



Legal aid: Improving the quality and effectiveness of advice

Against the backdrop of the EU draft directive on access to a lawyer, this timely seminar will explore the challenges for the anticipated legal aid directive in ensuring that lawyers are not only funded, but are able to provide an effective defence.

Empirical research in several EU jurisdictions will be presented to demonstrate how legal aid schemes can be designed to ensure the quality and competence of legal advice. This is essential in guaranteeing that lawyers play a proper role in promoting fair trial standards and the EU's vision of procedural safeguards for suspects.

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