The European Union shall mainstream equality in all its activities (Articles 8 and 10 TFEU). This entails that both the EU and its Member States shall actively take into account the objective of equality when formulating and implementing laws, regulations, administrative provisions, policies and practices. Eliminating inequality is thus relevant to all areas of law, even in those areas where there are no specific equal treatment provisions. The equality mainstreaming obligation is potentially transformative, but also difficult to apply in practice.

This afternoon will start with a workshop which will reflect on the aims, the possibilities and the obstacles of mainstreaming equality and social justice at the European level. Afterwards a CoCoT conversation amongst various RENFORCE researchers will take place about how mainstreaming requirements are put into practice and how can they be enhanced, so as to ensure a better protection of core values in and across policy sectors. The conversation will reflect on core concepts of equality, and will discuss both areas of law where protecting equality is a fundamental aim of the system, such as public procurement law, and areas of law where equality traditionally takes a less central place.

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MAINSTREAMING EQUALITY WORKSHOP  13.30-15.50

Chaired by Dr. Virginia Passalacqua

Articles 8 & 10 TFEU: Are the Horizontal Equality Clauses Still an Empty Vessel?
Prof. Elise Muir, Victor Davio & Lucia van der Meulen, KU Leuven, Institute for European Law

Social mainstreaming in the EU policymaking: What way forward?
Dr. Ane Aranguiz, Tilburg University

An institutional perspective on barriers to effective mainstreaming.
Tatyana Teplova, Head of Division, Gender, Justice and Inclusiveness OECD-OC

Discussion

BREAK 15.15 - 15.45

COCOT CONVERSATION  15.45 – 17.00

Chaired by Prof. dr. Linda Senden

Mainstreaming what kind of Equality?
Dr. Alexandra Timmer, Utrecht University

Social Return on Investment and other Mainstreaming Tools in Public Procurement.
Tom Huisjes, Utrecht University

Mainstreaming Equality for third-country national migrants: (many) limits and (few) opportunities.
Dr. Virginia Passalacqua

Mistakes that Marginalize. Financial Advice and Low-Income Financial Market Participants
Dr. Matteo Gargantini, Utrecht University

Conclusion

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