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## Webinar: Freedom of Art and Culture and Rule of Law as Values of the EU Identity: some views from recent events in Visegrad States

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The construction of the EU project has shown that EU identity finds in the values of this supranational international organization a privilege source for its definition. The Preamble to the Treaty points to the “cultural, religious and humanist inheritance of Europe, from which have developed the universal values of the inviolable and inalienable rights of the human person, freedom, democracy, equality and the rule of law” as a source of inspiration for Member States creating the EU. It must be emphasized that the basis of the EU identity, in line with Habermas proposal, is not to be found in a close idea of European cultural identity. On the contrary, the identity of the EU should be found in its values. These values are established in Article 2 of the Treaty, which in fact refers to tolerance as a core value of the EU. It also refers to the aforementioned values of Freedom and Rule of Law. This webinar addresses precisely these two values: Firstly, we would have the opportunity to discuss the situation of freedom in Hungary, particularly in relation to the more specific issue of Freedom of Art and Culture. Secondly, we will focus on the value of the Rule of Law, in relation to the recent decision of the Polish Constitutional Tribunal: Both values are at risk, and with them, the identity of the EU.

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**Problems for Cultural and Artistic Freedom in Hungary** Peter Inkei, Founder and Director of the Budapest Observatory: Regional Observatory on Culture in East-Central Europe.

**Rule of Law in Poland: Reflections about the Recent Decision of the Polish Constitutional Court and the Relation between European and Polish Law.** Monika Szwarc, Dr hab. Monika Szwarc, Professor at the Institute of Law Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences

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