



REPRESENTATIVE ACTIONS IN THE EU: PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES & THE PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE SOCIAL GROUPS

organized by

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Venue: Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Faculty of Law
1088 Budapest, 28 Szentkirályi str.

Pope Saint John Paul II Hall (2nd floor) (Panel 1, Panel 3 and Panel 4)
Dean's Council Room (2nd floor) (Panel 2)

Monday 7 April 2025

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| 13.00 | Opening of the conference by Dr. habil. János Erdődy (Vice Dean) |
| 13.10 | Opening of the conference by Prof. Viktória Harsági (Pázmány Péter Catholic University): <i>Is the Representative Action in its Current Form Suitable for Protecting the Rights of Vulnerable Social Groups?</i> |
| 13.30 | Opening of the conference by Prof. Stefaan Voet (KU Leuven): <i>Collective Redress in Europe: Status Quaestionis and Quo Vadis?</i> |
| 13.50 | Break |

Panel 1 – (Pope Saint John Paul II Hall)

(Chair: Prof. Viktória Harsági)

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| 14.00 | Prof. Beate Gsell (Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich): <i>Key Points of the Implementation of Directive (EU) 1828/2020 in Germany and First Actions Under the New Regime</i> |
| 14.20 | Prof. Miguel Sousa Ferro (Lisbon Law School): <i>What is Missing for Consumer Collective Redress to be Effective in Europe? (A view from Portugal)</i> |
| 14.40 | Prof. Ianika Tzankova (Tilburg University): <i>Five Years WAMCA: What Have We Learned?</i> |
| 15.00 | Prof. Maria-José Azar-Baud (Université Paris-Saclay): <i>Representative Actions for the Protection of Special Categories of Personal Data Rights Regarding Women and Children</i> |
| 15.20 | Q&A |
| 15.40 | Break |

Panel 2 – (Dean's Council Room)

(Chair: Prof. Stefaan Voet)

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| 16.00 | Prof. Vigita Vebraite (Vilnius University): <i>(Un)Effectiveness of Representative Actions in Lithuania</i> |
| 16.20 | Prof. Laura Ervo (University of Helsinki): <i>Current Perspectives in the East-Scandinavian Instruments to Collective Redress</i> |



16.40	Dr. Jorg Sladic (KU Leuven): <i>The Practical Experiences with Slovenian Law on Collective Actions: From EU Imitation to Central European Reality in Collective Redress</i>
17.00	Mr. Clive Zietman (Hereford Litigation Funding): <i>Litigation Funding in Support of Collective Actions: A UK perspective</i>
17.20	Q&A
17.40	End of the first day
18.30	Conference dinner (for speakers)

Tuesday 8 April 2025

Panel 3 – (Pope Saint John Paul II Hall)

(Chair: Prof. Stefaan Voet)

9.00	Prof. Elisabetta Silvestri (University of Pavia): <i>Collective Redress in Italy: A Long and Winding Road</i>
9.20	Prof. Alan Uzelac (University of Zagreb): <i>RAD in CEE: A RADical paRADe or a tRADition degRADED?</i>
9.40	Dr. Petra Leupold (VKI): <i>The Implementation of the Representative Actions Directive in Austria: Opportunities, Shortcomings and Practical Experiences</i>
10.00	Dr. Zanda Dāvida (Consumer Rights Protection Centre Latvia): <i>Latvian Model of Consumer Class Action: Legal and Practical Challenges</i>
10.20	Q&A
10.40	Break

Panel 4 – (Pope Saint John Paul II Hall)

(Chair: Prof. Viktória Harsági)

11.00	Prof. Judit Fazekas (University of Győr): <i>The Hungarian Transposition of the EU Representative Actions Directive</i>
11.20	Prof. Piotr Rylski (Warsaw University): <i>About the Specificity of Polish Representative Actions</i>
11.40	Petra Cakovska (Slovak Consumer Protection Organisation, S.O.S. Poprad): <i>How the Implementation of the European Representative Actions Directive Affects</i>
12.00	Mrs Ioana Florea (Lucian Blaga University): <i>A New Perspective on the Protection of Romanian Consumers' Rights Under the Umbrella of the Representative Actions Directive</i>
12.20	Prof. Spyros Tsantinis (Democritus University of Thrace): <i>The Transposition of Directive 2020/1828 into Greek National Law and Initial Experiences From its Practical Implementation</i>
12.40	Q&A
13.00	End of the conference – closing words Prof. Viktória Harsági & Prof. Stefaan Voet
13.15	Lunch