



## Litigating European Union Law

Proceedings before the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU)

SEMINAR FOR LAWYERS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE (BASIC TRAINING)

Trier and Luxembourg, 4-6 May 2022

**UP  
GRADE**  
YOUR LEGAL  
EXPERTISE

### Speakers

**Nicolas Cariat**, Lawyer, Stibbe, Brussels; Guest Professor, University Saint-Louis in Brussels; Guest Lecturer, University of Namur

**Emilia Fronczak**, Lawyer, Loyens & Loeff Luxembourg S.À R.L.

**Alexandre Geulette**, Legal Secretary, Court of Justice of the European Union (Chambers of Judge Ziemele), Former Lawyer at Van Bael & Bellis, Luxembourg

**Marianna Rantou**, Legal Secretary, General Court, Court of Justice of the EU, Luxembourg

### 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  
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Organisation  
ERA (Sanja Jovičić and Karolina Rokicka) 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, 4 May 2022

- 13:00 Arrival and registration of participants
- 13:30 **Opening of the seminar**  
*Sanja Jovičić*
- 13:40 Ice-breaking exercise

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

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*Speaker: Alexandre Geulette*

- 14:00 **The enforcement mechanisms of EU law and the relationship between EU and national law (supremacy, direct and indirect effect)**
- 14:30 Discussion
- 14:45 **Composition, organisation and competences of the Court of Justice of the European Union**
- 15:15 Discussion
- 15:30 Coffee break

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### II. DIRECT ACTIONS

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*Speaker: Marianna Rantou*

- 16:00 **Direct actions before the General Court**
- How to prepare an action and submit procedural documents
  - Representation of the parties
  - Time-limits
  - How to prepare for the oral phase
- 16:30 Discussion
- 16:45 **Practical tips**
- e-Curia
  - Preparation of the application and of the annexes
- 17:15 Discussion
- 17:30 End of first seminar day
- 19:00 Dinner

## Thursday, 5 May 2022

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### III. VISIT TO THE COURT OF JUSTICE

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- 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 staff of the CJEU
- 12:00 End of visit and return to Trier
- 13:00 Lunch

### Objective

This basic 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), Albania and Montenegro 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 in 2020

“High quality”

“Valuable tips applicable to practice”

### Your contact persons



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### CPD

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## IV. PRACTICAL EXERCISE AND GROUP WORK

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Speaker: Emilia Fronczak

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

18:00 End of second seminar day

## Friday, 6 May 2022

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## V. PRELIMINARY RULING PROCEEDINGS

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Speaker: Nicolas Cariat

9:30 **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

10:15 Discussion

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **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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Please visit the following site for more information: [www.era.int/en/COVID](http://www.era.int/en/COVID)  
The number of places might be limited due to the current Covid-19 restrictions with which we have to comply. We recommend registering sooner rather than later.

## Dinner

After an intensive day of training on 4 May 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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[www.sak.sk](http://www.sak.sk)

Suomen Asianajaliitto  
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Uniunea Națională a Barourilor din România  
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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 **4 April 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**. A bus booked by ERA will take the participants from Trier to Luxembourg for the visit of the CJEU and back to Trier.

### 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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#### Location

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Germany

#### Language

English

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