

# Dignity at Trial

An international conference on enhancing procedural safeguards for suspects with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities

June 25, 2018, 9.30 - 17.00

Haus der Europäischen Union  
Wipplinger Straße 35  
Vienna, Austria



9.00 - 9.30 **Registration**

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9.30 - 10.30 **Opening session**

- Petra Polgar, European Commission
  - Manfred Nowak, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights
  - Barbara Linder, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights
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10.30 - 12.45 **Session 1\***

**Presentation of research results: DIGNITY AT TRIAL -  
key findings and recommendations**

- Slavka Kukova, Bulgarian Helsinki Committee (BHC), Bulgaria
- Matěj Stříteský, League of Human Rights (LIGA), Czech Republic
- Dovile Juodkaite, Mental Health Perspectives (MHP), Lithuania
- Katarina Vučko, Peace Institute (PI), Slovenia
- Nora Katona, Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM), Austria

\* **Session 1 includes classical presentations (and a video support from Slovenia), a refreshing coffee break, in-depth-discussion islands and a short reflecting circle at the end.**

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12.45 - 13.45 **Lunch Break**

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13.45 - 15.30 **Session 2\***

**Identification of a suspect's vulnerability due to intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities**

- Ernst Berger, medical specialist on psychiatry and neurology
- Friedrich Kovar, Human Rights Coordinator, Austrian Police
- Barbara Linder, Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights
- Expert tbc, Justice, UK
- Expert by experiences (tbc)

\* **Welcome to the fishbowl discussion!**

**Leaving the "panel format" behind us allows both national and international participants to discuss freely, exchange models and approaches and develop new ideas from the diverse inputs.**

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15.30 - 15.45 **Coffee break**

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15.45 - 16.30 **Session 3\***

**Perspectives for ensuring and improving dignity at trial**

- Ingrid Breit, European Commission
- Friedrich Forsthuber, President of the Vienna Criminal Court
- Stephanie Krisper, Member of the Austrian Parliament, NEOs
- Expert tbc, Fair Trials, Belgium
- Expert tbc, Civil Rights Defenders, Sweden

\* **Bringing in European and national approaches, focussing on feasible next steps for policy makers and relevant stakeholders.**

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16.30 - 17.00 **Closing Session**

- The Project Team
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