
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 the fairness of the criminal proceedings be 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