

DESCRIPTION OF WEBINARS:

1. *Portfolio* : Civil Law

Topic : **'Telework in the EU during and beyond the Covid-19 Pandemic'**

Date/time : 8 July 2021, 13h-14h CET (Brussels time)

Speaker : Cristina Cruz , Labour Judge, Trainer of Labour Law in the Judicial School in Lisbon, Portugal

Moderator : Patricia Costa (PT)

Content outline : Telework concept : Overview on European policies and main International and EU Instruments / Main aspects to consider while instituting a telework regime/ Teleworking post Covid-19

. *Target group* : Judges and Prosecutors

Learning objectives : Upon the successful completion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Achieve an overall picture of the importance of telework and its EU legal framework, not only in the case of an unforeseen event, such as Covid-19 pandemic, but as a future prominent form of working and the key issues to consider in the institution of a telework regime to highlight the level of protection of teleworkers (such as: privacy, work organisation, information, equal treatment, fair working conditions).

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2. *Portfolio* : Criminal Justice

Topic : **'The impact of Covid-19 on international cooperation in criminal matters'**

Date/time : 22 July 2021, 13h-14h CET (Brussels time)

Speaker : Judge Marieta Nedelcheva, seconded at Specialized Court of Appeal Sofia, Bulgarian Contact Point at European Genocide Network, Contact Point at European Judicial Network and National

Contact Person of the National Network for International Cooperation in Criminal Matters.

Moderator : Angelina Lazarova (BG)

Content outline : Overview of the impact of the pandemic on international cooperation in criminal matters, adaption to digitalisation, challenges, and opportunities as well as lessons learned

. *Target group* : Judges and Prosecutors

Learning objectives : Upon the successful completion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Understand the challenges imposed by the pandemic in ensuring cross-border cooperation and exchange of evidence; cross-border investigation in a digital world; how to ensure smooth cooperation in the light of travel restrictions and online world.

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3. *Portfolio* : Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

Topic : **'Social Media for Judges'**

Date/time : 9 September 2021, 13h-14h CET (Brussels time)

Speaker : Marin Mrčela, Vice President of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Croatia

Moderator : Morana Briski (HR)

Content outline : This webinar will focus on various implications of use of social media by judges from ethical and practical perspective.

. *Target group* : Judges

Learning objectives : Upon the successful completion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Perceive the impact of their activity on social media as judges
- ✓ Identify risks of the use of social media to judge's appearance of impartiality
- ✓ Understand the need to strike a balance between the judges' freedom of opinion and expression on social media and the requirement of neutrality.

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4. *Portfolio* : Linguistics

Topic : **'Metaphorical expressions in the language of judicial cooperation'**

Date/time : 23 September 2021, 13h-14h CET (Brussels time)

Speaker : Miguel Ángel Campos Pardillos, Lecturer in Legal English and Translation, Department of English, University of Alicante, Trainer in legal English for EJTN

Moderator : Dariusz Szawurski-Radetz (PL)

Content outline : In the vocabulary of judicial cooperation, there are frequent metaphors that conceptualize abstract notions with desirable images based on living beings and on tangible objects (especially

instruments, buildings, areas and structures), or portraying cooperation as a journey where progress is either the only acceptable option or a weapon in a fight against cross-border crime.

Our presentation will offer an overview of these metaphors and the effects they produce among addressees, creating a favourable image of cooperation.

. *Target group* : Anyone interested in the topic

Learning objectives : Upon the successful completion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Develop awareness of metaphorical expressions in judicial cooperation, enhance proficiency in English for judicial cooperation, increase ability for successful communication and persuasion in English as an international language

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5. *Portfolio* : Judicial Training Methods

Topic : **'Dealing with conflicts'**

Date/time : 7 October 2021, 13h-14h CET (Brussels time)

Speaker : Radovan Dluhý-Smith, Lecturer at the Department of Development and Environmental Studies, Palacký University in the Czech Republic

Moderator : Eva Krejčová (CZ)

Content outline : Presentation (30-45min) covering Definition of Conflicts; Conflict Styles, the Non-violent Communication Model, followed by discussion

. *Target group* : Presidents of Courts, Chief Prosecutors

Learning objectives : Upon the successful completion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Develop awareness about different ways of dealing with conflicts with reference to different types of personalities and how to handle conflict in a workplace

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6. *Portfolio* : Administrative Law

Topic : **'An overview of the Foreign Direct Investment mechanisms across the EU'**

Date/time : 21 October 2021, 13h-14h CET (Brussels time)

Speaker : Massimo Merola, Attorney at law at the Brussels and Rome Bar Associations, Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges and Conférencier at the University Paris II, Panthéon-Assas.

Moderator : Sara Lembo (IT)

Content outline : The webinar will touch upon the regulation of Foreign Direct Investment screening in the European Union: origin, objectives, common features of most national regimes, the European

coordination mechanism, scope of judicial review.

. *Target group* : Judges, prosecutors and other members of the EU judiciary

Learning objectives : Upon the successful completion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Understand the essential elements of the FDI legal framework
- ✓ Understand the sharing of competences between EU and national authorities and judges
- ✓ Identify the main issues that can be of relevance for the judiciary
- ✓ Anticipate possible developments in the field

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7. *Portfolio* : Civil Law

Topic : **'Contract law and the impact of Covid-19'**

Date/time : 4 November 2021, 13h-14h CET (Brussels time)

Speaker : Roberto Natoli, Professor at the University of Palermo

Moderator : Marisaria Maugeri (IT)

Content outline : The webinar will touch upon the impact of health emergency on the contractual law

. *Target group* : Judges, but not exclusively

Learning objectives : Upon the successful completion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Identify the risks posed by the pandemic on contractual relations
- ✓ Find mitigating solutions on how to deal with contracts affected by the pandemic

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8. *Portfolio* : Judicial Training Methods

Topic : **'Confirmation Bias in Criminal Trials'**

Date/time : 18 November 2021, 13h-14h CET (Brussels time)

Speaker : Moa Lidén, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Department of Security and Crime Science, University College London

Moderator : Mats Persson (SE)

Content outline : The webinar will focus on confirmation bias in the trial phase, while briefly outlining the relevance of the bias also during the investigative phase. It will deal not only with different

manifestations of the bias but also with potential strategies for bias mitigation, so-called debiasing techniques.

. *Target group* : Judges and Prosecutors

Learning objectives : Upon the successful completion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Identify how confirmation bias may manifest itself in criminal cases, focusing on criminal trials and judges and prosecutors' decision making, while also understanding the importance of this bias during criminal investigations (e.g. interviews, criminal investigations, forensic analysis).
- ✓ Draw upon the explanations of confirmation bias found in e.g. cognitive and social psychological research, the webinar also offers potential bias mitigation strategies.

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9. *Portfolio* : Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

Topic : 'Art. 47 of the Charter: new challenges concerning the exercise of the right to access to justice under the pandemic time '

Date/time : 2 December 2021, 13h-14h CET (Brussels time)

Speaker : Petros Alikakos, Judge, President of the Court of First Instance at Ioannina, Greece

Moderator : Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos (GR)

Content outline : The webinar will handle the topical issue of the restrictions to the right of access to justice under the pandemic time. It will then touch upon the most usual initiatives to tackle the above

restrictions, mainly through the use of the technology. Special attention will be given to the extent of the use of the technology in the judicial systems and the advocacy of the fundamental

right of access to justice in the framework of this use.

. *Target group* : Judges and Prosecutors

Learning objectives : Upon the successful completion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Have a holistic approach to the restrictions of the right of access to justice under the pandemic time.
- ✓ Understand the significance of digitalization for a better access to Justice in critical times.
- ✓ Identify the risks and assumptions of digitalization regarding the fundamental right of access to justice.
- ✓ To envisage the future of the judicial systems with the use of IT

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10. *Portfolio* : Linguistics

Topic : 'Legal English in the European Union after Brexit'

Date/time : 16 December 2021, 13h-14h CET (Brussels time)

Speaker : Eva Samaniego Fernández, Lecturer in legal English and legal translation, National Distance Education University (UNED). Trainer in legal English for EJTN, ERA, Eurojust/EJN and the Spanish Council

of the Judiciary

Moderator : Renata Vystrčilová

Content outline : The webinar shall include the current position of English in the European Union, the sources of legal vocabulary in the European Union, 'correct' vs. 'comprehensible' legal English and

current and future changes in EU legal English after Brexit

. *Target group* : Linguists, judges, prosecutors and anyone interested

Learning objectives : Upon the successful completion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Identify the role and position of English as a lingua franca in the EU;
- ✓ Recognise the different sources of legal vocabulary in English in the EU;
- ✓ Distinguish between 'correct' and 'comprehensible'/'acceptable' legal English;
- ✓ Appraise the changes that are already taking place with legal English in the European Union after Brexit.

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