



Equal opportunities in the courtroom – access to justice for vulnerable social groups: challenges and solutions in Europe

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and

Res Iudicata - Judges for Social Awareness Association

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Date: 8 December 2023 (Friday) 09:00 - 15:30

Location: 1055 Budapest, Falk Miksa utca 9-11.

Event format: hybrid (in person and online)

Ensuring equal access to justice for vulnerable groups, in particular children, people with disabilities, roma or refugees, is a challenge for legislators from both a substantive and procedural point of view and requires daily attention from law enforcement. The phenomenon of unequal access is present in many countries across Europe, regardless of the legal context, but there are significant differences in the needs of different groups and in the tools available to compensate for them. The current social and technical challenges, in addition to the structural problems, have led to a wide range of legal and social science actors being involved in the issue and have inspired a number of solutions that can compensate for the inequality. The Deputy Commissioner for Fundamental Rights for the Rights of National Minorities and Res Iudicata Association cooperating with MEDEL, through their domestic activities and their international involvement, are active participants and committed advocates in the exploration of access to justice issues and in the shaping of jurisprudence. The conference aims to present the problems and emerging opportunities in the field, with the involvement of national and international experts. The organisers are convinced that, in addition to stimulating professional dialogue, the international conference will provide an opportunity to raise public awareness and strengthen solidarity with vulnerable groups in society.

- * Further details to be sent out soon about the event programme and how to register.
- * The programme is supported by the National Office for the Judiciary.