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-Sienarska, 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-Sienarska, 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-Sienarska, HFHR and EIN Board member
The debate will be preceded by a reception as of 16.30.