



**FRA-CCBE webinar  
on  
the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and related materials for learning**

**24 November 2021  
11:00-13:00**

**Programme**

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<b>11:00-11:15</b>	<b>Welcome by Michael O’Flaherty, FRA Director (tbc) Welcome by Margarete von Galen, CCBE President</b>
<b>11:15-11:50</b>	<b>An introduction to the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and its use at national level</b> Gabriel Toggenburg, Policy Coordinator - EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, Institutional Cooperation & Networks
<b>11:50-12:10</b>	<b>Q&amp;A and interactive discussion</b>
<b>12:10-12:30</b>	<b>Presentation of FRA materials, database and e-learning courses on the Charter</b> Gabriel Toggenburg Sandra Aigner-Accardo, Programme Officer, Technical Assistance & Capacity Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Charterpedia</li><li>• Handbooks</li><li>• Charter e-guidance</li><li>• Charter e-Case Studies</li></ul>
<b>12:30-13:00</b>	<b>Q&amp;A and interactive discussion</b>

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## **The EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)**

The mandate of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) is to help safeguard the rights, values and freedoms enshrined in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights (the Charter). FRA does this by:

- collecting and analysing law and data
- providing independent, evidence-based advice on rights
- identifying trends by collecting and analysing comparable data
- helping better law making and implementation
- supporting rights-compliant policy responses
- strengthening cooperation and ties between fundamental rights actors.

FRA provides support and expertise on the Charter at different governance levels by delivering a series of relevant products.

## **The Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)**

The Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) represents the bars and law societies of 45 countries, and through them more than 1 million European lawyers. The CCBE also acts as a consultative and intermediary body between its members and between the members and the institutions of the European Union on cross-border matters of mutual interest.

The regulation of the profession, the defence of the rule of law, human rights and democratic values are the most important missions of the CCBE. Several areas of special concern to the CCBE include access to justice, the development of the rule of law, and the protection of clients through the promotion and defence of the core values of the profession.

The Training committee of the CCBE monitors and analyses the policy issues, challenges, developments on national and EU level in the field of European judicial training of lawyers and professional qualification.

## **Background**

### **The European Commission's Strategy to strengthen the application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in the EU**

On 2 December 2020, the European Commission launched its '[Strategy to strengthen the application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in the EU](#)'. The strategy puts increased

focus on the Charter's application in the Member States and on the role of national actors in making the Charter effective in people's lives. The strategy emphasises the key role of actors such as the judiciary and legal practitioners.

### **The European Commission's European Judicial Training strategy for 2021-2024**

On 2 December 2020, the Commission also launched the [European Judicial Training Strategy for 2021-2024](#) aiming at promoting a common European judicial culture, based on the rule of law, fundamental rights and mutual trust.

The FRA is committed to support the implementation of this strategy as part of its stakeholder cooperation and capacity-building activities.

The CCBE welcomed the European Judicial Training strategy for 2021-2024 and expressed its full support to the need to update and develop the professional knowledge and skills of lawyers and other legal professionals on a regular basis in order to ensure and improve the quality of justice across Europe. The [CCBE comments on the European Judicial Training Strategy](#) were adopted on 26 March 2021.