



**PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS AND DEVELOPMENTS
IN THE JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS.
RETHINKING THE NOTIONS OF JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS,
LAW AND LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS OF HUMAN BEHAVIOURS
IN LIGHT OF ECJ CASELAW IN THE FIELD OF EAW**

The rapid evolution of the judicial cooperation in criminal matters sets unprecedented challenges in the EU area, fostering an increasing integration of an European judicial space while posing new risks for individual rights. This outcome is particularly evident where fundamental rights are at stake, as is the case for the right to freedom and free movement, which highlights the need for new tools of individual protection. This study deals with this topic from the viewpoint of the EAW procedures. The examination of the developments in the ECJ caselaw regarding this fundamental instrument of EU judicial cooperation will enable us to rethink essential categories and legal notions, such as those of judicial proceedings, legal qualifications of human behaviours, and the very concept of law in the transnational domain.