

20 years in the EU – synergy in the common area of law

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PROGRAM

08:30 – 09:20 Registration of participants

09:30 – 10:00 **Opening of the conference**

Inese Lībiņa-Egnere, Minister for Justice of the Republic of Latvia
Uldis Augulis, Minister for Welfare of the Republic of Latvia

10:00 – 11:00 **EU freedoms and rights: The principle of mutual recognition as a mechanism for the exercise of fundamental rights**

Moderator: **Sanita Osipova**, Judge at the Supreme Court

Laila Medina, Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Union

The relationship of mutual trust and mutual recognition in the Common European Asylum System

Lars Bay Larsen, former Vice-President of the Court of Justice of the European Union

The principles of mutual trust and mutual recognition in the field of criminal law

Jesca Bener, Representative of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers
EU instruments for judicial cooperation in criminal matters

11:00 – 12:15 **Fundamental rights and the future of the EU: Protection of fundamental rights in a time of the global challenges**

Moderator: **Inga Reine**, Judge at the General Court

Ineta Ziemele, Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union

Fundamental rights in the everyday life of the EU and future perspectives: lessons learned from the case-law of the Court of Justice of the European Union

Pēteris Zilgalvis, Judge at the General Court

Protection of fundamental rights in the 21st century – the impact of advances in artificial intelligence and climate change

Aivita Putniņa, Social anthropologist, associate professor, University of Latvia

Scope of fundamental rights, the dilemma of individual and collective rights

12:15 – 13:30 **Break (lunch)**

13:30 – 15:15 **Bringing the values of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union into EU funds through the implementation of the horizontal principle of equality, inclusion, non-discrimination and fundamental rights**

Moderator: **Dace Helmane**, Member of the Board of the Association "Institute of Corporate Sustainability and Responsibility"

Aurimas Andrusis, Representative of the European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Integration

The horizontal principle of equality, inclusion, and non-discrimination in the context of EU funds

Emīlija Plaksins, Legal counsellor, Discrimination Prevention Division, Ombudsman's Office

The role of national human rights institutions in the compliance of the implementation of EU funds with fundamental rights: the situation in Latvia

Diāna Jakaite, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Welfare

Implementation of the horizontal principle in Latvia – development, practice, challenges

Kertu Põial, Adviser on structural instrument equality at the Estonian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Information Technology

The Estonian case on how to support project implementers in ensuring compliance with the EU horizontal principles of equality, inclusion, non-discrimination, and fundamental rights

Nils Pagels, Senior Expert at the German Horizontal Principle ESF Plus Agency

EU horizontal principles of equality, inclusion, non-discrimination and fundamental rights – not a nice to have, but a key issue in the realization of EU funds in Germany (especially ESF Plus)

15:15 **Closing**