

## 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 3

## MAINTAINING ACCESS TO JUSTICE – PART 2: ADMINISTRATIVE AND CIVIL COURTS

Because the stakes are so high, access to justice is often considered within the context of criminal law. However, many people come into contact with the justice system to resolve non-criminal disputes. This episode will look at the role of administrative and civil courts in the pandemic crisis. What is the role of the administrative courts in holding governments to account? How can civil and administrative courts ensure their functions continue during a state of emergency? How can they support people who may be disproportionately affected by the emergency? What critical decisions and urgent matters must be addressed? Are caseloads being delayed, and if so, to what long term effect?

**1. Interview with Judge Edith Zeller,** on the work of the Association of European Administrative Judges and the role and work of administrative judges during the pandemic.

**2. Interview with Judge Domagoj Frntić,** on the role and work of civil judges during the pandemic.

**3. Report by Matt Pollard,** on jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights related to fair trials and videoconferencing.

**4. Spotlight on the Judicial Manual on Independence, Impartiality and Integrity of Justice,** a project of the Central and Eastern European Judicial Exchange Network



**JUDGE EDITH ZELLER**  
President of the Association  
of European Administrative Judges  
Regional Administrative Court  
Vienna, Austria



**JUDGE DOMAGOJ FRNTIĆ**  
Zagreb, Croatia



**MATT POLLARD**  
International Commission of  
Jurists – Senior Legal Adviser,  
UN Representative, Centre for  
the Independence of Judges and  
Lawyers. Geneva, Switzerland

### UPCOMING EPISODES

This series can be downloaded from the CEELI Institute at [ceeliinstitute.org](http://ceeliinstitute.org) and the third episode will be available from Tuesday, June 23, 2020. It will be also be available on iTunes in late June 2020. For further enquiries contact [freda.grealy@ceeli.eu](mailto:freda.grealy@ceeli.eu).

#### EPISODE 1 (AVAILABLE NOW)

SAFEGUARDING THE RULE OF LAW  
IN CHALLENGING TIMES

#### EPISODE 2 (AVAILABLE NOW)

MAINTAINING ACCESS TO JUSTICE – PART 1:  
CRIMINAL COURTS

#### EPISODE 4 (COMING SOON)

MOVING FORWARD AFTER THE CRISIS