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9:00 | 10:00

Opening Session



10:15 | 11:30

Session 1

- **The role of civil society for upholding the rule of law**

This panel will discuss the role of civil society to uphold the rule of law and the ways to involve citizens in decision making.



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Session 2

- **The role of European and national court for upholding the rule of law**

This panel will address the role of domestic and international courts as standard-setting institutions and conflict-resolution adjudicators (focus also on the implementation of judgments).



15:00 | 16:30

Session 3

- **Communicating the rule of law**

It will explore the impact of the rule of law in citizen's lives / exercise of rights and the importance of sharing good practices.

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Session 4

- **Rule of law in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic**

This panel will explore how the rule of law is important in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular for the oversight of the emergency measures and to better protect human rights, including those of minorities and most vulnerable groups in Europe.



10:45 | 12:00

Session 5

- **Rule of law, Social Progress and Economic Recovery**

This panel will focus on the link between the protection of the rule of law, economic recovery and the development of social rights in Europe.



12:00

Closing Session