

How to Litigate before the Court of Justice of the European Union?

Luxembourg, 2-4 October 2017



This seminar provides a practical approach to the Court of Justice of the European Union's proceedings and deepens the participants' knowledge on the different procedures entertained before the Court as well as the written and oral phases of the Courts' proceedings. The course will primarily deal with the procedures from a practical point of view: how to draft the application; the response; the reply and the rejoinder; and how to prepare for the oral hearing; what to expect from an appeal legal aid, translation and how to submit documents to the Court.

The programme mainly consists of presentations of the major types of procedures before the Court of Justice of the European Union – the preliminary reference procedure, annulment procedure and the infringement procedure - and discussions based on case studies and presentations of practical tips. The discussions will evolve around the practical aspects of these procedures, providing insight for the participants of dos and don'ts, the most frequent situations practitioners face and common mistakes to avoid.

Experts from the Courts and experienced practitioners will provide participants with both, theoretical background information and practical examples from their daily work. Taking a practical approach and using real life examples, the seminar will discuss the written and oral proceedings, as well as the litigation strategy before the Court of Justice and the General Court from the perspectives of both, plaintiff and defendant.

The course also comprises a visit to the Court of Justice of the European Union including attending to a hearing and briefing provided by the Court of Justice of the European Union.

How will the course help you?

This seminar will provide participants with a comprehensive overview about enforcement of EU law in general and the procedures before the Court of Justice of the European Union in particular. Participants will gain extensive knowledge about the litigation procedures before the EU Courts and a clear understanding of particular procedural aspects, practical problems and their role in the proceedings. Practical guidance will be provided as to literally how to litigate before the Court of Justice of the European Union through the explanation of procedural rules in context. In this vein participants will gain a thorough understanding of the procedural mechanisms of the Court of Justice of the European Union and will be better equipped to appear and litigate before the Court of Justice of the European Union.

Who will benefit the most?

This seminar addresses the needs of lawyers, judges and government legal representatives who apply European Union law in their work, and require a deeper understanding of different litigation procedures before the Court of Justice of the European Union. Other members of the legal and judicial professions, academics, and people working in national and European administrations who are involved in topics concerning the functioning of the European Courts will also benefit from this seminar. The programme is also relevant to private practicing lawyers, consultants and other interested actors from the private sector, who wish to update their knowledge of the procedures before the CJEU and obtain a comprehensive overview.

Programme

MONDAY 2 OCTOBER 2017

- 08.30 **Registration of participants**
- 08.45 **Welcome of participants and mutual introduction**
Petra Jeney, Senior Lecturer EIPA Luxembourg
- 09.00 **"Tucked away in the fairyland Grand Duchy of Luxembourg..."**
History, Structure and Organisation of the Court of Justice of the European Union with reference to the reform of the Court
Petra Jeney
- 10.00 Break
- 10.15 **Procedures before the Court of Justice of the European Union: preliminary reference – practical considerations for making a reference**
Aniel Pahladsingh, Legal Advisor, Raad van state, The Hague (NL) (tbc)
- 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.45 **Written phase in preliminary rulings:**
- Application and written observations in a reference for a preliminary ruling.
 - Practical aspects for Magistrates and Lawyers
- Aniel Pahladsingh*
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 **Procedures before the Court of Justice of the European Union: action for annulment (reviewable acts and locus standi)**
Petra Jeney
- 15.15 Coffee break
- 15.30 **Written phase in direct actions:**
- Application, defence, reply and rejoinder
 - Submission of procedural documents, service of documents, and time limits
- Katarina Andova*, Legal Secretary, Chamber of Judge Zoltán Csehi, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg (LU) (tbc)
- 16.45 Break
- 17.00 **Workshop: Practical examples of the written phase, e.g. procedural documents, annexed documents, facts, and means of proof**
Katarina Andova
- 18.00 **Reception and end of Day 1**

TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2017

- 09.00 **Language of the proceedings**
Stefaan van der Jeught, Administrator, Communications Directorate, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg (LU) (tbc)
- 10.00 Break
- 10.15 **Procedures before the Court of Justice of the European Union: The infringement procedures - procedural position of intervening parties and access to procedural documents by private parties in infringement proceedings**
Minas Konstantinidis, Member of the Legal Service of the European Commission, Brussels (BE) (tbc)
- 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.45 **Sanctions for failure to comply with a judgment of the CJEU**
Minas Konstantinidis
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.00 **Oral procedure and arguments of the parties - Conduct of proceedings, simultaneous interpretation, duration and practical advice**
Magdalena Ličková, Legal Secretary, Chamber of Advocate-General Michal Bobek, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg (LU) (tbc)
- 15.15 Coffee break
- 15.30 **Appeals against decisions of the General Court: conduct of proceedings – appeal against an interim order**
Magdalena Ličková
- 16.45 Break
- 17.00 **Workshop: Practical examples of the appeal procedure**
Magdalena Ličková
- 18.00 **End of Day 2**

WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2017

- 08.00 **Meeting at the Court of Justice of the European Union**
Visitors' entrance - rue du Fort Niedergrünewald
- 08.45 **Briefing on the Case X**
- 09.30 **Hearing of the Case X**
General Court - Sixth Chamber - Green Courtroom, Court of Justice of the European Union
- 11.15 **Meeting with X**
- 12.15 **End of the visit**

General Information

Seminar venue

EIPA Luxembourg, Building of the Chambre des Métiers
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Regular fee: €1100

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