



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 Weis* ▫ 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

15:50 CLOSING



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