# **ADVANCED TRAINING**

**LighT: Litigating change – Training lawyers on the EU rule of law acquis**

Event organiser Association Pro Refugiu (Romania)

Event location Hotel Lido by Phoenicia

 Boulevard Gheorghe Magheru 5-7, Bucharest

13 March 2024

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| 9.00 -9.30 | Registration of participants |
| 9.30 – 9.45 | Welcome and introduction to the course *Gabriela Ionescu – Project manager, Association Pro Refugiu* |
| 9.45 – 10.15 | Main threats to the rule of law from outside and from within the judiciary. Lawyers’ role in upholding this fundamental EU value *Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar* |
| 10.15 – 10.45 | The freedom of expression of lawyers within the context of the rule of law *Stefan Bogrea – Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar* |
| 10.45 -11.15 | Coffee break |
| 11.15 – 12.00 | European Court of Human Rights standards concerning freedom of expression of legal professionals and recent case law (ECtHR and CJEU) *Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar* |
| 12.00 – 12.15 | Questions & Answers |
| 12.15 – 13.00 | Hypothetical case scenario (lawyers elaborate a defense strategy / case concerning freedom of expression, group exercise) law *Stefan Bogrea – Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar* |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch |
| 14.00 -14.45 | Interactive discussion based on the group exercise |
| 14.00 – 14.45 | How to defend victims of SLAPPs -journalists and human rights defenders(practical tips for the defense strategy) *Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar* |
| 14.45 – 15.30 | The role of lawyers in upholding the rights of vulnerable groups-minorities, disabled persons, elderly (access to justice as key issue in the promotion of the rule of law, current obstacles) *Stefan Bogrea – Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar* |
| 15.30 -16.00 | Coffee break |
| 16.00 -17.00 | Case-law vulnerable groups *Stefan Bogrea – Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar* |

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| 9.00 -9.30 | Registration of participants |
| 9.30 -10.30 | Rule of law and fair trial; the role played by lawyers *Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar* |
| 10.30 -11.15 | Case law study on fair trial *Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar* |
| 11.15 -11.45 | Coffee break |
| 11.45 – 13.00 | Non implementation of judgements of ECtHR –consequences *Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar* |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch |
| 14.00 – 14.45 | Non implementation of judgements of CJEU –consequences-infringement procedure *Elena Lazar - PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar* |
| 14.45 – 15.00 | Questions & Answers |
| 15.00 – 15.45 | Rule of law framework to address systemic threats in EU-EU Commission procedure *Stefan Bogrea – Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar* |
| 15. 45-16.00 | Coffee break |
| 16.00 – 17.00 | Rule of law and exceptions to the rule of law-immunities and discretionary power *Stefan Bogrea – Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar* |
| 17.00 | Final conclusions*Gabriela Ionescu – Project manager, Association Pro Refugiu* |