



Hungarian Helsinki Committee



Encouraging Civil Society Input for the 2022 Rule of Law Report

Wednesday, 16 December 2021, 16:00-18:00 (CET)

In December 2021, the European Commission launched a public consultation for the third edition of the Rule of Law Report. The Report monitors significant developments, both positive and negative, relating to the rule of law in EU Member States, covering four pillars: the justice system, the anti-corruption framework, media pluralism, and other institutional issues related to checks and balance. Also, for the first time, the new edition of the report will include recommendations for EU Member States.

Civil society organizations can participate in this process by sending their input to the Commission as well as by engaging in promoting and discussing the Report at the national level. The practice of last two years practice showed that civil society across the Member States had different approaches to participating in this process.

The online discussion organized jointly by the [Hungarian Helsinki Committee](#), [Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights](#), and [Romanian Helsinki Committee \(APADOR-CH\)](#) - in cooperation with the [Recharging Advocacy for Rights in Europe \(RARE\)](#) project - aims to encourage and assist civil society organizations in participating in the 2022 Rule of Law Report consultation and to share experience and best practices for preparing responses to the Commission's questionnaire.

⇒ **RSVP by 14 December** at maciej.kalisz@hfhr.pl The Zoom link will be sent on the day of the webinar.

AGENDA

16.00-16.15

Introduction. Lessons learned from the 2020 and 2021 editions.

Introductory remarks by Márta Pardavi, Hungarian Helsinki Committee

16.15 - 17.15

Drafting the written contributions - lessons learned

Approaches to and best practices in drafting civil society input in response to the EC questionnaire. Problems related to data and other information sources. Presenting horizontal issues in the response.

Remarks by Linda Ravo, Liberties | Georgiana Gheorghe, APADOR | Ivan Novosel, Human Rights House Zagreb

Moderator: Małgorzata Szuleka, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights

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Assessment of the process, identifying good practices and ways to improve

We aim to collect observations on positive and negative elements of the Rule of law report consultations and focus on the report's recommendations.

Moderator: András Léderer, Hungarian Helsinki Committee