THE USEFUL EFFECT OF THE EUROPEAN ARREST WARRANT

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ABSTRACT | The removal of internal borders in the EU also made it easier for criminals to escape prosecution by moving around in the EU. The European Arrest Warrant was thus introduced to replace cumbersome extradition procedures between the member states of the European Union. An effective tool for cross-border police and judicial cooperation, it however raises concerns for the protection of fundamental rights of those arrested and transferred under this mechanism, as criminal law and procedures vary greatly in Europe. Siniša Rodin, judge at the CJEU, will discuss possible approaches to interpretation of the Framework Decision on European Arrest Warrant after expiry of the transitional period under the Treaty of Lisbon, on December 1, 2014. He will address the tension between the integrative objective of the Framework Decision and other objectives of national criminal law, suggesting that the Framework Decision allows discretion to national courts to decide on optional grounds for non-execution.

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