

INVITATION

National Convention on European Integration 2021-2023

Working Group I (Judiciary and Fundamental Rights)

Session 3, Topic: The Impact of EU Legislation on National Legal Systems, during and after accession

21 February 2023, 16:30 – 18:00

Hybrid format - Online on Zoom Platform and Physically at School of Advocates

European Movement in Albania (EMA) and the Slovak Foreign Policy Association (SFPA) in partnership with School of Advocates in Albania, with the financial support of SlovakAid, are pleased to invite you to Session 2 of Working Group I focused on “The Impact of EU Legislation on National Legal Systems, during and after accession” under NCEI 2021-2023.

In order to create a bridge of cooperation between state institutions and civil society and at the same time to strengthen the capacities in both sectors, the National Convention on European Integration 2021-2023, implemented by the European Movement in Albania in cooperation with line Ministries and other public institutions, is continuing its activities after the successful implementation during 2019-2021.

Initially, this unique model was successfully applied and developed by the Slovak Foreign Policy Association during 2003-2007 and then implemented in Serbia, B&H, Montenegro, North Macedonia. In the framework of the NCEI in Albania, several Working Groups have been set up according to the chapters of negotiations with the EU: **WG I: Judiciary and Fundamental Rights (Chapter 23); WG II: Justice, Freedom, Security (Chapter 24); WG III: Agriculture and Consumer Protection (Chapters 11, 12 and 28); WG IV: Structural Funds (Chapter 22); WG V: Trade and Economic Affairs (Four Freedoms and Chapter 20), WG VI: Environment (Chapter 27)**

Working Group I, thanks to the experience of experts, are reviewing and discussing topics in the field of fundamental rights, fight against corruption, justice reform and screening process for Chapter 23. Four Sessions are being organized in this Working Group for the period 2021-2023. These sessions are planned to be co-chaired by representatives of *state institutions and academic institutes and civil society* and internal experts of the Convention.

You may attend the activity online through ZOOM Platform:

Zoom Link:

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16:15 – 16:30	Registration of participants
16:30 – 16:35	Welcoming of the activity
	Nirvana Deliu , Policy Researcher, European Movement Albania
16:35 – 17:00	Impact of EU legislation on Albanian legislation
	Gentjan Skara, Ph.D. , Head of Department of Law, Bedër University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Stabilisation Association Agreement and its impact on Albanian legislation</i> - <i>Obligation on alignment of national legislation with the EU one – case study: Competition Law</i>
17:00 – 17:40	How EU legislation affects the national legal system during accession process – Slovakia’s case
	Radovan Pala, Ph.D., LL.M. & Kristína Kešnerová , Taylor Wessing Slovakia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Role of agreements with EU before accession (e.g Europe /Association Agreements)</i> - <i>Impact to the Justice system before and after the accession</i> - <i>The EU new rule of law mechanism- its impact in the institutions or public debate</i>
17:40 – 18:00	Open Discussion with participants