



Draft Program

XIXth Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts

“Forms and Limits of Judicial Deference: the Case of Constitutional Courts”

Chişinău, 21-24 May 2024

*Venue: Palace of the Republic of Moldova
16 Maria Cebotari Street*

21 May 2024, Tuesday– arrival of the delegations

18.00 – Welcome reception hosted by the President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova, Domnica Manole, with the support of the Council of Europe within the framework of the Joint Project of the European Union and the Council of Europe “Support to the Justice Reform in the Republic of Moldova”, **ZAXI Restaurant** (terrace), *Radisson Blu Leograd Hotel*

The guests to be welcomed by:

- Domnica Manole, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova,
- Jānis Mažeiks, Ambassador, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova (tbc)
- Falk Lange, Head of the Council of Europe Office in the Republic of Moldova

22 May 2024, Wednesday

09.00 – 10.00 Meeting of the Circle of Presidents. Opening reunion.

Only the Presidents of the CECC member courts participate in the meeting.

09.30 – 10.15 Arrival and registration of guests. Welcome coffee

10.30 – 11.30 Solemn Opening of the XIXth CECC Congress

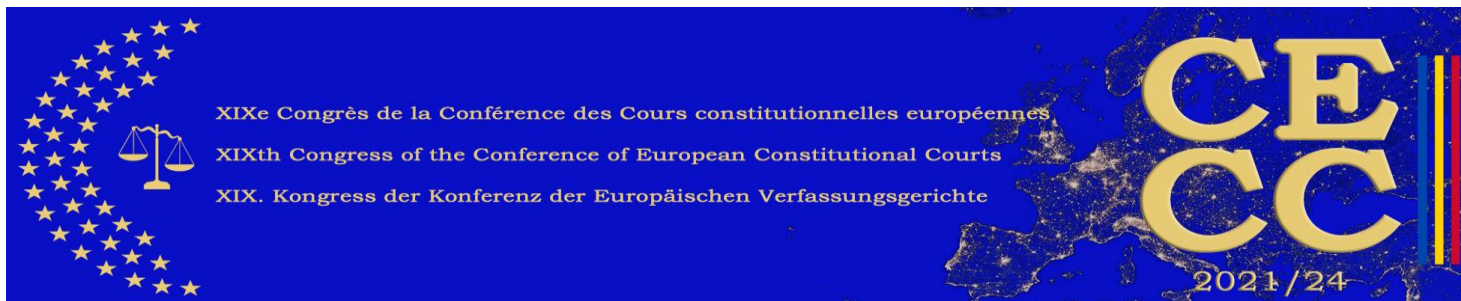
Opening speeches (10 min):

- **Mrs Domnica MANOLE, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova;**
- **Ms Maia SANDU, President of the Republic of Moldova;**
- **Ms Síofra O'LEARY, President of the European Court of Human Rights;**
- **Ms Claire BAZY MALAURIE, President of the Venice Commission.**

11:30 – 11:45 Family photo of the Presidents/ Head of delegations of the CECC member courts

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 14:00 Plenary Session I. "Interaction between constitutional courts and supranational courts"



Chair: Ms Síofra O'LEARY, President of the European Court of Human Rights

Speakers:

- Mr Christoph GRABENWARTER, President of the Constitutional Court of Austria
- Mr Stephan HARBARTH, President of the Constitutional Court of Germany
- Mr Pierre NIHOUL, President of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Belgium

- Mr Giovanni AMOROSO, Vice-President of the Constitutional Court of Italy

Discussions

14:00 – 14.30 *Coffee break*

14:30 – 15:30 **Plenary session II. "Political and legal within the jurisdiction of the constitutional courts"**

Chair: Mr Matej ACCETTO, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Slovenia

Speakers:

- Mr Aldis LAVIŅŠ, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Latvia
- Mr Josef BAXA, President of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic
- Mrs Laura-Iuliana SCÂNTEI, Judge, Constitutional Court of Romania
- Ms Corinne LUQUIENS, Member, Constitutional Council of France

Discussions

15:30 – End of the first day of the Congress.

--- *Transfer to the hotel.*

16.30 – Departure to MIMI Castel

18.30 – *Dinner*

21.00 – Departure to Chişinău

23 May 2024, Thursday

08:30 – 08:45 *Pick-up from the hotel.*

09:00 – 09:30 *Registration of participants. Welcome coffee.*

09:30 – 10:30 **Plenary Session III. "Safeguarding constitutional principles during the state of emergency"**



Chair: Mrs Elena-Simina TĂNĂSESCU, Judge, Constitutional Court of Romania

Speakers:

- Mr Luc LAVRYSEN, President of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Belgium
- Mr José JOÃO ABRANTES, President of the Constitutional Court of Portugal
- Mr Ivan FIAČAN, President of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic
- Mr Viktor GORODOVENKO, Judge, Constitutional Court of Ukraine

Discussions

10:35 – 10:50 Presentation of the General Report "The forms and limits of judicial deference: the case of constitutional courts"

Rapporteur: Mrs Domnica MANOLE, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova

11:00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 Meeting of the Circle of Presidents. Closing session.

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12:30 – 13:00 Closing session of the XIXth CECC Congress

The ceremony of handing over the CECC presidency to the elected court.

Conclusions and individual addresses:

- Message from Mr Egils LEVITS, President Emeritus of the Republic of Latvia, former Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union

- Message from Mr Javier CREMADES, President of the World Jurist Association and the World Law Foundation

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

----- Transfer to hotel

17:00 Cultural program/ Cricova tour of underground wine cellar/

24 May 2024, Friday – departure of the delegations