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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION PROPOSALS ON PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS



ERA Briefing

Key topics

- presumption of innocence and the right to be present at trial in criminal proceedings
- provisional legal aid for suspects or accused persons deprived of liberty and legal aid in European Arrest Warrant proceedings

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On 27 November 2013 the European Commission published a package of legislative proposals and recommendations addressed to Member States to strengthen procedural safeguards for citizens in criminal proceedings.

The proposals introduce common minimum standards for the right to a fair trial in the European Union, in particular to guarantee:

- respect for the presumption of innocence and the right to be present at trial;
- access of suspects and accused to provisional legal aid at the early stages of proceedings, especially those subject to a European Arrest Warrant.

The briefing brings together the European Commission's team of experts in charge of the dossier with practitioners and policy stakeholders to examine the key elements of the proposed legislation.

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