



# PROTECTION OF ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS IN THE EU

Marbella, 3-4 October 2024



EXCELLENCE IN  
**EUROPEAN LAW**<sup>7</sup>

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## Key topics

- The European legal framework
- The case law of the ECtHR
- The role of the prosecution
- The situation in practice in selected EU Member States, especially regarding attorney-client communication
- Procedural protection for lawyers
- Internal investigations of companies
- Ideas for joint principles
- The need for minimum standards in the EU?

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Cornelia Riehle (ERA) in cooperation  
with Salvador Guerrero Palomares

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## Thursday, 3 October 2024

09:00 Arrival and registration of participants

09:30 **Welcome and introduction to the programme**  
*María Ángeles Muñoz Uriol (Mayor Marbella) & Cornelia Riehle*

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### I. The European legal framework

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*Chair: Salvador Guerrero Palomares*

09:45 **Cornerstones based on the European Convention of Human Rights**  
This presentation will demonstrate the development of the jurisprudence of the ECtHR including the most recent case law.  
*Iain Mitchell*

10:30 Discussion

10:45 Break

11:15 **Relevant principles for future legislation**  
This presentation will illustrate the different practices in the EU Member States and analyse the need of EU minimum standards based on Article 82 TFEU.  
*Holger Matt*

11:45 Discussion

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### II. Gaps in the protection of legal professional privilege and attorney-client-privilege in practice

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*Chair: Holger Matt*

12:00 **The scope of legal privilege from a comparative point of view**  
This presentation will address the different scope of legal privilege in the EU Member States as well as the differences between common law and civil law countries. Practical examples of cases dealing with disclosure of documents, in-house lawyers, and computer searches will be given.  
*Lorena Bachmaier Winter*

13:00 Discussion

13:15 Lunch

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### III. The perspectives of the EU Member States

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*Chair: Lorena Bachmaier Winter*

The following presentations will give short overviews on the respective national laws and legal practice regarding the protection of the legal professional privilege.

14:30 **The Lithuanian example**  
*Linas Belevičius*

14:55 **The German example**  
*Matthias Jahn*

15:20 **The Spanish example**  
*Luis Batlló*

15:45 Coffee break

## Objective

This conference will analyse legal professional privilege and attorney-client privilege in criminal proceedings across the EU.

Communication between lawyers and their clients is vital, but it is under permanent pressure. In the EU, there is no common definition of what constitutes an immunity or privilege, so the precise meaning is left to national law. Differences in legal privilege are especially evident in cross-border cases, where different EU instruments of mutual recognition require automatic execution of requests, with no option not to recognise or execute the request on the grounds of breach of immunity or privilege.

This conference will look at the landscape for legal professional privilege in criminal proceedings in the EU, outline gaps in protection, present the perspective of the prosecution, and discuss the need for minimum standards in the EU.

## You will learn about...

- the legal situation regarding legal privilege in criminal proceedings under the European legal framework
- the relevant case law of the ECtHR
- the situation seen from the prosecutorial side
- the practice in selected EU Member States and possible gaps
- possible ideas for joint principles
- the question whether minimum standards are needed in the EU

## About the project

This seminar is part of a large-scale project co-financed by the European Commission entitled "European Criminal Law for Defence Lawyers". Fifteen interactive, practice-oriented activities will be implemented within this project ranging from face-to-face seminars and conferences to webinars and eLearning tools. For more information, see: <https://training-for-defence.era.int/>

## Who should attend?

Defence lawyers, judges and prosecutors, who are citizens of eligible EU Member States (Denmark does not participate in the EU Justice Programme) and Kosovo.

- 16:15 **The Polish example**  
*Elżbieta Hryniewicz-Lach*
- 16:40 **The Croatian example**  
*Laura Valković*
- 17:10 Discussion
- 17:30 End of first day
- 20:30 Dinner offered by the organisers

## Friday, 4 October 2024

### IV. The role of the prosecution

*Chair: Matthias Jahn*

- 09:30 **Best practices for the protection of the legal professional privilege during criminal investigations and prosecution**  
*Petr Klement*
- 10:15 Discussion
- 10:30 Coffee break

### V. The need for minimum standards?

*Chair: Holger Matt*

- 11:00 **Panel discussion: Potential EU legislation in order achieve better protection of legal professional privilege in theory and practice**
- Lorena Bachmaier Winter, Elżbieta Hryniewicz-Lach, Matthias Jahn, Mayte Requejo Naveros, Petr Klement, Iain Mitchell*
- 13:00 End of conference

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Programme may be subject to amendment.

#### In all sessions, special attention will be paid to the following issues:

- Attorney-client communication and confidential documents in defence cases (Art 6 ECHR, Art 4 Directive (EU) 2013/48)
- Attorney-client (as damaged party or witness etc.) communication and confidential documents in criminal cases (Art 8 ECHR)
- Attorney-client communication and confidential documents in (other) legal cases (Art 8 ECHR)
- Protection of legal professional privileges in general (Art 8 ECHR)
- Protection of LPP and ACP in the clients' sphere
- Disposition of client (waiving of ACP) and consequences
- General exceptions for lawyers under suspicion (degree of suspicion, protection of clients)
- Procedural protection of lawyers and LPP/ACP against (unjustified) investigation or prosecution of lawyers
- Rules for illegally collected evidence (exclusion of use, fruits of the poisoned tree, the example of the EncroChat case)
- Special issue: internal investigations of companies.

### Venue

Hospital Real de la Misericordia  
"Hospitalillo"  
Plaza Practicante Manuel Cantos  
29601 Marbella  
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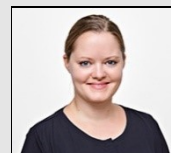
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### Terms and conditions of participation

#### Selection

1. Participation is only open to lawyers in private practice, judges and prosecutors from eligible EU Member States (Denmark does not participate in this EU Justice Programme), Albania and Kosovo\*.

The number of open places available is limited (50 places). Participation will be subject to a selection procedure. Selection will be according to professional eligibility, nationality and then "first come, first served".

2. Applications should be submitted before 15 May 2024.
3. A response will be sent to every applicant after this deadline. We advise you not to book any travel or hotel before you receive our confirmation.

#### Registration Fee

4. €110 including documentation, coffee breaks, lunch and dinner.

#### Travel and Accommodation Expenses

5. Participants will receive a fixed contribution towards their travel and accommodation expenses and are asked to book their own travel and accommodation. The condition for payment of this contribution is to sign all attendance sheets at the event. The amount of the contribution will be determined by the EU unit cost calculation guidelines, which are based on the distance from the participant's place of work to the seminar location and will not take account of the participant's actual travel and accommodation costs.
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#### Participation

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