



Procedural Rights in the EU

Training for defence lawyers

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EUROPEAN LAW¹

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Key topics

- Update on the state of play regarding the EU Directives on procedural rights, i.e. the right to information, legal aid and access to a lawyer, presumption of innocence, and the position of children in criminal proceedings
- Procedural rights in the context of the EAW
- The gathering of cross-border (e-)evidence and its admissibility
- The need for further measures in the EU

Language
English

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324DT107

Organisers
ERA (Cornelia Riehle) in cooperation
with the Portuguese Bar Association



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Monday, 8 July 2024

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 **Welcome and introduction to the programme**
Cornelia Riehle (ERA)

PART I: Setting the scene: procedural rights in the EU

Chair: Cornelia Riehle

09:05 **From the Swedish Roadmap until today: status quo of the Directives on procedural rights**

The importance of the Roadmap for strengthening procedural rights of suspected or accused persons in criminal proceedings for the development of procedural rights in the EU will be illustrated as well as an overview on the scope, content, and main features of the six Directives on procedural rights given.

Holger Matt

PART II: Defending a case

Chair: Holger Matt

Based on a case scenario, the EU Directives on procedural rights will be presented referring to typical practical situations in criminal proceedings from the point of view of the defence.

09:45 **Access to a lawyer**

As a first step, the case will illustrate the situation at the police station, the public prosecutor's office and first hearing at Court. The effects of Directive 2013/48 on access to a lawyer will be illustrated.

Violeta Zeppa-Priedite

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **Legal aid**

Continuing with the interview and Court hearing, in this session, the case will look at issues of legal aid and how Directive 2016/1919 on legal aid attends to these issues. Differences in the EU Member States will be illustrated.

María Barbancho

11:45 **The right to information**

The case will illustrate the right to information under Directive 2012/13 with regard to the perspective of the suspect as well as access to the case file for the defence.

Carlos de Almeida Lemos

12:45 Lunch

14:00 **The right to interpretation and translation**

Running along with the case, this part will look at issues arising with the quality of translations and the question which documents are relevant under Directive 2010/64

14:45 **Presumption of innocence**

Returning to the situation at the police station, the case will underline the importance of Directive 2016/343 on the presumption of innocence and its practical impact. Arising issues such as press and media will be illustrated.

15:30 Coffee break

Objective

This seminar aims at presenting an update on the state of play regarding the six EU Directives on procedural rights. At the heart of the seminar will be the impact of the Directives on access to a lawyer, legal aid, the right to information, interpretation, and translation as well as the presumption of innocence. Furthermore, the seminar will present a detailed look at procedural rights in the context of the European Arrest Warrant and (e-)evidence-gathering. Participants will have the possibility to get to know each other and make contact with colleagues from all over the EU to further their professional networks.

About the Project

This seminar is part of a large-scale project co-financed by the European Commission entitled "European Criminal Law for Defence Lawyers". Fifteen interactive, practice-oriented activities will be implemented within this project ranging from face-to-face seminars and conferences to webinars and eLearning tools. For more information, see: <https://training-for-defence.era.int/>

Who should attend?

Defence lawyers, who are citizens of eligible EU Member States participating in the EU Justice Programme (Denmark does not participate) and Kosovo.

Venue

Portuguese Bar Association
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Your contacts

PART III: The position of children in criminal proceedings in the EU

Chair: Holger Matt

- 16:00 **Criminal proceedings involving children and the impact of Directive 2016/800**
- 17:00 End of first day
- 20:00 Dinner offered by the organisers



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PART IV: Procedural rights in the context of the EAW

Chair: Carlos de Almeida Lemos

- 09:00 **Rights of requested persons in the EAW proceedings**
This session will present the latest FRA research looking at the respect for procedural rights, including the right to dual legal defence, and other fundamental rights during EAW proceedings.
Matylda Pogorzelska

PART VI: Procedural rights in the context of evidence gathering

Chair: Matylda Pogorzelska

- 09:45 **The gathering of cross-border (e)evidence and its admissibility: Overview**
- EIO
 - European Production and Preservation Orders
 - eEvidence package
 - eEDES
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **The gathering of cross-border (e)evidence and its admissibility: Impact on procedural rights**
Vânia Costa Ramos

PART VI: The need for further procedural rights in the EU

Chair: Cornelia Riehle

- 11:45 **A new roadmap on minimum standards for certain procedural safeguards: possible future procedural rights in the context of the EAW, pre-trial detention, detention and evidence-gathering**
Vânia Costa Ramos
- 12:15 Discussion
- 12:45 End of seminar

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Terms and conditions of participation

Selection

1. Participation is only open to lawyers in private practice from eligible EU Member States (Denmark does not participate in the EU Justice Programme) and Kosovo.

The number of open places available is limited (10 places). Participation will be subject to a selection procedure. Selection will be according to professional eligibility, nationality and then "first come, first served".

Interested defence lawyers from Croatia should apply via the Croatian Bar Association.
Interested defence lawyers from Hungary should apply via the Budapest Bar Association.
Interested defence lawyers from Latvia should apply via the Latvian Council of Sworn Advocates.
Interested defence lawyers from Lithuania should apply via the Lithuanian Bar Association.
Interested defence lawyers from Portugal should apply via the Portuguese Bar Association.
Interested defence lawyers from Spain should apply via ICAB.

2. Applications should be submitted before **5 May 2024**.
3. A response will be sent to every applicant after this deadline. **We advise you not to book any travel or accommodation before you receive our confirmation.**

Registration Fee

4. €110 including documentation, coffee breaks, lunch and dinner.

Travel and Accommodation Expenses

5. Participants will receive a fixed contribution towards their travel and accommodation expenses and are asked to book their own travel and accommodation. **The condition for payment of this contribution is to sign all attendance sheets at the event.** The amount of the contribution will be determined by the EU unit cost calculation guidelines, which are based on the distance from the participant's place of work to the seminar location and will not take account of the participant's actual travel and accommodation costs.
6. Travel costs from outside Portugal: participants can calculate the contribution to which they will be entitled on the European Commission website (<https://era-comm.eu/go/calculator>, table 2). The distance should be calculated from their place of work to the seminar location.
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Participation

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12. A list of participants including each participant's address will be made available to all participants unless ERA receives written objection from the participant no later than one week prior to the beginning of the event.
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