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The EU Representative Actions Directive (Directive 2020/1828) entered into application in the European Union in June 2023. Whereas several Member States are still in the process of implementing the new rules into their legal systems, it is already clear that judges and the judiciary will be called upon to undertake important tasks for managing and resolving mass claims (see the-background note). The objective of the online webinar series "Judges & Collective Redress" is to raise awareness on collective redress and to exchange on the roles of judges in collective redress actions.

In these two online workshops organised by BEUC and funded by the European Union, participants will have an opportunity to focus on several topics directly relevant to judges when dealing with mass claims, including how to deal with third-party financing, what are the case management techniques at hand, what about the application of private international rules in cross-border mass claims and other topics.

The sessions will notably be led by scholars with renown experience in the area of collective redress:

Prof. Xandra Kramer, Erasmus University Rotterdam (The Netherlands)

Prof. Ianika Tzankova, University of Tilburg (the Netherlands)

Prof. Maria Jose Azar Baud, University Paris-Saclay (France)

Prof. Stefaan Voet, KU Leuven University (Belgium)

| Monday 13 November | 15:30-17:30 CET | • | Representative Actions in Europe: state-of-play Third-party funding and collective redress: what does it mean for judges? Innovative case management techniques for solving mass claims. The platform EC-REACT: a new tool for judges. |
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^{*} Attendance to these online events is reserved to judges, members of the judiciary and public officials of the Member States. Registration is mandatory and the number of available online seats is limited. Please do not wait for registering.

| Monday 4 1 December | 15:30-17:00 cet | • | EU Private International rules and collective redress: what judges should be aware of? Collective redress mechanisms and their interactions with other enforcement pathways (e.g. public enforcement and (collective) ADR) and relevance for resolving mass claims. |
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