



## Advanced Training in EU Law for Judges and Prosecutors

PRELIMINARY RULING PROCEDURE, CHARTER  
OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND THE RULE OF LAW

Tallinn, 30 September - 2 October 2024



EXCELLENCE IN  
**EUROPEAN LAW**<sup>1</sup>

### Speakers

**Filippo Fontanelli**, Senior Lecturer, International Economic Law, University of Edinburgh

**Adriana Galis**, Judge, National Expert Detached at the Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg

**Anca Ghidleanu**, Judge, Court of Appeal, Iași, Romania

**Alice Guimaraes-Purokoski**, Judge, Supreme Court of Finland, Helsinki

**Rauno Kiris**, State Prosecutor, Tallinn

**Julia Laffranque**, Judge, Supreme Court of Estonia, Tartu

**Katarzyna Sznajder-Peroń**, Judge, District Court of Katowice, Poland

**Skirgailė Žalimienė**, Professor of EU Law, Vilnius University

### Key topics

- Preliminary reference as the core of the EU judicial system
- The Charter of Fundamental Rights in practice
- Recent case law on the rule of law
- Judiciary in the digital era

Language  
English

Event number  
424DT102

Organiser  
ERA (Karolina Rokicka) in cooperation with EPGO, LJTC and NCA

Venue  
Ministry of Justice of Estonia  
Suur-Ameerika 1  
Tallinn

# Advanced Training in EU Law for Judges and Prosecutors

## Monday, 30 September 2024

- 08:30 Arrival and registration of participants
- 09:00 **Welcome and introduction of participants**  
*Karolina Rokicka*

### I. PRELIMINARY RULING PROCEDURE

- 09:45 **Preliminary ruling procedure as a useful tool within the national judicial system – Part 1**
- Keystone of the EU judicial system
  - Judicial independence
  - Change in competences
- Adriana Galis*
- 10:15 Discussion
- 10:30 **Preliminary ruling procedure as a useful tool within the national judicial system – Part 2**
- Admissibility
  - Act claire and act éclairé in the light of recent jurisprudence
- Adriana Galis*
- 11:00 Discussion
- 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:45 **Tips and recommendations on a preliminary reference**  
*Alice Guimaraes-Purokoski*
- 12:15 Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 **WORKING SESSION: Case study and exchange of best practice**  
*Adriana Galis, Alice Guimaraes-Purokoski and Skirgailė Žalimienė*
- 15:00 Coffee break

### II. RULE OF LAW AND JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

- 15:30 **Legal framework of the rule of law in the European Union**  
*Skirgailė Žalimienė*
- 16:15 Discussion
- 16:30 End of first seminar day
- 19:00 Seminar dinner

## Tuesday, 1 October 2024

### III. CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

- 09:00 **The fundamental and human rights protection mechanism in the European Union**  
*Julia Laffranque*
- 09:30 Discussion

## Objective

The objective of this seminar is to train judges and prosecutors from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania together in EU law in order to strengthen the effective and coherent application of EU law. As a result, this advanced training aims at contributing to building a network of EU law trainers and coordinators in these Baltic states.

## Who should attend?

51 participants: 6 places are reserved for Estonian judges and 10 places are reserved for Estonian prosecutors, 10 places are reserved for Latvian judges and 5 places are reserved for Latvian prosecutors, 15 places are reserved for Lithuanian judges and 5 places are reserved for Lithuanian prosecutors. A limited number of places can be filled in by assistants to judges or prosecutors, with priority given to judges and prosecutors.

## You will learn...

- how to apply EU law correctly
- how to improve your preliminary reference
- how and when to apply the Charter in your national case
- what the recent case law is with regard to the rule of law and judicial independence

## Conference dinner

After a day's intensive exchange, enjoy our joint dinners on 30 September and 1 October at the restaurants in the city centre.

## Explore Tallinn



Tallinn is famous for its well-preserved medieval Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its cobblestone streets and historic architecture. Explore Toompea Hill for its panoramic views and landmarks such as Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and Toompea Castle. The city is also known for its vibrant cultural scene, with attractions such as the Kumu Art Museum and Lennusadam Seaplane Harbour.

09:45 **The Charter of Fundamental Rights as a useful tool for judges and prosecutors**

*Julia Lafranque*

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **The scope of application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights**

*Filippo Fontanelli*

12:15 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

13:30 **WORKING SESSION: Case study on the scope of application**

*Filippo Fontanelli and Julia Lafranque*

15:00 Coffee break

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#### IV. RULE OF LAW AND JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

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15:30 **Recent jurisprudence of the CJEU and ECHR in the area of the rule of law**

*Anca Ghideanu*

16:30 Discussion

16:45 End of second seminar day

19:00 Seminar dinner

## Wednesday, 2 October 2024

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#### V. RULE OF LAW AND JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE (cont.)

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09:00 **The grey zones of judicial independence**

*Katarzyna Sznajder-Peroń*

09:30 Discussion and exchange of experience

09:45 **WORKING SESSION: Case study**

*Katarzyna Sznajder-Peroń and Anca Ghideanu*

10:15 Coffee break

10:45 **WORKING SESSION: Case study (cont.)**

*Katarzyna Sznajder-Peroń and Anca Ghideanu*

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#### VI. JUDICIARY IN THE DIGITAL ERA

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11:45 **Members of the national judiciary in the digital era**

*Rauno Kiris*

12:15 Discussion

12:30 End of seminar

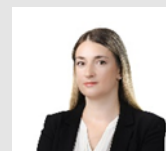
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### Partners

#### Beneficiaries:

Estonian Prosecutor  
 General's Office



Latvian Judicial  
 Training Centre



National Courts  
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 Lithuania



#### Associated Partners:

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 Estonia



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 Office of Lithuania



# Application for

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Applications can be made until **31 July** only via the project partners.

<b>Location</b> Ministry of Justice of Estonia Suur-Ameerika 1 Tallinn	<b>Participation</b> Participation will be subject to a <u>selection procedure</u> by the project partners, since the number of places is limited. In addition, you will need to register online on ERA website in order to participate in the seminar. We strongly advise you <u>not</u> to make any travel arrangements before your registration is confirmed.
<b>Language</b> English	<b>Registration fee</b> There is no registration fee.
<b>Contact</b> Tatsiana Bras-Gonçalves Assistant tbras@era.int +49 (0) 651 93737-423	<b>Travel and accommodation</b> - Participants will receive a <u>fixed contribution</u> towards their travel expenses and will be asked to book their own travel after receiving confirmation from ERA. The condition for payment of this contribution is to sign <u>all</u> attendance sheets at the event. No supporting documents are needed. - For those travelling <u>within</u> Estonia, the contribution for travel is fixed at €25 (for a distance between 50km and 400km). Please note that no contribution will be paid for travel under 50km. - The contribution to the travel costs for Latvian participants is fixed at €100, for Lithuanian participants – at €220. - The accommodation will be booked by the project partner. - Please note that <u>no payment</u> is possible if the registered participant cancels their participation for any reason.



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### Calendar of events 2024-2025

- **Seminar in Riga**, 19-21 June 2024, 56 participants
- **Seminar in Tallinn**, 30 September – 2 October 2024, 51 participants
- **Seminar in Vilnius**, 12-14 May, 58 participants
- **Study visit in Trier and Luxembourg**, 14-17 October 2025, 40 participants
- **Webinars**: Throughout 2024 and 2025. In 2024:
  - **12 June, 13:00-17:00 EEST**: European legislative search tools and judicial portals
  - **30 October, 13:00-17:00 EET**: FRA online tools
  - **10 December, 13:00-17:00 EET**: Digital skills with a special focus on the EIO and e-CODEX

**Participants**: Judges and prosecutors from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

**Language**: All events will be held in English.

**Application**: Application is possible only via the project partners.