

## **AGENDA**

### **International Conference**

***"Media and Justice: between ambiguity and cooperation"***

**20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> June, 2008**

**Bucharest, Romania**

**Location:** The National Institute of Magistracy, Bd. Regina Elisabeta, Bucuresti, ROMANIA

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**Organizers:** National Union of the Romanian Judges (UNJR), Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Romania (FES)

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**Working languages:** Romanian/English/French.

## **JUNE 20, 2008**

### ***Media and Justice: between ambiguity and cooperation***

- 09:30 – 10.00**      **Registering of the participants**
- 10:00 - 10:30**      **Welcoming speeches**  
Mrs. **Dana Gîrbovan**, President UNJR (National Union of Romanian Judges)  
Mrs. **Lidia Bărbulescu**, President, The Superior Council of Magistracy  
Mr. **Constantin Brânzan**, judge, director of The National Institute of Magistracy  
Mr. **Vito Monetti**, President, MEDEL (Magistrats Européens pour la Démocratie et les Libertés)  
Mrs. **Stefanie Moser**, Representative in Romania, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung  
Mr. **Mircea Toma**, president Active Watch - Media Monitoring Agency
- 10:30 - 10:45**      **Media and Judiciary; modern social fears; Rule of Law**  
Mr. **Vito Monetti**, President, Medel
- 10:45 – 11:15**      **Discussions**  
**Moderator:** Mrs. **Ana Diculescu Sova**, Senior Partner,  
Nestor          Nestor          Diculescu          Kingston          Petersen  
Attorneys & Counselors
- 11:15 – 11:45**      **Coffee break**
- 11:45– 12:00**      **The presumption of innocence in the official statement of judiciary**  
Mr. **Adi Neacsu**, judge, president of Tribunal Vrancea, member of UNJR
- 12:00 – 12:30**      **Discussion**
- 12:30 – 12: 45**      **Judges and Media - together or against each other**  
Mr. **Marin Mrcela**, judge, County Court in Zagreb, Vice-president of the Association of Croatian Judges
- 12:45 - 13:15**      **Discussions**  
**Moderator:** Mrs. **Ana Diculescu Sova**, Senior Partner,  
Nestor          Nestor          Diculescu          Kingston          Petersen  
Attorneys & Counselors

- 13:15 - 15:00**     *Lunch*
- 15:00 – 15:30**     Mr. **Robert Menard**, Director, Reporters without Borders
- 15:30 – 16:15**     **Discussions**  
**Moderator:** Mr. **Victor Alistar**, director, Transparency International
- 16:15 - 16:45**     **Who exaggerates with anticorruption – justice or media?**  
Mr. **Dan Tapalaga**, reporter, Hotnews
- 16:45 – 18.00**     **Discussions**  
**Moderator:** Mr. **Victor Alistar**, director, Transparency International
- 18:00 – 18:10**     **Conclusion :** Mrs. **Lavinia Lefterache**, judge, Appeal Court of Bucharest, member UNJR
- 18:10 – 18 :15**     **Closing session:** Mrs. **Dana Gîrbovan**, judge, president of UNJR
- 18:15 – 18:45**     **Press conference**
- 19: 00**             **Reception offered by organizers**

**JUNE 21, 2008**

***Benchmarking for a more effective Romanian Judiciary***

**09:00 – 09.30 Context of research on the Romanian judiciary**

Mrs. **Elena Iorga**, Program Coordinator, Institute for Public Policy

**09.30 – 10.00 Benchmarking for the judiciary – comparative perspective with other European countries**

Mrs. **Lavinia Lefterache**, judge, Bucharest Court of Appeal, Expert in the project  
Interventions from MEDEL representatives

**10.00 – 10.15 Benchmarking for the judiciary – current status in Romania**

Mr. **Mihai Selegean**, Project Expert, National Institute of Magistratcy  
Representative of SCM

**10.15 – 10.30 Discussions:**

**Moderator:** Mrs. **Violeta Alexandru**, Director, Institute for Public Policy

**10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break**

**11.00 – 11.15 Performance of Romanian courts and prosecutors' offices – estimative figures**

Mrs. **Laura Vodă**, Program Coordinator, Institute for Public Policy

**11.15 – 11.30 Efficiency/effectiveness of benchmarking for the Romanian judiciary – magistrates' perceptions**

Mrs. **Dana Gîrbovan**, President, UNJR  
Representative of SCM

**11.30 – 12.30 Discussions**

**Moderator:** Mrs. **Laura Ştefan**, Expert, Romanian Academic Society

**12.30 – 13.00 Final conclusions, wrap up of the conference**