

# Countering SLAPP cases in the Central and Eastern Europe region

9–10 September 2024

Villa Grébovka, Prague, Czech Republic

The CEELI Institute is delighted to invite judges and lawyers from **Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia** to join a workshop in English on Countering SLAPP cases in Central and Eastern Europe on 9-10 September 2024.

We aim to provide participants with an overview of the European and national legal framework mechanisms addressing SLAPP cases, as well as the new anti-SLAPP directive providing courts and targets of SLAPP cases with the tools to fight back against manifestly unfounded or abusive court proceedings, and the Council of Europe recommendations CM/Rec(2024)2 on countering SLAPP cases. The training will improve the knowledge and skills of judges and lawyers to effectively deal with these court proceedings.

## COURSE DETAILED STRUCTURE

The training will cover the following topics:

- An overview of the European and National legal framework mechanisms addressing cases of SLAPP.
  - The EU anti-SLAPP directive, which provides courts and targets of SLAPPs with the tools to fight back against manifestly unfounded or abusive court proceedings, and its main elements (early dismissal of a manifestly unfounded court proceedings, procedural costs, compensation of damages, dissuasive penalties, and protection against third country judgments).
  - The Council of Europe recommendations CM/Rec(2024)2 on countering SLAPP cases.
  - The practical steps that judges and lawyers should take to counter SLAPPs.
- Relevant aspects of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the European Convention on Human Rights. It will include practical guidance on how to apply Union law, national case law, the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union, and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights on ascertaining that restrictions to the exercise of the freedom of expression meet the requirements provided for, respectively, by Article 52 of the Charter and by Article 10(2) of the European Convention on Human Rights as well as on the articulation of freedom of expression and information, and with other fundamental rights.

The course will conclude with the awarding of Certificates of Completion to all those attending the program.



## FACULTY



### Giulia Lucchese

Secretary to the Expert Committee on Strategic Lawsuits against Public Participation, Media and Internet Governance Division, Council of Europe



### Susan Coughtrie

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## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Judges and lawyers from the following eight countries: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia.

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please complete this [online application form](#) by **4 August 2024**.

## COSTS

The CEELI Institute will cover travel costs, transfers, accommodation, meals, and additional logistics during your stay in Prague.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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