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### Entry into Force of the Istanbul Convention in Respect of the European Union

On 1 October 2023, the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (commonly known as **the Istanbul Convention**) **entered into force in respect of the European Union, which became the 38th Party to the Convention.** The EU has already approved legal tools that to some extent can guarantee the protection of women victims of violence. However, the conclusion of the Istanbul Convention will allow the EU to confirm its commitment to **combat violence against women in its territory and globally**, and to strengthen the current political action and the existing **legal framework in the area of criminal procedural law.**



### EU Green Deal: Key 'Fit for 55' Legislation Completed

On 9 October 2023, the two final pillars of the 'Fit for 55' legislative package for delivering the EU's 2030 climate targets has been adopted. Ahead of the crucial COP28 UN Climate Conference, **the EU now has legally binding climate targets covering all key sectors of the economy.** The overall package includes emissions reduction targets across a broad range of sectors, a target to boost natural carbon sinks, and an updated emissions trading system to cap emissions, put a price on pollution and generate investments in the green transition, and social support for citizens and small businesses. The 'Fit for 55' package was tabled in July 2021 to respond to the requirements in the EU Climate Law **to reduce Europe's net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030.**

### Commission Proposes to Strengthen the Rights of Victims of Crime

Reflecting the European Union's commitment to continuously improving the protection and support offered to victims of crime across Member States, the European Commission proposed on July to update the existing 2012/29 Directive. **The reform aims to ensure victims are well informed of their rights** and provided with the necessary resources to report a crime, notably by establishing a **universal Victims' helpline with an EU-wide telephone number: 116 006**, and setting up a comprehensive website, which should allow also for chats and emails. It also aims to ensure effective access to compensation by guaranteeing victims compensation immediately as part of the criminal proceedings.



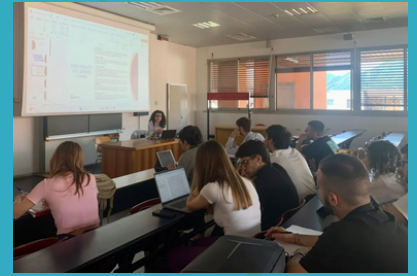
### CJEU: the Promotion of Judges to a Higher Court, Based on an Assessment by Members of that Court, is Compatible with EU law

On 7 September 2023, the Court of Justice of the EU issued the judgment in *Asociația 'Forumul Judecătorilor din România'* (Case C-216/21). For another time, after the seminal judgment in *Asociația "Forumul Judecătorilor din România"* (Joined Cases C-83/19, C-127/19, C-195/19, C-291/19, C-355/19, C-397/19), the Court was called to verify **whether a Member State failed to fulfil its obligations under the second subparagraph of Article 19(1) TEU, read in conjunction with Article 2 TEU and Article 47 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, for breach of the principle of judicial independence.** In its judgment, the Court ruled that a piece of national legislation relating to the scheme for the promotion of judges is required to ensure compliance with the principle of the independence of judges. In that context, the Court also ruled that **EU law does not preclude, in principle, the promotion of judges to a higher court being based on an assessment, by a board composed of the president and members of that higher court, of their work and conduct.** However, **the substantive conditions and procedural rules governing the adoption of decisions relating to promotion must be such that they cannot give rise to reasonable doubts, in the minds of individuals, as to the imperviousness of the judges** concerned to external factors and as to their neutrality with respect to the interests before them, once they have been promoted.

# OUR ACTIVITIES

## Practical Workshop for Students

On 11 May, 19 May and 1 June 2023 **Dr. Mariano Manuel Bartiromo** and **Dr. Giovanna Naddeo** (EU Draw-Hub) conducted two practical workshops for students on topical themes related to EU migration and asylum policies, and to citizens' participatory mechanism in the Union's democratic life.



## The Legal Status of Individual in International Law



On 28 September 2023, **Prof. Angela Di Stasi** (EU-Draw Teaching Staff) took part to the Conference "*I diritti delle persone negli ordinamenti sovranazionali*" at University of Bergamo (Italy). Professor Di Stasi gave a lecture on the legal status of individual in International Law, with specific regard to right of individual application to the European Court of Human Rights.

## Sustainable Development in International and EU Law

On 30 October 2023, a seminar will take place on the topic "*Le sfide alla sostenibilità e la cooperazione internazionale in un scenario globale*" at the University of Salerno.

The seminar is organised by the *Osservatorio sulla Cooperazione Internazionale allo Sviluppo Sostenibile* (OCISS), with the support of SIDI interest group "*Diritto, ambiente e sviluppo sostenibile*" (DASS). **Prof. Rossana Palladino** (EU-DRAW JM Module Coordinator) and **Prof. Anna Iermano** (EU-Draw Teaching Staff) will speak about sustainable development in International and EU Law.



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