**, *Secretary General, Congress of Local and regional Authorities, Council of Europe*
- **Mr Jean-Paul MAKENGO (FR)**, *President of the Network European Cities against Racism (ECCAR) (tbc)*
- **Mr Manfred NOWAK (AT)**, *Director of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, Vienna (tbc)*
- **Mr Hans SAKKERS (NL)**, *Head of department of strategy, international affairs and city marketing, City of Utrecht*
- **Mr Jonas FRYKMAN (SE)**, *Senior Advisor, the Swedish Association of local authorities and regions (SALAR)*

- **Discussion: 30 min**

16:30-17:00 *Concluding remarks*

- **Ms Věra JOUROVÁ**, *Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality (tbc)*
- *Latvian presidency*