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PROGRAMME

Annual conference **European Union Civil Service Law**

Luxembourg, 5-6 December 2024

Conference Venue:
Novotel Luxembourg Centre 4*
35 rue du Laboratoire – L-1911

Introduction

Course description

Since 2012, EIPA's European Centre for Judges and Lawyers (ECJL) in Luxembourg has held annual conferences on the theme 'European Union Civil Service Law'. These events have been a great success and attract the enthusiasm of many participants, including judges from the General Court, legal representatives of the European institutions, university professors and lawyers specialised in this field every year. In light of this, EIPA wishes to repeat the experience by organising the 14th Annual Conference. This will be an occasion to explore some of the recent developments in both substantive and procedural law.

The conference is geared towards civil servants and officials of the EU institutions, bodies and agencies who are responsible for legal aspects of human resources management; members of trade unions of the EU institutions; lawyers specialised in EU civil service litigation; national experts of civil service law; as well as officials of international, non-EU organisations who are responsible for staff matters.

What will you learn?

The programme of this year's conference will comment and discuss, inter alia, the following topics:

- Rights and obligations of civil servants and agents: update on recent case law;
- Overview of substantive EU civil service law developments;
- Recent developments in procedural EU civil service law;
- The rights and obligations of EU officials and Members of the institutions outside working hours;
- Pre-disciplinary and disciplinary proceedings;
- The claims for compensation
- Court settlements

Course methodology

The aim of the conference is twofold: first, to inform participants about recent developments in the case law of the General Court and to look in more detail at specific issues regarding civil service litigation in the EU, including those which are currently on the agenda; and secondly, to provide scope for a debate and a critical assessment of this case law among the key actors concerned, namely judges, lawyers and staff of the institutions.

Leading experts in the field (justice professionals, lawyers and legal counsellors, EU officials, etc) will analyse a series of contents proposed by the programme. Ample discussions session will feature in the programme to allow for questions and debate. Moreover, the social elements in the programme (meals, evening cocktail, etc) will be excellent opportunities for professional networking.

Target group

The target group comprises:

- Civil servants and officials of the EU institutions;
- Bodies and agencies who are responsible for legal aspects of human resources management;
- Members of trade unions of the EU institutions;
- Lawyers specialised in EU civil service litigation;
- National experts of civil service law as well as officials of international institutes;
- Non-EU entities responsible for human resources management.

Experts

Inga Reine, Judge, General Court, Court of Justice of the EU

Julian Currall, Barrister, Alber & Geiger, Brussels, former Principal Legal Adviser – Legal Service and Director of the ECS Team, European Commission, Brussels

Birgit Schaefer, Principal Manager, Legal matters, European Court of Auditors

Nathalie Rampal Olmedo, Head of Department, Staff Regulations and Support, Administration and Corporate Governance, European Medicines Agency

Thierry Bontinck and **Anaïs Guillerme**, Avocats in Brussels and Paris, Daldewolf

Laure Levi, Avocat at the Brussels Bar, Lallemand Legros & Joyn, lawyers, Scientific Associate at the Institute of European Studies of the University of Brussels

Anna Duron, Avocat at the Paris Bar, Ashurst

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Programme

Thursday 5 December 2024

- 14.00 **Welcome and introduction to the conference**
Juan Diego Ramírez-Cárdenas Díaz, EIPA Luxembourg – European Centre for Judges and Lawyers

GENERAL ASPECTS

- 14.15 **Rights and obligations of civil servants and agents: update on recent case law**
Inga Reine, Judge, General Court, Court of Justice of the EU
- 15.00 **Q & A**
- 15.15 **Coffee Break**
- 15.45 **Overview of substantive EU civil service law developments**
Julian Currall, Barrister, Alber & Geiger, Brussels, former Principal Legal Adviser – Legal Service and Director of the ECS Team, European Commission, Brussels
- 16.30 **Q & A**



16.45 **Recent developments in procedural EU civil service law**
Julian Currall

17.30 **Q & A**

17.45 End of the first day followed by a cocktail

Friday 6 December 2023

PARTICULAR ISSUES

09.00 **Being a civil servant 24 hours/day? The rights and obligations of EU officials and Members of the institutions outside working hours.**
Birgit Schaefer, Principal Manager, Legal matters, European Court of Auditors

09.45 **Q & A**

10.00 **Financial liability of EU officials and members of the EU Institutions: recent legal developments**
Nathalie Rampal-Olmedo, Head of Department, Staff Regulations and Support, Administration and Corporate Governance, European Medicines Agency

10.45 **Q & A**

11.00 Coffee Break

11.30 **Pre-disciplinary and disciplinary proceedings: key insights and practical recommendations**
Thierry Bontinck and Anaïs Guillerme, Avocats in Brussels and Paris, Daldewolf

12.30 **Q & A**

12.45 Lunch

14.00 **The claims for compensation: the EU judge and the role of compensation to guarantee the effectiveness of judgements in annulment cases of staff decisions**
Laure Levi, Avocat at the Brussels Bar, Lallemand Legros & Joyn, lawyers, Scientific Associate at the Institute of European Studies of the University of Brussels

14.45 **Q & A**

15.00 Coffee Break

15.30 **Court settlements in European Civil Service Law: key insights and considerations**
Anna Duron, Avocat at the Paris Bar, Ashurst

16.15 **Q & A**

16.30 **Final Conclusions and end of the conference**