



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
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Pope Saint John Paul II Hall (2nd floor)

Monday 7 April 2025

- 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): *Is the Representative Action in its Current Form Suitable for Protecting the Rights of Vulnerable Social Groups?*
- 13.30 Opening of the conference by Prof. Stefaan Voet (KU Leuven): *Collective Redress in Europe: Status Quaestionis and Quo Vadis?*
- 13.50 Break

Panel 1

(Chair: Prof. Viktória Harsági)

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

Panel 2

(Chair: Prof. Stefaan Voet)

- 16.00 Prof. Vigita Vebraitė (Vilnius University): *(Un)Effectiveness of Representative Actions in Lithuania*
- 16.20 Prof. Laura Ervo (University of Helsinki): *Current Perspectives in the East-Scandinavian Instruments to Collective Redress*

16.40	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>
17.00	Mr. Clive Zietman (Stewarts Law): <i>Litigation Funding in Support of Collective Actions: A UK perspective</i>
17.20	Q&A
17.40	End of the first day
evening	Conference dinner (for speakers)

Tuesday 8 April 2025

Panel 3

(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

(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 (S.O.S. Poprad): <i>How the Implementation of the European Representative Actions Directive Affects Slovak Consumers and Consumer Organisations</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	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>
12.40	Q&A
13.00	End of the conference – closing words Prof. Viktória Harsági & Prof. Stefaan Voet
13.15	Lunch