

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 2

MAINTAINING ACCESS TO JUSTICE – PART 1: CRIMINAL COURTS

This episode will discuss how the wheels of justice can continue to operate and serve the people during the global health crisis. It is vital that courts are kept open and that access to justice is maintained, but protecting the health of the community has challenged the usual order of business. What are the core functions that the judiciary needs to deliver to deal with urgent issues despite the pandemic? What critical decisions and urgent matters must be addressed? Who in society may be disproportionately affected by the emergency? What are the opportunities and limitations of the increased use of videoconferencing in the courts?

1. Interview with The Right Honourable Lord Justice Bernard McCloskey, on the opportunities and pitfalls of conducting hearings by videoconference, and the evolving role of the judiciary.

2. Interview with Ilze Tralmaka, on her organization's work to protect fair trial rights during the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. Spotlight on the CEELI Judicial Exchange Network and its bi-weekly Webinar Roundtable Discussion Series



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UPCOMING EPISODES

This series can be downloaded from the CEELI Institute at ceeliinstitute.org and the second episode will be available from Tuesday, June 16, 2020. It will be also be available on iTunes in late June 2020. For further enquiries contact freda.grealy@ceeli.eu.

EPISODE 1 (AVAILABLE NOW)

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EPISODE 3 (COMING SOON)

MAINTAINING ACCESS TO JUSTICE PART 2:
ADMINISTRATIVE AND CIVIL COURTS

EPISODE 4 (COMING SOON)

MOVING FORWARD AFTER THE CRISIS