

THE SITUATION OF THE RULE OF LAW IN THE EU

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Thursday, 12 December 2024

09:30-09:45 **Opening and keynote speech by:**

- **Javier ZARZALEJOS**, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)

09:45-10:20 **Session I - Exchange of views on the situation of the Rule of Law in 2024 - how to enhance Union Values in the Democracy Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights (DRF) mechanism**

- **Michael McGRATH**, Commissioner for Democracy, Justice and the Rule of Law, European Commission
- **Claire BAZY MALAURIE**, President of the Venice Commission
- **Laurent PECH**, Academic expert
- **Michael FARRUGIA**, Member of the Maltese House of Representatives
- **Boris DITTRICH**, Member of the Dutch Senate

10:20-11:15 **Question and Answer session**

11:15-11:50 **Session II - Checks and balances as pillars of the Rule of Law - how civil society organisations can contribute to this pillar of the Rule of Law**

- **Gabriel TOGGENBURG**, Head of Human Rights Structures and Mechanisms Sector, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- **Michael HAMILTON**, Legal Adviser, Amnesty International
- **Sylwia GREGORCZYK-ABRAM**, Co-Founder, Free Courts Civic Initiative
- **András LÉDERER**, Head of Advocacy, Hungarian Helsinki Committee
- **Andreas Arthur SPANRING**, Member of the Federal Council of Austria
- **Gabriela MORAWSKA-STANECKA**, Member of the Polish Senate

11:50-12:25 **Question and Answer session**

12:25-12:30 **Closing remarks by LIBE Chair**

12:30-13:30 **Lunch**

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