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8 NOVEMBER • 14:00 CET

the Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU, Rue Caroly 15, Brussels

Role of Lawyers and Bars in Enforcement of the Rule of Law and the Future of Professional Secrecy of Lawyers

- **13:20-14:00 registration**
- **14:00-14:10 welcome remarks**

Martin Šustr, Head of the Justice and Home Affairs Unit at the Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU

Monika Novotná, Vice-President of the Czech Bar Association

- **14:10-14:50 keynote speeches**

Pavel Blažek, Minister of Justice of the Czech Republic

Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Chair of the LIBE Committee of the European Parliament

Robert Němec, President of the Czech Bar Association

- **14:50-15:50 Round table debate on the Role of Lawyers and Bar associations in the Enforcement of the Rule of Law**

Moderator: Robert Němec, President of the Czech Bar Association

Panelists:

Álvaro de Elera, Member of the Cabinet of the Vice-President of the European Commission
Věra Jourová

James McGuill, President of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)

Florian Geyer, Head of the Justice Policy & Rule of Law Unit DG Justice, European Commission

Antonín Mokřý, Member of the Board of Directors of the Czech Bar Association, past President of the CCBE

- **15:50-16:30 discussion between panelists and the audience**

• **16:30-17:00 coffee break**

• **17:00-18:00 Round table debate on the Future of Professional Secrecy of Lawyers in connection with Surveillance activities, Data collection and Filtering mechanisms for Confidential communication**

Moderator: Jiří Novák, Chair of the IT Law Committee of the CCBE

Panelists:

Jan Passer, Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union

Simone Cuomo, Secretary-General of the CCBE

Petr Klement, European Prosecutor for Czechia at the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)

Holger Matt, Criminal lawyer, Professor at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University, Germany

Iain G. Mitchell KC, Advocate in Scotland, Barrister in England, leading expert on Surveillance Issues

Wouter van Ballegooij, Legal and Policy Officer in the General Criminal Law & Judicial Training Unit, DJ JUST / DJ for Justice and Consumers, European Commission

• **18:00-19:00 discussion between panelists and the audience**

• **19:00 closing remarks**

Robert Němec, President of the Czech Bar Association

• **19:10-21:00 glass of wine**

**Please register for physical participation until the 4 November at officebrussels@cak.cz
The event would be also live-streamed, participants could pose questions before or during the event via Slido.**