



FINAL PROGRAMME

European Justice Stakeholders Forum (EJSF www.ejsf.eu)

3rd annual plenary on the theme

'Upholding the EU values in Article 2 TEU* - What are they? Why are they important? How can we (the EU justice sector) protect and communicate them to EU citizens?'

Kindly hosted by Mr Arno METZLER, President Group III, EESC

Tuesday 6 November 2018, 08h30 – 10h30, Room JDE 63,

European Economic & Social Committee (EESC), Brussels

[Rue Belliard 99-101, B-1040 Brussels](#)

08.30 Registration of participants, welcome coffee/tea & croissants

09.00 Opening and welcome speech: **Mr. Arno Metzler, President Group III, EESC, Member of the German Bar**

09.05 Keynote speech: **MEP Heidi Hautala, Vice-President, European Parliament**

09.15 Keynote speech: **Mr Emmanuel Crabit, Director, European Commission – Fundamental rights and the rule of law**

09.25 Panel discussion moderated and introduced by **Mr Eric Deltour, Dechert**

Impulse statements will be made by the following speakers:

- Mr Gabriel Toggenburg, [Fundamental Rights Agency](#), Vienna
- Mr José-Antonio Moreno-Díaz, Member of the EESC, President of the [EESC's Study Group](#) on Fundamental Rights and the Rule of Law
- Mr Vivien Whyte, President, [European Union of Rechtspfleger](#)
- Ms Monique van der Goes, [European Network of Councils for the Judiciary](#) (ENCJ)
- Mr Philip Buisseret, Secretary-General, European Bars/European Lawyers ([CCBE](#))
- Ms Natacha Kazatchkine, Head of EU internal policy team, [Open Society European Policy Institute](#)
- Mr Arno Metzler, President Group III (Diversity Europe), EESC, Member of the German Bar

10.05 Discussion and Q&As - open to the floor

10.25 Summing up and closing of the meeting: Mr Arno Metzler, President, Group III (Diversity Europe), EESC



*** Article 2 Treaty on the European Union**

“The Union is founded on the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. These values are common to the Member States in a society in which pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between women and men prevail.”

About the EJSF:

The European Justice Stakeholders Forum (EJSF) is a high-level forum for discussion and engagement between legal practitioners (lawyers, notaries, legal counsel)- and EU law and policymakers (mainly EU institutions) on major challenges facing EU citizens, the justice sector, legal profession and the rule of law. The EJSF is funded by private sector on the basis of an annual ‘Partner’ fee.

The forum was launched at a high-level event – the [1st annual EJSF plenary](#) – in February 2016 in the EESC. High-level participants included the European Commissioner for Justice, Vera Jourova and the Chair of the European Parliament’s legal affairs committee, Pavel Svoboda.

The overall goal of the EJSF is **effective law and justice for Europe in a global context**. With this in mind, we facilitate engagement and relationship building between Europe’s legal practitioners (as those closest to citizens), and the EU institutions and related bodies, to explore issues, raise awareness of new challenges, identify possible solutions in ways that enhance law and policy making, protect citizens and uphold the rule of law in Europe.