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Ministry of Justice Sweden

*Division for Procedural Law and Court
Issues*

Draft programme - Workshop 2 "Procedural rights for suspects and defendants in Criminal Proceedings in the European Union"

2.00 p.m. **Welcome address and introduction**
*Chair: Mr. Hans G Nilsson, Minister at the
Swedish Permanent Representation to the EU*
*Presentation of the topic and the
working method of the workshop*

*- How do we enhance procedural safeguards for
suspects and defendants and how can mutual trust
in
achieved?*

Session 1

2.10 p.m. **The level of protection of Procedural Rights
in the Member States**
*Presentation of preliminary results of the updating
study "Procedural Rights in the European Union"
and the project "Effective Criminal Defence Rights
in Europe"*
Professor Taru Spronken, University of Maastricht

*- Are there common values and common problems
regarding procedural rights in the Member States?
- To what extent are procedural rights observed in
criminal proceedings throughout the European
Union?*

2.50 p.m.

A view from the Commission

*Caroline Morgan, European Commission
DG Justice, Freedom and Security
Criminal Justice Unit*

- What role does procedural rights play in order to enhance the principle of mutual recognition?*
- How can legislation and practical measures interact in order to give added value to this area?*
- How can we ensure more interpreters and translators and higher quality of the interpretation and translation?*
- How can we use modern technology, such as video conference and the e-justice portal, in order to improve procedural rights?*

3.30-4.00 p.m.

Coffee break

Session 2

4.00 p.m.

The relationship between EU action and the European Convention on Human Rights

*Jörg Polakiewicz
Head of Human Rights Law and Policy Division
Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs
Council of Europe*

- How can we ensure compatibility between EU action and the ECHR?*
- Where lies the added value in EU action in relation to the ECHR?*

4.40 p.m.

The future of procedural rights in Europe

*Holger Matt
Chair of European Criminal Bar Association*

- How do we improve the individual's trust in the fairness of criminal proceedings?*

– What challenges does a practitioner face at the national and the European level?

Closing

5.20 p.m.

Concluding remarks

The chair and the panellists

5.30 p.m.

End of the workshop