

# A judgment from Strasbourg is not the end!

## A multi-stakeholder workshop on implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

Marzyciele i Rzemieślnicy, Bracka 25 Street, Warsaw

Tuesday, 5 November 2019

### WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

09.30 – 10.00 Reception and registration

#### Kick-off: The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) in Poland

10.00 – 10.30 **Welcoming remarks: Making judgments lead to justice**

Dominika Bychawska-Siniarska, HFHR and EIN Board member

Anne-Katrin Speck, EIN Co-Director

Organisation and objectives of the workshop

#### Keynote speech

10.30 – 11.15 **Strasbourg Court judgments: A key to upholding fundamental values of Europe**

Professor András Sajó, Central European University, former Judge at the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Hungary (2008-2017)

#### Session 1: Advancing implementation domestically and through the Council of Europe

11.15 – 12.45 **The Committee of Ministers' execution process and effective ways to engage in it**

- **Domestic advocacy for judgment implementation: A joint endeavour**

Adam Bodnar, Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of Poland

- **Strasbourg advocacy for judgment implementation: A Council of Europe perspective**

Szymon Janczarek, Legal Officer, Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (DEJ), Council of Europe

Chair: Anne-Katrin Speck, EIN Co-Director

12.45 – 13.45 **Lunch**

## Session 2: Forming multi-stakeholder alliances to promote the implementation of ECtHR judgments

### 13.45 – 15.45 Break-out groups: Making tangible progress – devising an ‘implementation plan’

Instructions: Anne-Katrin Speck, EIN Co-Director

- **Group 1: Politicians (MPs)**

Facilitators: Andrew Drzemczewski, former Head of the Legal Affairs and Human Rights Department of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe  
Marcin Wolny, Lawyer, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (HFHR)

- **Group 2: Judges and prosecutors**

Facilitators: Szymon Janczarek, Legal Officer, DEJ  
Marcin Szwed, Lawyer within the Strategic Litigation Programme, HFHR

- **Group 3: Activists**

Facilitators: Anne-Katrin Speck and George Stafford, EIN Co-Directors  
Maciej Nowicki, Vice-Chairman of the HFHR

- **Group 4: Journalists**

Facilitators: Dominika Bychawska-Siniarska, HFHR and EIN Board member, Director of the HFHR’s project *Observatory of Media Freedom in Poland*  
Konrad Siemaszko, Lawyer, HFHR

- **Group 5: Lawyers**

Facilitators: Katarzyna Wiśniewska, Head of the Strategic Litigation Programme, HFHR  
Maria Radziejowska, Advocate at Pietrzak Sidor & Partners, Warsaw

### 15.45 – 16.15 Sharing lessons learned: Outcome of break-out sessions

Chair: John Dorber, Advocacy Consultant, Open Society Justice Initiative (OSJI)

### 16.15 – 16.30 Closing remarks by Dominika Bychawska-Siniarska, HFHR and EIN Board member

## Public debate

### 17.00 – 19.00 A Strasbourg Court judgment is not the end! How to improve the implementation of ECtHR judgments in Poland?

Speakers:

- Jan Sobczak, Polish Government Agent before the ECtHR, Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Poland’s implementation of ECtHR judgments
- Prof. Ewa Łętowska, former Ombudsman, judge at the Supreme Administrative Court and the Constitutional Tribunal: The role of constitutional bodies in promoting ECtHR judgments
- Katarzyna Wiśniewska, HFHR: Pressing implementation issues in Poland
- Andrew Drzemczewski, former Head of the Legal Affairs and Human Rights Department of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe: Engagement of national parliaments
- George Stafford, EIN: Possibilities of advocacy at the CoE and domestic level

Moderator: Dominika Bychawska-Siniarska, HFHR and EIN Board member

The debate will be preceded by a reception as of 16.30.