

SAFEGUARDING
THE RULE OF LAW IN
CHALLENGING TIMES

OVERVIEW

CEELI Talks is a podcast by the CEELI Institute, Prague, featuring conversations that advance the rule of law. This podcast series is part of the CEELI Institute's program with the Central and Eastern European Judicial Exchange Network. The Network, which has been going since 2012, is comprised of some of the best and brightest young judges, from eighteen countries, who gather regularly to share best practices on issues of judicial independence, integrity, accountability, and court management.

As international in-person meetings are likely to be limited for some time to come, the podcast series ensures that the Network can continue to meet its mandate to improve judicial integrity and court efficiency in Central and Eastern Europe, despite the global lockdowns resulting from the coronavirus pandemic. This series complements our webinar series aimed at the judiciary, but which is available to anyone who wants to know more about the role of the judiciary and how it functions.

EPISODE 1

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The judiciary has a key role to play in protecting the rule of law at all times, and that role is even more important in light of the introduction of far-reaching emergency legislation in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. What is the role of the judiciary in ensuring emergency legislation does not impinge on the rights of the citizen? How can the judiciary ensure that domestic safeguards are upheld and international standards are followed? To what extent should the judiciary be consulted in the development of measures that affect the courts? And how can judges and civil society continue to support each other during the crisis?

1. Interview with Judge José Igreja Matos, the EAJ's response to COVID-19, the importance of the rule of law, and the role of the judiciary in protecting it during these unprecedented times.



JUDGE JOSÉ IGREJA MATOS, President, European Association of Judges; Vice-President, International Association of Judges, Portugal

2. Interview with Dr. Jan Grinc, on Czech court decisions challenging emergency measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Dr. JAN GRINC, Charles University, Prague

3. Report by Judge Katica Artuković, on the working life of the judiciary in BiH during the pandemic and the safety measures necessary to ensure access to justice and ongoing protection to all court personnel.



JUDGE KATICA ARTUKOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina

4. Spotlight on the Brijuni Statement on Judicial Independence

UPCOMING EPISODES

This series can be downloaded from the CEELI Institute at ceeliinstitute.org and the first episode will be available from Tuesday, June 9, 2020. It will be also be available on iTunes in late June 2020. For further enquiries contact freda.grealy@ceeli.eu.

EPISODE 2 (COMING SOON)

MAINTAINING ACCESS TO JUSTICE PART 1:
CRIMINAL COURTS

EPISODE 3 (COMING SOON)

MAINTAINING ACCESS TO JUSTICE PART 2:
ADMINISTRATIVE AND CIVIL COURTS

EPISODE 4 (COMING SOON)

MOVING FORWARD AFTER THE CRISIS