

ANTI-SLAPP CONFERENCE

Insights into Upcoming Regulations: an Outlook from Europe and Poland

WARSAW

25 - 26 APRIL 2024

LOCATION Agora S.A. ul. Czerska 8/10 . Warsaw

The event seeks to examine European and Polish regulations and legislative initiatives against Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP), identify potential approaches in line with the current state of the law in Europe and Poland, and reach conclusions for work on future legislation. The event envisages the participation of journalists, specialists from the media and press environment, non-governmental organizations and civil society representatives, policymakers, lawyers and academics.

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PROGRAMME

DAY 1 (25TH APRIL)

The discussion will be held in English with Polish interpretation

08:30 – 09:00

REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

09:00 – 09:15

OPENING CEREMONY

- Welcome Address by Event Organizers
- Brief Overview of the Conference Objectives and Schedule

9:15 – 10:00

OPENING REMARKS

1. **David Kaye**, Professor of Law at the University of California, Irvine and former UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression
2. **Zuzanna Rudzińska-Bluszcz**, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Justice of Poland
3. **Viola Von Crammon** Member of the European Parliament
(RECORDED INTERVENTION)
4. **Irena Guidikova**, Head of the Democratic Institutions and Freedoms Department, Council of Europe

10:00 – 11:30

PANEL 1 SLAPPS IN EUROPE – SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM AND CASE STUDIES

1. **Matthew Caruana Galizia**, The Daphne Caruana Galizia Foundation
2. **Stevan Dojčinović**, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP)
3. **Rade Djuric**, Independent Journalists' Association of Serbia (NUNS)
4. **Janos Mecs**, Hungarian Civil Liberties Union

Moderator **Aleksandra Gliszczyńska-Grabias**, Polish Academy of Science

11:30 – 11:45

COFFEE BREAK

11:45 – 12:45

PANEL 2 SLAPP UNDER EUROPEAN REGULATIONS – ANALYSING EUROPEAN UNION AND COUNCIL OF EUROPE REGULATIONS ON SLAPPS

1. **Flutura Kusari**, European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF)
2. **Maja Sever**, European Federation of Journalists (EFJ)
3. **Irena Guidikova**, Council of Europe

Moderator: **Anna Wójcik**, The Wiktor Osiatyński Archive

12:45 – 13:45

LUNCH AND NETWORKING BREAK

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PANEL 3 COUNTRY INITIATIVES AND DRAFT REGULATION PROPOSALS

1. Susan Coughtrie, UK anti-SLAPP coalition
2. Mari Kapanadze, Georgian Democracy Initiative
3. Paulina Milewska, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights
4. Indrė Makaraitytė, LRT

Moderator: Joanna Szymańska, ARTICLE 19 Europe

15:15 – 16:45

PANEL 4 MARKET REGULATIONS IN EUROPE WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON POLAND – A DISCUSSION ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY SELECTED REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

The discussion will be held in Polish with English interpretation

1. Tadeusz Kowalski, Polish Broadcasting Council member
2. Marek Frąckowiak, Izba Wydawców Prasy
3. Michał Samul, TVN Discovery
4. Aleksander Kutela, Ringier Axel Springer Polska
5. Bartosz Hojka, Agora

Moderator Agnieszka Wiercińska-Krużewska WKB Lawyers

16:45-17:00

COFFEE BREAK

17:00 – 18:30

PANEL 5 NON-LEGAL INSTRUMENTS FOR COUNTERING SLAPPS: TRAINING, ADVOCACY, FINANCIAL SUPPORT, AND JOURNALISTIC ASSOCIATIONS' INITIATIVES

1. Charlie Holt, Coalition Against SLAPPs in Europe (CASE)
2. Marcin Mrowicki, Ministry of Justice, Warsaw University
3. Karolina Gierdal Attorney at Law, PatFOX Initiative
4. Simone Benazzo, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Centre of Study of Politics

Moderator: Patrycja Maciejewicz, Gazeta Wyborcza

18:30 – 19:00

CLOSING REMARKS FOR THE DAY

- Summary of Key Points Discussed
- Preview of Day 2's Schedule

19:00

RECEPTION

PROGRAMME

DAY 2 (26TH APRIL)

The Discussion will be held in Polish with English interpretation

08:30 – 09:00

REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

09:00 – 09:15

OPENING REMARKS FOR DAY 2

- Overview of the Previous Day
- Introduction to Day 2's Agenda

9:15 – 10:30

PANEL 6 SLAPPS IN POLAND IN PRACTICE – CASE STUDIES, TESTIMONIES AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCING SLAPPS FROM PUBLIC RESOURCES

1. Wojciech Cieśla, Fundacja Reporterów
2. Agnieszka Jędrzejczyk, OKO.press
3. Roman Imielski, Gazeta Wyborcza
4. Brygida Grysiak, TVN Discovery

Moderator: **Marzena Błaszczuk**, Citizens Network Watchdog Poland

10:30–10:45

COFFEE BREAK

10:45–12:15

PANEL 7 LOCAL SLAPP CASES AND TESTIMONIES

1. Andrzej Andrysiak, Association of Local Newspapers
2. Rafał Remont, szczeciner.pl
3. Łukasz Religa, Portal Kujawski
4. Jarosław Mazanek, Gazeta Myszkowska

Moderator: **Paula Skalnicka**, Gazeta Wyborcza

12:15 – 13:15

LUNCH AND NETWORKING BREAK

13:15 – 15:00

PANEL 8 SLAPPS UNDER POLISH REGULATIONS: PRACTICE OF NATIONAL COURTS AND EXISTING LEGAL INSTRUMENTS FOR PROTECTING PUBLIC DEBATE

1. Krzysztof Pluta, Attorney at Law
2. Zuzanna Nowicka, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights
3. Joanna Szymańska, ARTICLE 19 Europe
4. Piotr Rogowski, Attorney at Law
5. Jakub Kudła, Attorney at Law

Moderator: **Dominika Sitnicka**, OKO.press

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15:00 – 15:30

COFFEE BREAK

15:30 – 17:00

PANEL 9 PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING THE EU DIRECTIVE IN POLAND

1. Adam Bodnar, Minister of Justice, Poland
2. Konrad Siemaszko, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights
3. Paweł Czajkowski, Agora

Moderator: Dominika Bychawska-Siniarska, Prague Civil Society Center

17:00–18:00

CLOSING REMARKS FROM SPEAKERS FROM THE PANEL 9

- Summary of Key Insights and Discussions
- Acknowledgment of Participants and Speakers
- Announcement of Next Steps or Initiatives



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