



# CONFERENCE ON THE 'BINDINGNESS' OF EU SOFT LAW

9 APRIL 2021,  
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

**9:00** Opening of the conference

**9:10** Keynote - *Takis Tridimas* ▫ The evolution of EU soft law

**9:30** Keynote - *Wolfgang Weiß* ▫ Reconsidering the Legal Effect of EU Soft Law in National Implementation: Bindingness by private response?

**9:50** Q&A

10:10 – 10:30 BREAK

## 1) NORMATIVE CONSIDERATIONS

**10:30** *Napoleon Xanthoulis* ▫ From soft law to bindingness

**10:50** *Luis Arroyo* ▫ Beyond bindingness: a typology of soft law legal effects

**11:10** *Verena Rosic* ▫ EU soft law: Validity, normativity and „bindingness” reviewed

**11:30** Q&A

11:50-12:10 BREAK

## 2) THE LANGUAGE OF SOFT LAW

**12:10** *Danai Ionescu – Mariolina Eliantonio* ▫ Words Are Stones: Constructing Bindingness Through Language in EU Environmental Soft Law

**12:30** *Corina Andone – Florin Coman-Kund* ▫ Persuasive rather than 'binding' EU soft law? An argumentative perspective on the European Commission's soft law instruments in times of crisis

**12:50** *Eljalil Tauschinsky – Láncoş, Petra* ▫ Verbal markers of 'softness' in EU law? A computer based analysis to delimit soft law and hard law focusing on directive-like recommendations

**13:10** Q&A

13:30-14:30 LUNCH BREAK

## 3) SECTORAL APPROACHES TO DIFFERENT PROBLEMS RAISED BY SOFT LAW

**14:30** *Oana Stefan* ▫ EU soft law in the time of coronavirus

**14:50** *Robert Böttner* ▫ The comply-or-explain mechanism in the European Supervisory Authorities, or: Does Meroni allow nudging?

**15:10** *Emanuel Kollmann* ▫ Hard Rules for Soft Law. The case of European Union telecommunications law

**15:30** Q&A

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