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# MEDEL



Magistrats Européens pour la Démocratie et les Libertés

## MEDEL's 40th Anniversary Conference

3 June 2025, 9.00-17.30

Palace of Europe, Strasbourg

### 8.30 - Registration of Participants

#### 9.00 – OPENING SESSION

SIMONE GABORIAU | *Past President of Syndicat de la Magistrature, co-founder of Medel*

Introductory remarks by the *Minister for Justice and Reform of the Construction Sector of Malta*, Mr JONATHAN ATTARD, on behalf of the Presidency of Malta of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

FRANCESCO DEPASQUALE | *President of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice - CEPEJ*

MARIAROSARIA GUGLIELMI | *President of Medel*

MATTIAS GUYOMAR | *President of the European Court of Human Rights*

SIRPA RAUTIO | *Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights - FRA*

#### 10.15 - Coffee Break

### 10:30 - ROUND TABLE. MEDEL'S VISIONARY PROJECT: FROM IDEA TO REALIZATION. A CONVERSATION WITH MEDEL'S FOUNDING MEMBERS AND PAST PRESIDENTS

FILIFE MARQUES and GUALTIERO MICHELINI discuss with

ORLANDO AFONSO

DRAGANA BOLJEVIĆ

EDMONDO BRUTI LIBERATI

MIGUEL CARMONA

SIMONE GABORIAU

DOMENICO GALLO

FRANÇOIS GUICHARD

JEAN-PAUL JEAN

IGNAZIO JUAN PATRONE

GEORGIOS STAVROPOULOS

CHRISTOPH STRECKER

Message from ANTONIO CLUNY

Message from HANS-ERNST BÖTTCHER

Message from VITO MONETTI

### 12.00 - DEFENDING THE RULE OF LAW: A SHARED CHALLENGE

Chairs: KAROLINA TYLOVÁ | *Board Member of Medel* and IULIA CRAIU | *Secretary-General of Medel*

SYLVAIN MÉRENNE | *President of AEAJ*

TAMARA TROTMAN | *President of J4J*

Message from MIKAEL SJÖBERG | *President of EAJ*

Message from ĐURO SESSA | *President of IAJ-UIM*

#### 12.30 - Lunch break

### 14:00 – CURRENT CHALLENGES FOR DEMOCRACY, RULE OF LAW, JUSTICE, AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

Message from MICHAEL MCGRATH | *European Commissioner for Democracy, Justice, the Rule of Law and Consumer Protection*

Message from LEONIE REYNOLDS | *President of CCJE*

### PART 1: CHALLENGES AND IMPERATIVES IN SAFEGUARDING HUMAN RIGHTS AMIDST AI ADVANCEMENTS

FRANCESCO DEPASQUALE | *President of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice - CEPEJ*

JUSTINE PROBST | *Prosecutor, Syndicat de la Magistrature*

MONICA PALMIRANI | *Full Professor of Philosophy of Law, University of Bologna*

RAFFAELE SABATO | *Judge of the European Court of Human Rights*  
Chair: GIULIANA CIVININI | *President of CEPEJ-CYBERJUST WG*

### PART 2: CHALLENGES FOR THE JUDICIARY IN TIMES OF POPULISM

ANNA ADAMSKA-GALLANT | *Judge of the European Court of Human Rights*

MICHAL BOBEK | *Judge at the Supreme Administrative Court, Czech Republic, Former Advocate General at the European Court of Justice*

LAURENT PECH | *Full Professor of Law, Dean of Law and Head of the Sutherland School of Law, University College of Dublin*

Chair: MONIKA FRĄCKOWIAK | *Vice-president of MEDEL*

### 17.15 - SPOTLIGHT ON THE JUDICIARY IN TURKEY

MARIAROSARIA GUGLIELMI

Message from MURAT ARSLAN, *President of YARSAV*

CHRISTOPH STRECKER

SIMONE GABORIAU

### 17.30 – CLOSING