



## EUROPEAN CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW

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EXCELLENCE IN  
**EUROPEAN LAW**<sup>1</sup>

### Speakers

**Nebojsa Djuričić**

Judge, Higher Court, Belgrade

**Candida Leone**

Associate Professor, University of Amsterdam

**Špelca Mežnar**

Judge, Constitutional Court of Slovenia

**Kristin Nemeth**

Assistant Professor, University of Innsbruck

### Key topics

- EU legal framework on consumer protection
- Consumer contracts: information duties, right of withdrawal and unfair contract terms
- Landmark CJEU case law
- Consumer protection and the role of the Serbian judiciary

#### Languages

English and Serbian  
*simultaneous interpretation*

Event number  
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#### Organisers

The Academy of European Law – ERA (Anastasia Patta) in cooperation with the Serbian Judicial Academy



## Tuesday, 24 September 2024

09:00 Arrival and registration of participants

09:15 **Welcome and introduction to the programme**

*Marija Milaković, Head of Department, Serbian Judicial Academy*  
*Anastasia Patta, Senior Lawyer, Academy of European Law*

Speaker: *Špelca Mežnar*

09:30 **Setting the scene: the current legal framework of European consumer law**

- The notion of consumer
- Plurality of instruments: an introduction
- Role of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) and of the national courts in the interpretation and application of consumer law

10:30 Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

Speaker: *Kristin Nemeth*

11:00 **The Consumer Rights Directive**

- Scope of application
- Key provisions: pre-contractual information and the right of withdrawal

12:00 Discussion

12:15 **WORKSHOP: Practical cases in consumer contracts**

Working in groups

13:00 Lunch

13:45 **WORKSHOP: Practical cases in consumer contracts (cont'd)**

Plenary discussion of the results

Speaker: *Candida Leone*

14:15 **Unfair terms in consumer contracts**

- The *ex officio* application of the Unfair Contract Terms Directive
- Landmark CJEU case law

15:15 Discussion

15:30 Coffee break

Speaker: *Nebojsa Djuričić*

15:45 **Overview of the role and practice of Serbian national courts in consumer law matters**

16:30 Discussion

16:45 End of the seminar

## Objective

The seminar will provide an introduction to the existing EU consumer acquis. A special focus will be given to consumer contracts by analysing the relevant EU legislation and recent case law of the CJEU. Participants will be able to deepen their knowledge through discussions and a practical workshop.

## Who should attend?

Judges and lawyers in private practice from Serbia (tailor-made event).

## Venue

Serbian Judicial Academy  
Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research  
Gracanicka 18, Belgrade

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