



## Litigating European Union Law

- Proceedings before the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU)
- Visit to the CJEU

SEMINAR FOR LAWYERS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE  
(BASIC TRAINING)

Trier and Luxembourg, 9-11 November 2022

**UP  
GRADE**  
YOUR LEGAL  
EXPERTISE

### Speakers

**Sara Iglesias Sánchez**, Professor of EU Law and Administrative Law, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

**Hristo Kirilov**, Legal Secretary, General Court, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg

**Cormac Little SC**, Partner and Head of William Fry's Competition & Regulation Department, Dublin

**Nina Niejahr**, Counsel, Baker & McKenzie, Brussels

**Alexandra von Westernhagen**, Partner, Keystone Law, Brussels

### Key topics

- The judicial system of the EU
- Effective judicial protection
- Proceedings before the CJEU
- EU legal remedies
- Procedural issues
- Practical tips

Language  
English

Seminar number  
422DT34

Organisation  
ERA (Luisa Cortat) in cooperation with the *Consejo General de la Abogacía Española* (Spanish Bar) and the *Krajowa Izba Radców Prawnych* (National Bar of Attorneys-at-Law in Poland).



## Wednesday, 9 November 2022

- 13:00 Arrival and registration of participants
- 13:30 **Opening of the seminar and ice-breaking exercise**  
*Sanja Jovičić*

### I. THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

- 14:00 **Composition, organisation and competences of the Court of Justice of the European Union – an introduction**  
*Hristo Kirilov*
- 14:45 Discussion

### II. DIRECT ACTIONS

- 15:00 Coffee break
- 15:30 **Direct actions before the General Court**
  - Types of action
  - Challengeable acts, locus standi, time-limits, grounds
  - Appeals and damages*Nina Niejahr*
- 16:15 Discussion
- 16:30 **Practical tips for lawyers on how to bring an action**
  - How to prepare an action and submit procedural documents
  - How to prepare for the oral phase*Cormac Little*
- 17:15 Discussion
- 17:30 End of first seminar day

## Thursday, 10 November 2022

### III. VISIT TO THE COURT OF JUSTICE

- 06:45 Departure to Luxembourg
- 08:00 **Visit to the CJEU**
  - Welcome and presentation of a case before the CJEU or the General Court
  - Attendance at a hearing
  - Meeting with a staff member of the General Court's Registry, who will give practical tips on e-Curia and the preparation of the application and of the annexes
- 12:00 End of visit and return to Trier
- 13:00 Lunch

### IV. PRACTICAL EXERCISE AND GROUP WORK

*Speaker: Sara Iglesias Sánchez*

- 14:30 **Case study on direct actions**
  - Introduction to the case study
  - Group work
- 15:30 Coffee break
- 16:00 **Case study – continued**
  - Common discussion about the results

## Objective

This introductory training will focus on proceedings before the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) and will enable the participants to apply properly their knowledge of substantive EU law before the EU courts.

## Who should attend?

Lawyers in private practice with basic or no knowledge of the proceedings before the CJEU. Only participants from the EU Member States (excluding Denmark) and Albania are eligible for this training.

## You will learn...

- about the practical aspects of CJEU proceedings
- how to prepare an action and submit procedural documents
- how to present pleadings effectively before the CJEU and, in particular, before the General Court
- how to take into account and solve language problems in written and oral pleadings.

## What participants said last time

"Very insightful event, great speakers"

"The course was very enjoyable and well organised"

"It is a good opportunity to learn and talk with fellow lawyers on the relevant areas of law and procedure"

## Your contact persons



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18:00 End of second seminar day

19:30 Dinner

## Friday, 11 November 2022

### V. PRELIMINARY RULING PROCEEDINGS

Speaker: *Alexandra von Westernhagen*

- 09:00 **Reference for a preliminary ruling: practical advice for lawyers**
- How to convince a national judge to make a preliminary reference to the CJEU?
  - The urgent preliminary ruling procedure (PPU)
  - The written observations
  - The oral phase
  - Admissibility issues
- 09:45 Discussion
- 10:00 Coffee break
- 10:30 **Case study on the preliminary ruling procedure**
- Introduction to the case study
  - Group work
- 12:00 Common discussion about the results
- 13:00 End of seminar and lunch

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### Dinner

After an intensive day of training on 10 November you are invited to a joint dinner at no extra cost at the restaurant Zur Steipe, Dietrichstraße 54, Trier.

### Supporting Bar Associations

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Izba Adwokacka w Warszawie  
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[advokatura.lv](http://advokatura.lv)

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[www.unbr.ro](http://www.unbr.ro)

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## Terms and conditions of participation

### Selection

1. Participation is only open to **lawyers in private practice** from an **EU Member State (except Denmark)**, **Albania** and **Montenegro**.
2. The number of places available is limited to 30 persons. Participation will be subject to a selection procedure.
3. Applications should be submitted before **7 October 2022**.
4. A response will be sent to every applicant shortly after this deadline. **We advise you not to book any travel before you receive our confirmation.**

### Registration fee

5. The seminar fee is **120 euros**.

### Travel

6. Travel expenses will be reimbursed to a **maximum of 350 euros** subject to the submission of the **originals** of travel receipts (like flight ticket, boarding pass, train ticket, taxi bill, etc.). Participants are advised of the obligation to use the **most cost-efficient mode of transport available**. Participants are further advised not to plan their return travel immediately after the visit of the CJEU as ERA cannot guarantee that the hearing will end at the time specified in the programme. Furthermore, due to security reasons, once inside the Court, the participants will not be allowed to leave individually but only as a group. A bus booked by ERA will take the participants from Trier to Luxembourg for the visit of the CJEU and back to Trier. Participants may decide to stay in Luxembourg after the end of the visit of the CJEU.

### Accommodation

7. **Maximum 2 hotel nights** will be covered directly by ERA, only for the hotel booked by ERA.

### Other services

8. One dinner, two lunches, beverages consumed during the event and the seminar documents are offered by ERA.

### Participation

9. Participation at the whole conference is required and your presence will be monitored.
10. A certificate of attendance will be distributed at the end of the conference.
11. Please note that we might take photos during the event.

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12. Due to the unpredictable health situation in Europe, ERA reserves the right to cancel the face-to-face event at any time and switch to an online format. Selected participants are advised not to book travel until they have received confirmation from ERA.

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#### Location

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#### Language

English

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the project:

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