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# FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND THE USE OF THE PRELIMINARY REFERENCE PROCEDURE

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ATTORNEYS AND OTHER LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

17–18 October 2024

Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) Law School, Budapest (Building 'A', Egyetem tér 1-3.)

## Programme

### 17 October 2024

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| 9:00-9:30   | Registration  |
| 9:30-9:45   | <b>Welcome address and presentation of the TRIAL 2 Project</b><br>Pál Sonnevend, <i>dean, ELTE Law School</i><br>Gábor Halmai, <i>project director, European University Institute</i>   |
| 9:45-11:15  | <b>The role and function of the preliminary reference procedure</b><br>Sara Iglesias Sánchez, <i>Complutense University of Madrid (online)</i><br><b>National judges and human rights protection in the context of the preliminary reference procedure</b><br>Márton Varjú, <i>Eötvös Loránd University</i><br><i>Moderator: Gábor Halmai, European University Institute</i>  |
| 11:15-11:30 | <i>Coffee break</i>   |
| 11:30-12:45 | <b>The challenges of the preliminary ruling procedure from national perspectives – Roundtable discussion with judges from different jurisdictions</b><br>Fruzsina Tóth-Lakos, <i>judge, Metropolitan Court of Budapest</i><br>Luca Perilli, <i>judge, Court of Trento</i><br>Marek Szymanowski, <i>judge, Court of Appeal of Białystok</i><br><i>Moderator: Edith Zeller, judge, Administrative Court of Vienna</i> |
| 12:45-13:45 | <i>Lunch</i>  |
| 13:45-14:00 | <b>Presentation of TRIAL 2 Toolkit on Fundamental Rights and the Use of the Preliminary Reference Procedure</b><br>Bernadette Somody, <i>Eötvös Loránd University</i>   |

14:00-15:15                   **Hypothetical case I**  
*Discussion in parallel working group sessions*  
*Moderators: Dorottya Juhász, judge, Metropolitan Court of Budapest; Adrienn Laczó, judge, Metropolitan Court of Budapest*

15:15-15:45                   *Coffee Break*

15:45-16:45                   **Preliminary reference and judicial independence**  
*Petra Bárd, Radboud University, ELTE*  
*Discussant: Markus Thoma, judge, Supreme Administrative Court of Austria*  
*Moderator: Ágnes Kovács, Eötvös Loránd University*

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9:00-9:30                      Registration

9:30-11:00                   **Jurisdiction and admissibility under Article 267 TFEU in the CJEU jurisprudence**  
*Aida Torres Pérez, Pompeu Fabra University*  
**Drafting a successful preliminary reference: practical guidance for judges**  
*Raluca Bercea, West University of Timisoara*  
*Moderator: Ildikó Bartha, University of Debrecen*

11:00-11:15                   *Coffee Break*

11:15-12:30                   **Hypothetical case II**  
*Discussion in parallel working group sessions*  
*Moderators: Dorottya Juhász, judge, Metropolitan Court of Budapest; Adrienn Laczó, judge, Metropolitan Court of Budapest*

12:30-13:45                   **Preliminary reference as a tool for fundamental rights litigation**  
*Roundtable discussion (hybrid)*  
*Gábor Gyöző, Hungarian Helsinki Committee*  
*Jasper Krommendijk, Radboud University*  
*Romanița Iordache, human rights lawyer, FRANET*  
*Moderator: Lilla Farkas, Eötvös Loránd University*

13:45-14:00                   **Concluding remarks**