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ITALY-TÜRKİYE: WORKSHOP ON “ACCESSING CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE”

As part of a broad project funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe, the main aim of which is to implement European standards in the field of human rights with a focus on gender equality, the Turkish Constitutional Court has visited several courts since September 2021. Those meetings have given rise to a polyphonic discussion on the fundamental role of judicial training, aimed at strengthening the knowledge of other legal systems with a view to further enhancing the rule of law and democracy.

In this context, a workshop between the Italian and the Turkish Constitutional Courts has been held today at Palazzo della Consulta in Rome on “Accessing constitutional justice”.

The discussion has been centred on the 2010 Turkish law – entered into force in 2012 – dealing with individual complaints to the Constitutional Court. The increasing number of applications and the outcome of the same are crucial points deserving to be analysed in further detail.

This workshop was originally scheduled for February this year, before the earthquakes that struck southern Turkey and the northern regions of Syria on the night between the 5th and 6th of that month. President Silvana Sciarra sent a message of solidarity to the Turkish Judges on behalf of the entire Italian Constitutional Court and agreed with President Zühtü Arslan to postpone the workshop.

The European project, which will continue until September 2025, this year has already taken representatives of the Turkish Constitutional Court to Strasbourg, the seat of the European Court of Human Rights, and envisages further workshops, similar to the one held today in Rome, with the Spanish and the German Constitutional Courts by the end of 2023.

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