



EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

Judicial Seminar

30 January 2026

Defending media pluralism and the democratic process in challenging times

- 2:30 p.m. Opening of the Seminar
Mattias Guyomar, President of the Court
- Introduction: Judge Anja Seibert-Fohr, Chair of the Organising Committee for the Judicial Seminar 2026
- Session I**
Moderator: Judge Andreas Zünd
- 2:45 p.m. **Topic 1: Media pluralism and the right to information**
Speaker: Veronika Bílková, Professor of International Law, Charles University, Prague
- Discussion*
- 3:15 p.m. **Topic 2: Freedom of information and the competences of the European Union: the case of restrictive measures**
Speaker: Roberto Mastroianni, Professor of EU Law, University of Naples
- Discussion*
- 3:45 p.m. Break
- Session II**
Moderator: Judge Lorraine Schembri Orland
- 4:15 p.m. **Topic 3: The integrity of the democratic process and judicial control**
Speaker: Christoph Grabenwarter, President of the Constitutional Court of Austria
- Discussion*
- 4:45 p.m. **Topic 4: The Free Expression of the People's Will as a Prerequisite for the Protection of a Democratic State Order**
Speaker: Irēna Kucina, President of the Constitutional Court of Latvia
- Discussion*
- 5:15 p.m. Closing remarks: Judge Mykola Gnatovskyy
- 5:30 p.m. End of Seminar