



THE SWEDISH NETWORK FOR EUROPEAN LEGAL STUDIES (SNELS)
IS PROUD TO INVITE YOU TO A CONFERENCE ON:

Collective Redress in Europe
Emerging Practices and Remaining Dilemmas

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

November 6, 2025

Berns, Spegelsalen
Näckströmsgatan 8, Stockholm

CONFERENCE OUTLINE

In 2020, the European Union adopted the Representative Actions Directive (EU) 2020/1828 (RAD) for the protection of the collective interests of consumers. Member States were under obligation to implement the RAD by December 2022 and its provisions apply from June 2023. A number of Member States were late in the transposition of the Directive, prompting the Commission to initiate several infringement proceedings. However, by now, all Member States have put in place the necessary measures and interested actors have started to use the relevant national mechanisms for collective redress. The time is therefore ripe for an assessment of the emerging practices and the remaining dilemmas for collective action in Europe.

This conference gathers leading European academics and practitioners working in the area of collective redress. The conference aims at mapping emerging practices of application of the Directive in Member States. The Directive takes a minimum harmonization approach. Hence, it leaves space for considerable diversity in national regimes for collective redress. The conference will therefore discuss the optimal design of representative actions. What are the advantages and disadvantages of different models for collective action? In addition, what are legal and practical factors (e.g. with respect to funding) that influence the intensity and success of collective action in specific national jurisdictions?

Although the Directive is focused on the collective interests of consumers, the question of collective redress is highly relevant in a number of other substantive fields, such as data protection, competition law and environmental protection. The conference will therefore take a broader look at collective and representative actions beyond the domain of consumer protection.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

For registration, please visit our website: www.snef.se

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PROGRAMME

Thursday, 6 November 2025

Venue: Berns, Spegelsalen, Näckströmsgatan 8, Stockholm

08.30 – 09.00 **Registration**

09.00 – 09.15 **Welcome and Introduction**

Prof. Björn Lundqvist, Stockholm University

Prof. Antonina Bakardjieva Engelbrekt, Stockholm University

Associate Prof. Eva Storskrubb, Uppsala University

09.15 – 10.30 **Panel 1 – Regulatory and Legislative Models and Requisites for Collective Action**

Moderator: Associate Prof. Anna W. Ghavanini, University of Gothenburg

Issues:

- Different models for collective action
- Different types of redress
- How to constitute a group (opt-in/opt-out)
- What are the procedural challenges in a collective action and how can digital procedural tools assist?
- The impact of the EU:s Representative Actions Directive (RAD) and the Commission Recommendation

Speakers:

Prof. Laura Ervo, University of Helsinki

Associate Prof. Maria José Azar-Baud, University of Paris-Saclay

Prof. Tanja Domej, University of Zurich

10.30 – 11.00 **Break**

11.00 – 12.15

Panel 2 – Funding Collective Action

Moderator: Associate Prof. Maria Bergström, Uppsala University

Issues:

- What are the specific challenges with respect to litigation costs and the funding of collective actions?
- Different funding models, including funding by attorneys, third-party funding, a public fund, and crowdfunding
- The impact of the RAD and the Commission Recommendation

Speakers:

Prof. Xandra Kramer, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Utrecht University

Associate Prof. Eva Storskrubb, Uppsala University

Partner Johan Skog, Kapatens, Stockholm

Partner Kaarli H. Eichhorn, Jones Day, Brussels

12.15 – 13.30

Lunch

13.30 – 14.00

Key-Note Speech

Shaping Model Rules for Collective Redress

Prof. Astrid Stadler, University of Konstanz

14.00 – 15.15

Panel 3 – Substantive Areas of Collective Redress

Moderator: Prof. Antonina Bakardjieva Engelbrekt, Stockholm University

Issues:

- In which specific substantive areas of law are collective cases being litigated in various European jurisdictions?
- What are the reasons behind these cases emerging?
- What are the specific challenges, procedural or substantive, in such cases?
- How are the courts dealing and managing with the specific nature of these cases?

Speakers:

Consumer law: Associate Prof. Anna van Duin, University of Amsterdam

Competition law: Assistant Prof. Miguel Sousa Ferro, University of Lisbon

Data-protection: Associate Prof. Oskar Gstrein, University of Groningen

Environmental law: Senior Lecturer Agnes Hellner, Stockholm University

15.15 – 15.45

Break / Fika

15.45 – 16.45

Concluding Roundtable: The Future of Collective Redress

Moderator: Associate Prof. Eva Storskrubb, Uppsala University

Issues:

- The need for further legislation at the domestic level
- The need for and likelihood of further action at the EU-level
- What are the key issues for future development?

Speakers:

Kristofer Johannesson, Deputy Consumer Ombudsman, Swedish Consumer Agency

Partner Fredrik Sjövall, Mannheimer Swartling, Stockholm
Dr Johanna Engström, f.d. Europeiska kommissionen

17.30 – 19.00

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