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## ADVANCED TRAINING

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

**Event organiser Association Pro Refugiu**

Days of the event: 13 – 14 March 2024

Location: Bucharest, Romania

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

Stefan Bogrea, Lawyer Bucharest Bar

#### Day 1 (13 March 2024)

9.00 -9.30	Registration of participants
9.30 – 9.45	Welcome and introduction to the course
9.45 – 10.15	Main threats to the rule of law from outside and from within the judiciary. Lawyers' role in upholding this fundamental EU value
10.15 – 10.45	The freedom of expression of lawyers within the context of the rule of law
10.45 -11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 12.00	ECtHR standards concerning freedom of expression of legal professionals and recent case law (ECtHR and CJEU)
12.00 – 12.15	Questions & Answers
12.15 – 13.00	Hypothetical case scenario (lawyers elaborate a defense strategy / case concerning freedom of expression, group exercise)
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 -14.45	Interactive discussion based on the group exercise
14.00 – 14.45	How to defend victims of SLAPPs -journalists and human rights defenders(practical tips for the defense strategy)
14.45 – 15.30	The role of lawyers in upholding the rights of vulnerable groups-minorities, disabled persons, elderly (access to justice as key issue in the promotion of the rule of law, current obstacles)
15.30 -16.00	Coffee break
16.00 -17.00	Case-law vulnerable groups

#### Day 2 (14 March 2024)

9.00 -9.30	Registration of participants
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9.30 -10.30	Rule of law and fair trial; the role played by lawyers
10.30 -11.15	Case law study on fair trial
11.15 -11.45	Coffee break
11.45 – 13.00	Non implementation of judgements of ECtHR -consequences
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 14.45	Non implementation of judgements of CJEU –consequences-infringement procedure
14.45 – 15.00	Questions & Answers
15.00 – 15.45	Rule of law framework to address systemic threats in EU-EU Commission procedure
15. 45-16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 17.00	Rule of law and exceptions to the rule of law-immunities and discretionary power
17.00	Final conclusions



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