

VIRTUAL SEMINAR ON THE ROLE OF THE CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION IN THE WORK OF EQUALITY BODIES AND NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS

Venue: virtual – WebEx platform

DRAFT PROGRAMME

DAY 1: Wednesday, 20 October 2021 – MODULE 1:

The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and its potential for National Human Rights Institutions and Equality Bodies

13:30 – 14:00	<p>WELCOME & OPENING</p> <p>Michael O’FLAHERTY, Director EU Agency for Fundamental Rights</p> <p>Tena ŠIMONOVIĆ EINWALTER, Ombudsperson Croatia, Equinet Chairperson</p> <p>Debbie KOHNER, Secretary-General ENNHRI</p> <p>(Moderator: Andreas ACCARDO, FRA, Head of Unit Institutional Cooperation & Networks)</p>
14:00 – 14:30	<p>TEN YEARS OF CHARTER USE BY THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION: TAKE-AWAYS FOR EQUALITY BODIES AND NHRIS</p> <p>CJEU Advocate General Michal BOBEK</p>
14:30 – 14:40	<p>QUESTIONS & ANSWERS</p>
14:40 – 15:10	<p>THE NEW STRATEGY TO STRENGTHEN THE APPLICATION OF THE CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS: IMPLEMENTATION AND THE ROLE OF NHRIS AND EQUALITY BODIES</p> <p>Nathalie STOCKWELL, COM DG JUST, Policy Officer - Fundamental Rights Policy</p> <p>THE NEW CITIZENS, EQUALITY, RIGHTS AND VALUES (CERV) PROGRAMME - EU FUNDING FOR CAPACITY BUILDING ON THE CHARTER AND STRATEGIC LITIGATION AT NATIONAL LEVEL</p> <p>Johannes BÖRMANN, COM DG JUST, Programme Manager</p>

15:10 – 15:20	QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
15:20-15:40	COFFEE BREAK
15.40– 15.50	GETTING STARTED - INTRODUCTION TO WORKING SEMINAR Sandra AIGNER, FRA, Programme Officer, Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Unit
15:50 – 16:10	SESSION 1: THE CHARTER AND ITS USE AT NATIONAL LEVEL Gabriel N. TOGGENBURG, FRA, Policy Coordinator, Institutional Cooperation & Networks Unit
16:10 – 16:20	QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
16:20 – 17:10	SESSION 2: INFORMATION SESSION ON EU FUNDS AND THE POTENTIAL OF THE NEW HORIZONTAL ENABLING CONDITION THE CHARTER CONDITIONALITY IN THE NEW COMMON PROVISIONS REGULATION Maëva ROULETTE, Roxana OSIAC, Louise REID, COM DG EMPL, Policy Officers – ESF+ and Cohesion Policy SELECTED CONDITIONALITY EXPERIENCES OF NHRIS/EQUALITY BODIES UNDER THE OLD FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK Tatjana VLAŠIĆ, Deputy Ombudsperson Croatia PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND THE FRA Femke GREMMELPREZ, COM DG JUST, Fundamental Rights Policy Robert Jan UHL, FRA, Policy Analyst – Fair and Equal Societies, Institutional Cooperation & Networks Unit
17:10 – 17:20	QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
17:20– 17:30	CLOSURE OF MODULE 1 & OUTLOOK TO THE NEXT TWO DAYS Sandra AIGNER and Gabriel TOGGENBURG, FRA Jone ELIZONDO URRESTARAZU, Equinet, Legal and Policy Officer Katrien MEUWISSEN, ENNHRI, Senior Human Rights Officer

DAY 2: Thursday, 21 October 2021 – MODULE 2:

The Charter in the area of equality & non-discrimination

09:00 – 09:10	<p>WELCOME AND FRAMING OF MODULE 2</p> <p>Tamás KÁDÁR, Deputy Director & Head of Legal and Policy, Equinet</p>
09:10 – 09:40	<p>SESSION 1: THE CHARTER APPLIED</p> <p>THE USE OF THE CHARTER IN EQUALITY LAW</p> <p>Sara IGLESIAS SANCHEZ, Professor of EU law, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, visiting at the University of Luxembourg</p> <p>WORKING WITH THE CHARTER DAILY</p> <p>Emilie VAN DEN BROECK, Legal and policy officer, Unia, Belgium</p>
09:40 – 09:50	<p>QUESTIONS & ANSWERS</p>
09:50 – 10:10	<p>COFFEE BREAK</p>
10:10 – 11:10	<p>SESSION 2: STRATEGIC LITIGATION</p> <p>STRATEGIC LITIGATION: OPPORTUNITIES</p> <p>Martin MÖRK, former Head of Litigation and Deputy Equality Ombudsman, Equality Ombudsman, Sweden</p> <p>STRATEGIC LITIGATION LIMITATIONS: BALANCING RIGHTS</p> <p>Sarah LAMBRECHT, Law clerk at the Belgian Constitutional Court and PhD candidate at the University of Antwerp</p>
11:10 – 11:20	<p>QUESTIONS & ANSWERS</p>
11.20-12.00	<p>WORKSHOP (breakout rooms):</p> <p>Using the Charter in strategic litigation. Practice-focused session in which participants will be able to discuss how the Charter can be used in real cases.</p>
12:00 – 12:30	<p>REPORTING BACK FROM BREAKOUT SESSIONS</p>
12:30– 12:45	<p>CLOSURE OF MODULE 2</p> <p>Jone ELIZONDO-URRESTARAZU, Equinet, Legal and Policy Officer</p>

DAY 2: Thursday, 21 October 2021 – (optional) MODULE 3:

An interactive train-the-trainer crash course

13:30 – 14:00	WELCOME, FRAMING OF MODULE 4 AND TOUR DE TABLE FRA
14:00 – 14:15	SESSION 1: AN INTRODUCTION TO PREPARING, DELIVERING, AND FOLLOWING UP TRAINING Sandra AIGNER, FRA, Programme Officer, Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Unit
14:15 – 15:00	SESSION 2: USING DIGITAL INTERACTIVE TOOLS TO DELIVER A TRAINING ACTIVITY Stephen E. BOUCHER, Founder of Dreamocracy, facilitation expert
15:00 – 15:30	COFFEE BREAK
15:30 – 16:15	SESSION 3: WORKING HANDS-ON WITH CHARTER CASE STUDIES Gabriel N. TOGGENBURG, FRA, Policy Coordinator, Institutional Cooperation & Networks Unit
16:15 – 16:45	SESSION 4: CHARTERPEDIA AND OTHER FRA CHARTER RESOURCES, E-COURSES, AND E-TUTORIALS Cathrin LARIMIAN, Gabriel N. TOGGENBURG, Sandra AIGNER, FRA
16:45 – 17:00	CLOSURE OF MODULE 3 FRA

DAY 3: Friday, 22 October 2021 – MODULE 4

Making use of the Charter to tackle Rule of Law challenges

09:00 – 09:10	<p>WELCOME AND FRAMING OF DAY 3</p> <p>Presentation of key Rule of Law challenges based on NHRI reports - ENNHRI common reporting on ROL</p> <p>Katrien MEUWISSEN, ENNHRI, Senior Human Rights Officer</p>
09:10 – 10:15	<p>SESSION 1: KEY RULE OF LAW CHALLENGES AND THE CHARTER'S POTENTIAL FOR NHRIs</p> <p>Moderator: John MORIJN, Netherlands Institute for Human Rights</p> <p>9:20– 9:45: Best practice in using the EU Charter and CJEU case law for addressing ROL challenges</p> <p>Laurent PECH, Jean Monnet Professor of EU Public Law and Head of the Law & Politics Department at Middlesex University London</p> <p>9:45 – 10:10: The Commission's Rule of Law toolbox</p> <p>Florian GEYER, COM DG JUST, Head of Unit Justice Policy and rule of law</p>
10:15 – 10:30	<p>QUESTIONS & ANSWERS</p>
10:30 – 10:50	<p>COFFEE BREAK</p>
10:50 – 12:30	<p>SESSION 2: HOW CAN NHRIs MAKE USE OF THE CHARTER TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC RULE OF LAW CHALLENGES?</p> <p>10:50: Reconvening/ setting out the purpose of the session</p> <p>Moderator: Cecilia RIZCALLAH, University Saint Louis and KU Leuven</p> <p>11:00 – 11:20: The essence of rights under the EU Charter, including the right to an effective remedy under article 47 of the EU Charter -the Irish experience</p> <p>Michael O'NEILL, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p>11:30 – 11:50: The right to an independent court in cases concerning disciplinary proceedings against judges -the Polish experience</p> <p>Mirosław WROBLEWSKI, Office of the Polish Commissioner for Human Rights</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p>12:00 – 12:20: Current debates on EU rule of law and links with the EU Charter, including civil and political rights, media freedom & LGBTI under the EU Charter</p>

John MORIJN, Netherlands Institute for Human Rights

Q&A

12:30 – 12:45

CLOSURE OF MODULE 4: Conclusions and recommendations for the future

Leena LEIKAS, ENNHRI Legal Working Group Chair

Katrien MEUWISSEN, ENNHRI, Senior Human Rights Officer

12:45 – 13:00

CLOSURE OF THE SEMINAR

Andreas ACCARDO, FRA, Head of Unit Institutional Cooperation & Networks