Execution of the Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights: Taking stock and thinking forward

30 April 2021

9.00 - 9.10 am CEST: Welcome by organisers

9.10 - 9.15 am CEST: Opening remarks by Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

9.15 - 10.45 am CEST: Delayed Execution

Chair: Clare Ovey, Head of Department of the Execution of Judgments, Council of Europe

- Øyvind Stiansen, Postdoctoral Fellow, PluriCourts, University of Oslo, “Explaining Delays in the Execution Process: Insights from the Georgetown-PluriCourts European Court of Human Rights Database”
- George Stafford, Director, European Implementation Network, Strasbourg, “Proposals to address delayed implementation”
- Veronika Fikfak, Associate Professor in Human Rights Law, I-Courts, University of Copenhagen, “Friendly Settlement - Avoiding Meaningful Compliance?”

10.45 - 11.00 am CEST: Break

11.00 am - 12.30 pm CEST: Deficient Execution

Chair: Davide Paris, Assistant Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Foggia and Senior Research Affiliate, the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg

- Andreas von Staden, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Hamburg, “The Art of the Possible: On the Interaction of Law and Politics in Minimalist Compliance with ECHR Judgments”
- Alice Donald, Senior Lecturer, Department of Law and Politics, Middlesex University, “The domestic ‘ecosystem’ of implementation: how Council of Europe bodies can cultivate compliance partners”
- Kerem Altiparmak, International Commission of Jurists, “Premature closing of execution review: Lessons learnt from Turkey”

12.30 - 1.30 pm CEST: Lunch Break
1.30 - 3.00 pm CEST: Resistance to Execution

Chair: Nils Muižnieks, Regional Director for Europe, Amnesty International

- Adam Bodnar, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Poland, “Concept of principled resistance - easy excuse not to enforce ECtHR judgments in non-consolidated democracies?”
- Bašak Çali, Professor of International Law and Co-Director, Centre for Fundamental Rights, Hertie School, “Lessons learned from the Execution of Article 18 Judgments”
- Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou, Professor in Human Rights Law, University of Liverpool, “Can Infringement Proceedings make a difference?”

3.00 - 3.15 pm CEST: Break

3.15 - 4.15 pm CEST: Roundtable: Thinking forward

Chair: Bašak Çali, Professor of International Law and Co-Director, Centre for Fundamental Rights, Hertie School

- Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General, Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
- Ganna Yudkivska, Judge, European Court of Human Rights
- Philip Leach, Professor of Human Rights Law and Director, European Human Rights Advocacy Centre (EHRAC), Middlesex University
- Isabelle Niedlispacher, Government Agent in respect of Belgium
- Clara Sandoval-Villalba, Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Essex Transitional Justice Network, University of Essex

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