



XVIII CONGRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS

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Meeting of the Circle of Presidents

24 February 2021 (Wednesday)

Videoconference (on-line mode)¹

11.00: General connection test – the devices (computers) used for participation in the on-line meeting of the Circle of Presidents to be interconnected (the representatives of the CECC member courts should access the videoconference platform, so the connection and functionality of the system can be checked)

13.00 – 14.30	Meeting of the Circle of Presidents
14.30 – 15.00	Break
15.00 – 16.30	Meeting of the Circle of Presidents

¹ All time slots (itinerary/hours) correspond to Central European Time Zone.



XVIII Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts

25 February 2021 (Thursday)

(Live Streaming in English²)

10.00³ **Solemn Opening of the XVIII Congress of CECC**

Pavel Rychetský (President of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic, President of CECC)

Opening speech

Gianni Buquicchio (President of the Venice Commission)

Salutation remarks

Kairat Mami (Chairman of the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan, President of AACC and EACRB)

Salutation remarks

Manuel Aragão (President of the Constitutional Tribunal of Angola, President of CJCA)

Salutation remarks

10.45 – 12.00 **XVIII Congress of CECC – I. Session**

Catalogues of Human Rights at National Level

Chairman: Jaroslav Fenyk (Vice-President of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic)

Speakers: Ivan Fiačan (President of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic)

Specifics of the national catalogue of human rights of Slovakia and the history of its application in the case-law of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic

Frank Clarke (Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ireland)

Constitutional Rights in Ireland

Stephan Harbarth (President of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany)

Specifics of the national catalogue of human rights of Germany and the history of its application in the case-law of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany

² Recording of the Congress in other official CECC languages (French, German and Russian) will be available subsequently (after the Congress).

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13.00 – 14.00 **XVIII Congress of CECC – II. Session**

Application of the Catalogues of Human Rights at Supranational and International Level

Chairman: Jiří Zemánek (Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic)

Speakers: Robert Spano (President of the European Court of Human Rights)
International and supranational catalogues of human rights in theory and in practice

Koen Lenaerts (President of the Court of Justice of the European Union)
International and supranational catalogues of human rights in theory and in practice

14.15 – 15.30 **XVIII Congress of CECC – III. Session**

Catalogues of Human Rights – Particular Rights

Chairman: David Uhlíř (Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic)

Speakers: Snježana Bagić (Deputy President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Croatia)
Freedom of Expression in the Jurisprudence of the Croatian Constitutional Court

Boris Velchev (Chairman of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Bulgaria)
Freedom of Religion in the Case-law of the Bulgarian Constitutional Court

Christoph Grabenwarter (President of the Constitutional Court of Austria)
Protection of the right to life in the case-law of constitutional courts

15.45 – 16.45 **Closing Session of the XVIII Congress of CECC**

Summary and Presentation of the General Report

Speakers: Jaroslav Fenyk (Vice-President of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic and General Rapporteur of the XVIII Congress of CECC)
Presentation of the General Report

Domnica Manole (President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova)
Introduction and presentation of the goals and priorities of the upcoming presidency of CECC

Pavel Rychetský (President of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic, President of CECC)
Closing remarks