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## INTRODUCTORY TRAINING

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

**Event organiser Association Pro Refugiu**

Days of the event: 6-7 March 2024

Location: Bucharest, Romania

Trainers: Elena Lazar, PhD Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Bucharest & Lawyer in the Bucharest Bar

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#### Day 1 (6 March 2024)

9.00 -9.30	Registration of participants
9.30 – 9.45	Welcome and introduction to the course
9.45 -10.15	Introduction to the rule of law (conceptual framework, meanings of terms and concepts)
10.15 -11.00	Principles of EU law and core EU legislative framework related to the rule of law (Charter, Treaties, etc.)
11.00 – 11.15	Questions & Answers
11.15-11.45	Coffee Break
11.45 – 13.00	The role of the European courts in upholding the rule of law CJEU competencies and procedures (references for preliminary rulings, direct actions)
13.00 -14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 14.45	CJEU case law (reference for preliminary rulings, direct actions) related to the rule of law
14.45 -15.00	Questions & Answers
15.00 – 15.30	The puissance of the infringement procedure in tackling rule of law backsliding (overview presentation of the procedure)
15.30 -15.45	Coffee Break
15.45 – 16.15	CJEU case law (infringement procedure) and case studies
16.15 -16.30	Questions & Answers
16.30 -17.00	CJEU ruling and non-implementation



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Day 2 (7 March 2024)

9.00 -9.30	Registration of participants
9.30 – 10.30	Practical guidance for lawyers concerning written and oral pleadings in the proceedings before the CJEU
10.30 -10.45	Questions & Answers
10.45 – 11.30	ECtHR competencies and procedures
11.30-11.45	Coffee Break
11.45-12.30	ECtHR case law relevant for the rule of law on fair trial and freedom of expression
12. 30 – 13.00	Non-enforcement and/or erroneous interpretation and application of ECtHR judgments
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 14.30	Practical guidance for lawyers concerning proceedings before the ECtHR
14.30 – 15.30	Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation (current situations, how lawyers can defend victims of SLAPP)-journalists and human rights defenders –particular issues
15.30 – 15.45	Questions & Answers
15.45 – 16.00	Coffee Break
16.00 – 17.00	Other particular challenges to the rule of law (e.g. corruption and conflict of interests, discrimination, violation of freedom of expression, etc.)
17.00	Concluding remarks (training evaluation questionnaire)



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