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**Training Seminar for National Judges, Prosecutors and Lawyers**

**“Practical Issues in the Application of the Charter of  
Fundamental Rights of the European Union”**

**Athens, 24-26 October 2019**

**The Seminar will take place at the Headquarters of the EPLO,  
Polygnotou 2 and Dioskouroi, Plaka, Athens**

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## **PROGRAMME**

**Thursday 24 October 2019**

**14:00 - 20:00**

### **13:30-14:00: Registration of participants**

- **14:00-14:30: Welcome addresses**

Dr. Christoforos Sevastides, Supreme Court Justice, President of the Association of Greek Judges and Prosecutors

Dr. Andreas Pottakis, Greek Ombudsman,

Prof. Spyridon Flogaitis, Director, European Public Law Organization (EPLO)

- **14:30-16:15: Introduction. Identifying the field of application of the Charter: doctrinal and practical dimensions** (*Art. 51, § 1, and the “Explanations” of the Charter*)

Prof. Atanas Semov, Project Director, Jean Monnet Chair, Judge at the Constitutional Court of Bulgaria

### **16:15: Coffee break**

- **16:30-18:00: Systematization of the criteria for establishing when a matter falls into the field of application of the Charter according to the recent jurisprudence of the CJEU** (*The key decision: Åkerberg Fransson. Limitation of the criteria for establishing a relation: decisions Siragusa, Julián Hernández and Willems*)

Prof. Atanas Semov, Project Director, Jean Monnet Chair, Judge at the Constitutional Court of Bulgaria

- **18:00-19:30: *Prima facie* national situations and the EU Law and the Charter: the lessons of the CJEU’s jurisprudence regarding the EU Citizenship**

Prof. Atanas Semov, Project Director, Jean Monnet Chair, Judge at the Constitutional Court of Bulgaria

### **19:30-20:00: *Q&A and Discussion***



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**Friday 25 October 2019**

**14:00 - 20:00**

- **14:00-16:15: Complex areas in the application of the Charter: reasons for the debate on horizontality, rights vs. principles, and levels of protection**  
Dr. Angela Ward, Référendaire at the Court of Justice of the European Union

**16:15: Coffee break**

- **16:30-18:00: Practical issues of the application of the Charter in the Member States in light of the jurisprudence of the CJEU**  
Dr. Kathleen Gutman, Référendaire at the Court of Justice of the European Union
- **18:00-19:30: Theoretical and practical dimensions in the identification of the field of application of the Charter**  
Evangelia Nika-Manoukian, Supreme Court Justice, Hellenic Council of State

**19:30-20:00: *Q&A and Discussion***

**Saturday 26 October 2019**

**9:00 – 14:30**

- **09:00-11:00: The application of the Charter by the National Judge: methodology and practical aspects**  
Dimitrios Pyrgakis, Judge, Hellenic Council of State

**11:00: Coffee break**

- **11:30-13:30: The protection of personal data in EU Law and in the European Convention of Human Rights**  
Prof. Spyridon Vlahopoulos, Professor of Law, University of Athens

**13:30-14:00: *Q&A and Discussion***

**14:00-14:30: *Concluding remarks***

**14:30: Business Lunch**