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the Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU, Rue Caroly 15, Brussels

Role of Lawyers and Bars in Enforcement of the Rule of Law and the Future of Professional Secrecy of Lawyers

- **13:20-14:00 registration**
- **14:00-14:10 welcome remarks**

Ivan Hotěk, Ambassador, Deputy Head of the Czech Permanent Representation to the EU

Štěpán Černý, Deputy Minister of the Czech Republic for European Affairs (video message)

Monika Novotná, Vice-President of the Czech Bar Association

- **14:10-14:50 keynote speeches**

Álvaro de Elera, Member of the Cabinet of the Vice-President of the European Commission
Věra Jourová

Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Chair of the LIBE Committee of the European Parliament (video message)

Robert Němec, President of the Czech Bar Association

- **14:50-15:50 Roundtable debate on the Role of Lawyers and Bar Associations in the Enforcement of the Rule of Law**

Moderator: Robert Němec, President of the Czech Bar Association

Panelists:

James MacGuill, President of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)

Florian Geyer, Head of the Justice Policy & Rule of Law Unit, DG for Justice and Consumers, European Commission

Bertrand Debosque, Head of the French delegation to the CCBE

Antonín Mokrý, Member of the Board of Directors of the Czech Bar Association, former President of the CCBE

- **15:50-16:30 discussion between panelists and the audience**
- **16:30-17:00 coffee break**
- **17:00-18:00 Roundtable debate on the Future of Professional Secrecy of Lawyers in connection with Surveillance Activities, Data Collection and Filtering Mechanisms for Confidential Communication**

Moderator: Jiří Novák, Chair of the IT Law Committee of the CCBE

Panelists:

Simone Cuomo, Secretary-General of the CCBE

Iain G. Mitchell KC, Advocate in Scotland, Barrister in England, leading expert on Surveillance Issues

Jan Passer, Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union

Petr Klement, European Prosecutor for Czechia at the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)

Holger Matt, Criminal lawyer, Professor at the Goethe University, Germany

Wouter van Ballegooij, Legal and Policy Officer in the General Criminal Law & Judicial Training Unit, DG for Justice and Consumers, European Commission

- **18:00-19:00 discussion between panelists and the audience**

- **19:00-19:10 closing remarks**

Robert Němec, President of the Czech Bar Association

- **19:10-21:00 glass of wine**

Participants could pose questions before or during the event via Slido:
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