



Legal Conference on the World Human Rights Day

10 December 2021

Venue: "Zenon Kitieus" Hall, Filoxenia Conference Centre

Time: 15.00 – 18.30

CONCEPT

On the occasion of the World Human Rights Day, the Human Rights Committee and the European and International Law Committee of the Cyprus Bar Association in cooperation with the Council of Europe are co-organizing a Conference for lawyers which will deal with two important legal topics. The first one is the right to a healthy environment, and the second topic is euthanasia.

The event is held under the auspices of the President of the House of Representatives, Ms. Annita Demetriou.

The Conference will include two panels with distinguished speakers from Cyprus and abroad. In particular, current and former judges of the European Court of Human Rights will honour the event with their presence.

During the Conference, the national and European legal framework regarding the two topics will be discussed, as well as the relevant evolving case-law of the European Court of Human Rights. After the presentations of each panel, discussion and exchange of views between the speakers and the participants will be enabled.

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PROGRAMME

14.45 -15.00 Registration and coffee

SESSION A

Moderator: Achilleas Demetriades, *President of Human Rights Committee of the Cyprus Bar Association*

WELCOMING ADDRESSES

- 15.00 – 15.20**
- Annita Demetriou, *President of the House of Representatives*
 - Maria Stylianiou Lottide, *Commissioner for Administration and the Protection of Human Rights*
 - Louiza Christodoulidou Zannetou, *Law Commissioner*
 - Tigran Karapetyan, *Head of Division, Transversal Challenges and Multilateral Projects Task Force, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe*
 - Irene Charalambidou, *Committee on Human Rights and on Equal Opportunities for Men and Women*
 - Christos Clerides, *President of the Cyprus Bar Association*

THE RIGHT TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

15.20 - 16.35

Environment protection and the ECHR

- Georgios Serghides, *Judge of the European Court of Human Rights*
(10 minutes)

Strasbourg's environmental activism

- Ioannis Ktistakis, *Judge of the European Court of Human Rights*
(15 minutes)

Climate change litigation: the perspective of national courts

- Charikleia Vlachou, *Lecturer in Energy Law at the University of Cyprus*
(15 minutes)

Justice and Jurisprudence in the Convergence of Energy, Environmental, and Climate Law

- Odysseas Christou, *Assistant Professor of Government, International Law and International Relations at the University of Nicosia (15 minutes)*

Discussion (questions and answers) (15 minutes)

Closing Remarks by Moderator (5 minutes)

16.35 – 16.45

HELP Online Courses on Human Rights and Environment, and Bioethics

- Eva Pastrana, *Head of Justice and Human Rights Training Division, Council of Europe (10 minutes)*

SESSION B

EUTHANASIA: LEGAL ASPECTS

Moderator: Nicolas Ioannides, *President of the European and International Law Committee of the Cyprus Bar Association*

16.45 – 18.00

Death & Dying in the 21st Century

- Constantinos Phellas, *President of the Cyprus National Bioethics Committee (10 minutes)*

Euthanasia, within the legal framework of the European Convention on Human Rights

- Paul Lemmens, *Former Judge of the European Court of Human Rights (15 minutes)*

The Law on the Safeguarding and Protection of Patients' Rights (Law 1 (I) / 2005)

- Zoe Kyriakidou, *Lawyer of the Law Office of the Republic, Member of the Cyprus National Bioethics Committee (15 minutes)*

Euthanasia under the prism of patient autonomy

- Aristoteles Constantinides, *Associate Professor of International Law and Human Rights at the University of Cyprus (15 minutes)*

Discussion (questions and answers) (15 minutes)

Closing Remarks by Moderator (5 minutes)

18.00 -18.30

Cocktail

Notes:-

- *The Conference will be held with simultaneous interpretation from Greek to English and vice versa.*
- *The Conference will be filmed/recorded. The image of those who attend the event can be given to the media or uploaded on the internet. By attending the event, the participants automatically grant the organizers the right to use the photos / videos that will be taken during the filming/recording.*
- *Prerequisite for entry is the presentation of a safe pass. All health protocols and protection measures against COVID-19 will be observed during the Conference.*