

**PANEL TITLE: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN THE FIELD OF PROCEDURAL RIGHTS OF ACCUSED PERSONS IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS**

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*Presentation of the Panel:*

Public administration is a complex area that cannot be conceived without EU law, including the procedural rights of accused persons in criminal proceedings, taking into account not only the Stockholm Program, but also other European legislation, including the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. Also, the Court of Justice of the EU has recently handed down many binding decisions on this matter.

In the process of European construction, an ongoing process, including the creation and consolidation of the area of freedom, security and justice on new bases (following the changes brought about by the Treaty of Lisbon), in which the aim is to guarantee freedom within the Union area, with conditions of security and justice accessible to all citizens in a way that, on the one hand, European citizens can approach the courts of any Member State as easily as they could approach the courts in their own country and, on the other hand, criminals, whose mobility is ensured by the principle of freedom of movement, could take advantage of the differences between the justice systems of the Member States.

This goal requires a homogenous criminal justice system, so there is a constant concern to respect the rights of persons

accused or suspected in criminal proceedings and of victims of crime, since fundamental rights are part of the Union's legal order.

The European Convention of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms constitutes the common basis for the protection of the rights of suspected or accused persons in criminal proceedings, which include the pre-trial stage and the criminal trial stage. In order to ensure uniform implementation of the way these rights are enforced, the Council of the European Union adopted the Resolution of November 30, 2009 on a roadmap for strengthening procedural rights of suspected or accused persons in criminal proceedings, considering that specific measures on procedural rights are necessary to ensure fairness in criminal proceedings. At the same time, the Stockholm Program attaches great importance to strengthening the rights of individuals in criminal proceedings.

In this context, the concept of sustainable development, the place and role of public administration implies the setting of clear, precise and reliable objectives that are conducive to respect for the constitutional state and the rule of law, including by guaranteeing these procedural rights.

The papers and studies of this panel will present the Romanian perspective, but also that of other Member States.