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The backsliding of the Rule of Law and the pressure exerted on the Judiciary in Europe. The role of the European Union.

ATHENS, GREECE, 21 NOVEMBER 2025, 12.00 h – 17.00 h
Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry – 7 room «ΕΡΜΗΣ»

11.30 h Registrations

12.00 h **Openings**

Maria Papadimitriou, President of Hellenic Judges' Association for Democracy and Liberties, Judge at the Supreme Court

Mariarosaria Guglielmi, President of MEDEL – Italy

12.15 **First session**

Moderator Konstantinos Menoudakos, h. President of the Hellenic Council of State, past President of Hellenic Judges' Association for Democracy and Liberties.

1. **Evangelia Elisavet Kouloubini** – Vice President at the Hellenic Court of Audit, Dr. jur.

“The value – based Principle of the Rule of Law as a safeguard of the European Union budget” .

2. **Margarita Stenioti**, Judge at the Court of Appeal in Athens – Vice President of Hellenic Judges' Association for Democracy and Liberties
“The guaranteeing function of the Rule of Law under question in the Democratic value system of Europe”.

3. **Dr Ioannis Triadafyllidis**, Deputy Public Prosecutor, Assistant to the National Member for Greece at Eurojust
“Prison conditions as an indicator or the Rule of Law: Challenges and Prospects in the Light of European case law”

4. Professor **Dr. Antonis Metaxas**, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Lawyer at the Supreme Court
“The National Judge as EU Judge: The importance of the functional duality of the National Judge for the protection of the Rule of Law”

13.30 Coffee break – Light meal

14.00 Second session

Moderator Michalis Pikramenos, President of the Hellenic Council of State, past President of Hellenic Judges' Association for Democracy and Liberties.

1. **Alexandra Chaumet**, Prosecutor in 1st instance, France –
“The Rule of Law, a Law worth fighting for”.

2. **Marco Gattuso**, Judge in the court of Bologna, in the asylum section
– “Judicial independence on the threshold of the New Pact on Migration and Asylum: the Italian case”.

3. **Lidija Komlen Nikolic**, Prosecutor in Appellate public prosecutor office in Belgrade – President of presidency in Prosecutors association of Serbia
“The pressure on judges and prosecutors in Serbia”.

4. **Atanas Atanasoff**, President of the Managing Board of the Bulgarian Judges Association, Judge at the Sofia Appellate Court –
“Judicial Independence Under Pressure – Bulgarian Experience”.

5. **Lukasz Mrozekk**, Judge in the District Court for Downtown Warsaw – Senior specialist in the International Cooperation Department at the Polish School for the Judiciary and Public Prosecution in Krakow
“From Isolation to Interaction”

6. **Anna Madarasi**, Judge of the Metropolitan Court of Budapest and Co-chair of Res Iudicata Judicial Association
“The recent challenges in Hungary” .

7. **Iulia Craiu**, Judge in the Romanian High Court of Cassation and Justice – Secretary-General of MEDEL
“The situation of Justice in Romania”.

17.00 Discussion