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Vienna, 14 September 2018

**Re: Conference The 'national life' of the EU Charter of fundamental rights,
23-24 October 2018, House of the European Union, Vienna
Invitation**

Dear Sir or Madam,

It is my pleasure to hereby formally confirm your registration to the conference

The 'national life' of the EU Charter of fundamental rights

**Avenues to enhance awareness, judicial training and implementation of a soon-to-be
10-year-old instrument**

to be held from 23 to 24 October 2018 in the House of the European Union (Representation of the European Union in Austria) in Vienna.

We are very pleased that you will attend the conference. A travel agent of the European Commission will contact you soon in order to make your travel arrangements.

Please find enclosed the updated conference agenda as well as some practical information (in particular on the conference venue and how to get there).

For purposes of organisation, I kindly ask you to inform us by 28 September at the latest

- whether you would like to attend the tour through the Palace of Justice and the reception at its roof-top on the evening of the first conference day
- which break-out session or workshop you would prefer to attend on the first conference

day.

Please send this information to Fridolin Krepp-Honeck (fridolin.krepp-honeck@bmvrj.gv.at), who will also be at your disposal for any query you may have.

Best regards,

Birgit Tschütscher

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Austrian
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European Union



The 'national life' of the EU Charter of fundamental rights

Avenues to enhance awareness, judicial training and implementation of a soon-to-be 10-year-old instrument

High-level Charter Conference under the auspices of the Austrian Presidency
in cooperation with the European Commission and the EU Fundamental Rights Agency

23 – 24 October 2018

**House of the European Union,
Wipplingerstrasse 35, 1010 Vienna, Austria**

Language: English

23 October 2018

I. Opening and setting the scene

08:45 – 09:25 Registration of participants

09:30 – 10:00 **Welcome and opening of the Conference**

Speakers:

Wolfgang Bogensberger, European Commission, Representation in Austria

Josef Moser, Minister of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice,
Austria

10:00 – 10:45 Keynote-addresses

Q & A

Speakers:

Tiina Astola, Director-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission

Michael O'Flaherty, Director of FRA

10:45 – 11:15 ————— **Coffee break** —————

II. Identifying challenges

11:15 – 12:30 **Panel discussion:**

Persisting challenges in the application of the Charter across Europe

Moderation:

Wolfgang Bogensberger, European Commission, Representation in Austria

Speakers:

Barbara Nolan, Head of the Fundamental Rights Policy Unit, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission

Michal Bobek, Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Union

Laurence Burgorgue-Larsen, Professor at Université Pantheon- Sorbonne, Paris

Krystyna Kowalik-Bańczyk, Judge at the CJEU, General Court

Verica Trstenjak, Professor for European Law in Vienna and Ljubljana

12:30 – 13:30 ————— **Lunch break** —————

III. Tools to address challenges

13:30 – 14:00 Overview of the tools and learning material on the Charter

Speaker:

Ewa Biernat, Fundamental rights policy, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission

14:00 – 14:30 Presentation of the Handbook "Guidance on the application of the EU Charter of fundamental rights to law and policymaking at national level"

Speaker:

Gabriel N. Toggenburg, FRA

15:00 – 16:30 **Break out session 1:**

The new European "e-Justice" portal

Presentation:

Yoana Nikolova, e-Justice team, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission

Break out session 2:

Relaunch of "Charterpedia"

Presentation:

Jana Gajdosova, FRA

15:00 – 16:30 **Workshop 1:**
Testing tools and learning material - Project “Judging the Charter”
Moderation:
Katrin Wladasch, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights

Workshop 2:
The application of the Charter at national level – working on a concrete case
Moderation:
Dimitra Fellner, FRA

17:30 – 18:00 Tour through the Palace of Justice (Schmerlingplatz 11, 1010 Vienna):
Michael Schwab, Presiding Judge at the Austrian Supreme Court of Justice

18:00 Reception at the Roof-Top Terrace of the Palace of Justice

24 October 2018

IV. Looking into potential and future solutions

09:00 – 11:00 **Panel discussion:** Challenges, needs and opportunities to strengthen the application of the Charter in the EU

Moderation:

Friso Roscam-Abbing, FRA

Speakers:

Matthias Neumayr, Presiding Judge at the Austrian Supreme Court of Justice

Wolfgang Heusel, Director of the Academy of European Law (ERA, Trier)

Sonya Walkila, Finnish Ministry of Justice

Fabrizio Cafaggi, Italian Council of State

Doris Obereder, Judge at the District Court Leopoldstadt (Vienna)

11:00 – 11:30 ——— **Coffee break** ———

11:30 – 12:00 Concluding remarks

Speakers:

Christian Pilnacek, Secretary-General, Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice, Austria

Emmanuel Crabit, Director fundamental rights and rule of law, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission

Michael O’Flaherty, Director FRA