



## Call for Papers

The Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection is pleased to announce:

### **The 5th European Symposium on the Comprehensibility of Legal Provisions**

**Date** **10 and 11 March 2021**

**Place** Berlin

As a contribution to Germany's Chairmanship of the Council of Europe, the Ministry will be hosting the Symposium in cooperation with

- the General Secretariat of the Council of Europe and
- the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission).

**Background** The European Symposium on the Comprehensibility of Legal Provisions combines

- the latest interdisciplinary academic thinking on language and law with real drafting practice and ideas on how to make law more engaging for the general public;
- examines various activities, methods and instruments that can help make legal provisions more comprehensible for both legal practitioners and the general public;
- provides networking opportunities for those who are actively involved in the legislative process and who can thus make a direct contribution towards improving the comprehensibility of legal provisions.

You can find more information about the symposium on the website of the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection at [www.bmju.de/en-eu-symposium](http://www.bmju.de/en-eu-symposium).

<b>Target group</b>	<p>This call is aimed both at people who are involved professionally in lawmaking as well as people working in academia or in education and training with legal drafting or the teaching of law.</p> <p>Approximately 250 participants from the Member States of the European Union and of the Council of Europe, from the German and Austrian <i>Länder</i> and from the EU institutions are expected to attend the event.</p>
<b>Call</b>	<p>For the 5th European Symposium, contributions on the topic of the comprehensibility of legal provisions are welcome, especially on the following main topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensibility and legal drafting methods and instruments in the planning, development and formulation of legal regulations (e.g. challenges and opportunities of digitalisation in formulating regulations, strategies for developing regulatory concepts and for the drafting of regulations)</li> <li>• Comprehensibility and practicability of legal regulations (e.g. simulation games, evaluations)</li> <li>• Comprehensibility and technical instruments for drafting legal regulations (e.g. terminology, references)</li> <li>• Comprehensibility and quality control in legislation</li> <li>• Comprehensibility from the point of view of various legal practitioners (e.g. authorities, judiciary)</li> <li>• Empirical studies related to the comprehensibility of law</li> </ul> <p>Further proposals are welcome. We would be delighted to see as many people as possible attending and actively participating in the event.</p>
<b>Languages</b>	<p>Presentations may be given in <u>German, English or French</u>; simultaneous interpretation will be provided.</p>
<b>Submitting a contribution</b>	<p>Should you wish to contribute a presentation on one of the topic areas, please send us your proposed topic together with a PDF file containing a short <u>abstract</u> of your presentation (max. one A4 page). Please include the following information:</p>

- Your name
- Your institution/institutional affiliation
- Your contact details
- A working title for your presentation

**Deadline** The deadline for submissions is **30 June 2020**. All proposals should be submitted to the following email address:

[EU-Symposium@bmjv.bund.de](mailto:EU-Symposium@bmjv.bund.de)

**Travel expenses for speakers** For those participants chosen to speak at the event, travel expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the German Federal Travelling Expenses Act (*Bundesreisekostengesetz*).

**Contact** For further enquiries about the event, please contact us via the email address:

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