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THE CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION IN PRACTICE

- SEMINAR FOR CIVIL JUDGES
- IN COOPERATION WITH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE OF BULGARIA

Sofia, 18-19 February 2016

National Institute of Justice
14 Str. Exarh Yosif

Languages: English and Bulgarian (simultaneous interpretation)

Organiser: ERA (Sofía Mairal Montero de Espinosa) and the National Institute of Justice of Bulgaria

Event number: 416DT13



Thursday, 18 February 2016

08:30

Arrival and registration of participants

09:00

Opening of the seminar

The National Institute of Justice and ERA

I. WHEN AND HOW TO APPLY THE CHARTER?

09:15

The role of the Charter within the EU legal framework and its relevance for national legal orders

- The EU system of fundamental rights protection
- The Charter's legal value (Art. 6 TEU)
- EU remedies for violation of fundamental rights

10:00

Discussion

10:15

The scope of application and interpretation of the Charter in domestic legal proceedings (Title VII)

- The limits and extent of the scope of the rights guaranteed
- The meaning of "implementation of EU law"
- The issue of direct effect of Charter's provisions
- Explanatory remarks

Filippo Fontanelli

11:00

Discussion

11:15

Coffee Break

11:45

Case studies on the scope of application of the Charter (interactive exercise)

Sophia Koukoulis-Spiliotopoulos

13:15

Lunch



II. THE CHARTER'S CONTENT AND ITS IMPORTANCE FOR THE PRACTICE OF CIVIL JUDGES

14:30

Selection of Charter's provisions particularly relevant in the field of civil law:

- Respect for private and family life (Art. 7)
- Protection of personal data (Art. 8)
- Right to property (Art. 17)
- The rights of the child (Art. 24)

Filippo Fontanelli

15:15

Discussion

15:30

Coffee break

16:00

Further rights guaranteed by the Charter: Access to justice, the example of consumer protection

16:45

Discussion

17:00

End of the first seminar day

19:30

Seminar dinner



Friday, 19 February 2016

II. THE CHARTER'S CONTENT AND ITS IMPORTANCE FOR THE PRACTICE OF CIVIL JUDGES (continued)

09:30

Workshop on substantive application of selected Charter provisions: analysis and discussion of cases in working groups; presentation and common discussions of the results

Group A (Bulgarian speaking group)

Group B (English speaking group): Anna Śledzińska-Simon

11:30

Coffee break

III. THE PROTECTION OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS IN EUROPE: WHERE DO WE STAND?

12:00

The Charter of Fundamental Rights and the European Convention of Human Rights: complementing or competing systems of fundamental rights protection in Europe?

- Judicial remedies before the CJEU and the ECtHR: a comparison
- Principle of equivalent protection and other substantive matters
- The CJEU's Opinion on the EU Accession to the ECHR

Johan Callewaert

12:45

Discussion

13:00

End of the seminar

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Filippo Fontanelli, Lecturer in International Economic Law, University of Edinburgh

Sophia Koukoulis-Spiliotopoulos, Attorney and Counsellor at Law, former Member of the Greek National Commission for Human Rights, Athens

Anna Śledzińska-Simon, Assistant Professor, University of Wrocław



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4-5 May 2015

Portuguese Centre for Judicial Studies, Lisbon

Target group: judges, prosecutors • Languages: English, Portuguese

11-12 June 2015

Ministry of Justice, Helsinki

Target group: members of the judiciary • Language: English

1-2 October 2015

Judicial Academy, Zagreb

Target group: members of the judiciary • Languages: English, Croatian

22-23 October 2015

Barcelona Bar Association (ICAB), Barcelona

Target group: legal practitioners • Language: English

18-19 February 2016

National Institute of Justice, Sofia

Target group: members of the judiciary • Languages: English, Bulgarian

18-19 April 2016

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Target group: legal practitioners • Language: English

15-16 September 2016

Academy of European Law (ERA), Trier

Target group: legal practitioners • Language: English

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