

Online Seminar BEUC Judges & Collective Redress



Judges & collective redress:

new perspectives and opportunities for judiciary

Thursday 12 May 2022, 15:00 to 17:30 CEST

This online event will be held in English and is reserved for judges and members of judiciaries.

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Judges may play an important role in collective redress actions following mass harm situations. Mass harm situations refer to cases where a number of persons are harmed by the same illegal practices relating to the violation of their rights by one or more traders or other persons. Collective redress actions may seek the cessation of such practices and/or compensation. The fact that such disputes concern large numbers of persons raises specific procedural challenges but also offers opportunities in terms of efficient administration of justice.

In the context of the EU's Representative Actions Directive, which will come into application in June 2023, judges will be called upon to undertake specific tasks. Depending on the national rules transposing the Directive, they may be required to assess the admissibility and merits of the actions, to ensure that consumers are appropriately represented and informed, to verify that the interests of all represented parties are well-protected, etc. The objective of this workshop is to raise awareness on collective redress and to exchange on the roles of judges in

collective redress actions.

During a panel discussion, three judges with recognised expertise in the field of collective redress will share their insight and experience:

Mr. Fabian Reuschle (judge at the *Stuttgart Regional court - Landgericht - Germany*). Fabian Reuschle actively participated in the adoption of the German Capital Markets Model Case Act (*KapMuG*) establishing a lead case procedure for the collective handling of capital market-related actions.

Sir Peter Roth (judge at the *London High Court & UK Competition Appeal Tribunal*). Sir Peter presided over a collective litigation against MasterCard lodged on behalf of 46 million consumers.

Mr. Jeroen Chorus (*retired judge, formerly at the Amsterdam Court of Appeal, the Netherlands*). Jeroen Chorus was notably in charge of the Dexia and Shell mass settlement with consequences on consumers in multiple European jurisdictions.

Programme:

15:00-15:05	Welcome
15:05-15:15	Setting the scene: <i>What does collective redress mean for judges?</i> (Stefaan Voet, KU Leuven University)
15:15 - 16:30	Panel discussion with: • Judge Roth • Judge Chorus • Judge Reuschle Panel moderated by Maria José Azar-Baud (<i>University of Paris-Saclay, France</i>) & Ianika Tzankova (<i>University of Tilburg, the Netherlands</i>)

16:30-17:15	Questions & Answers session with the audience (moderated by Magdalena Tulibacka, <i>Oxford University, UK/Emory University - United States</i> and with the participation of the representatives of the Directorate-General for Justice & Consumers of the European Commission
17:15-17:30	Concluding remarks

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Attendance to the event is free but registration is mandatory. The number of registrations is limited. Therefore, please register as soon as possible via the following link.

For questions, please contact us.