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BUILDING OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN JUDICIAL CAPACITIES FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF EU STATE AID LAW

Overview

The *Institute of Legal Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences* is organising a training programme for Central and Eastern European judges (senior and junior judges, trainee judges, legal (judicial) advisors, judicial research staff) in EU State aid law.

The programme is financed by the European Commission, DG Competition. The financing priority is to improve the application and the enforcement of EU State aid rules in national courts after modernisation.

The core of the training programme is the two, two-day training events organised in Budapest. The training events will use blended and peer-learning techniques, encourage reflective learning by participants, and will place emphasis on cross-jurisdictional experience sharing and on developing cross-jurisdictional best practices and coping strategies. They will be moderated by leading State aid practitioners as well as expert staff from the organiser.

Participants are expected to take part in both training events.

The training events will cover substantive and procedural EU State aid law as it emerges in litigation before national courts, the law on the general and specific obligations of national courts under EU State aid law, and specific issues relating to remedies before national courts, such as interim relief and damages action. The events will aim to cover legal developments with relevance for Central and Eastern Europe as well as developments before national courts throughout Europe, especially in Central and Eastern Europe.

Participants will be provided access (online) to a general and to a training-specific electronic training material in EU State aid law.

The costs of participation will be covered by the organiser.

Essential information

Start of project: 1 February 2019

End of project: 31 January 2020

Training event 1: 30-31 May 2019

Training event 2: 26-27 September 2019

Organiser: *Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Centre for Social Sciences*, Budapest

Partner of the organiser: *Lexcellence Ltd.*, Budapest; *Baratta Law Firm*, Budapest

Project coordinator: Marton Varju, research chair in law, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Centre for Social Sciences, and senior legal advisor, the Kúria (the Hungarian Supreme Court), Budapest.

External experts:

- **Massimo Merola, Attorney in law, Bonelli Erede, and Professor of law and President of the Global Competition Law Centre, College of Europe, Bruges;**
- **Cees Dekker, Attorney in law, Nysingh Advocaten;**
- **Cristina Butacu, Romanian Competition Authority, Bucharest.**

Local training staff:

- Katalin Cseres, University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Law, and Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Centre for Social Sciences;
- Mónika Papp, ELTE Eötvös Lóránd University, Faculty of Law Budapest, and Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Centre for Social Sciences;
- Marton Varju, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Centre for Social Sciences;
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Participants: judges and judicial personnel from 11 EU jurisdictions.

The project covers **Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia.**

The training programme can accept 3 participants from each of the project Member States.

Eligibility to participate: judges (senior or junior), trainee judges, personnel involved in judicial work with a law degree (e.g., legal (judicial) advisors, judicial research staff).

Focus

The training programme aims to develop essential legal knowledge and skills in EU State aid law through reflective individual learning, practice-oriented large- and small-group training, which uses blended and peer-learning techniques, and the sharing of cross-jurisdictional experiences.

The first training event, and the preparation leading up to that event, will focus on legal developments in EU State aid law which pose a problem for judicial interpretation and decision-making for national judges.

The second training event, and the preparation leading up to that event, will focus on the law and its practice of the enforcement of EU State aid rules before national courts.

Upon completing the training programme, participants will be able:

- to identify problems which require the application of EU State aid law;
- to work with the legal interpretative environment of EU State aid rules and doctrine;
- to develop judicial reasoning in cases involving the application of EU State aid law;
- to identify the obligations of national courts under EU State aid law and act under those obligations;
- to develop an understanding of potential obstacles to the application and the enforcement of EU State aid law in substantive and procedural national law;
- to rely on the experience, best practices and coping strategies developed in other EU jurisdictions.

Areas of law

The training programme will cover both substantive and procedural EU State aid law. Particular attention will be paid to the law governing the enforcement of EU State aid law before national courts.

The major themes include:

- the applicability of EU State aid law;
- obstacles in national law to the application of EU State aid law;
- problems arising from EU State aid law for national judicial interpretation;
- decisional situations under EU State aid law;
- legal relief and remedies in EU and national law.

The specific topics include:

- notion of aid with a focus on recent developments;
- the role of national courts under the GBER;
- the role of national courts under the principle of effective judicial protection;
- State aid and public service compensation;
- provisional measures before national courts;
- key Central and Eastern European developments in EU State aid law.

Costs and details of participation

Travel and accommodation costs incurred in connection with participation at the training events are covered by the project budget.

Bookings (travel and accommodation) will be made by the project organiser.

Application

Please, apply by sending your CV to the project organiser, Marton Varju at varju.marton@tk.mta.hu.

In case the number of applications from a single project state exceeds the number of participants authorised by the Commission (3), the organiser reserves the right to select applicants on the basis of their previous experience or current position in the national judiciary.

Contact and queries

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