

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**INTERPRETATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECHR BY**

**CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS OF THE WESTERN BALKANS**

**ORGANISED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PROJECT "SUPPORT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION  
OF EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS IN KOSOVO\*"**  
**FINANCED BY THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY**

**19-20 JANUARY 2016**

**SWISS DIAMOND HOTEL, PRISTINA**

**AGENDA**

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09.00 – 09.30    Arrival and registration of participants

**OPENING PLENARY SESSION**

09:30 - 10:00    **Welcome and opening speeches**

*Ms Arta Rama-Hajrizi, President, Constitutional Court, Kosovo\**

*Mr Hajredin Kuçi, Minister of Justice, Kosovo\**

*Ms Isabelle Servoz-Gallucci, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Pristina*

*Prof Dr Jasna Omejec, President, Constitutional Court, Croatia*

*Dr Sokol Berberi, Judge, Constitutional Court, Albania*

*Mr Hamdija Šarkinovic, Judge, Constitutional Court, Montenegro*

10:00 -10:15    Coffee break

**KEY NOTE SPEECHES**

**Chairperson:**    Mr. Andrey Esin, *Project Manager, Council of Europe*

10:15 – 10:45    *Ms Arta Rama-Hajrizi, President, Constitutional Court, Kosovo\**

Application of the European Convention on Human Rights by the Constitutional Court in Kosovo\* – challenges and perspectives

10:45- 11:15    *Ms Tatiana Termacic, Head of Human Rights National Implementation Division, DGI, Council of Europe*

Implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights: Support to Constitutional Courts in the Western Balkans and Turkey

11:15 – 11:45    *Prof Dr Engin Yildırım, Deputy President, Constitutional Court, Turkey*

The Role of Constitutional Courts in Harmonisation of National Case-law with the Strasbourg Practice

11:45 – 12:15    *Dr Kanstantsin Dzehtsiariou, Senior Lecturer, University of Liverpool*

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Judicial Dialogue between the European Court of Human Rights and Constitutional Courts

12:15 – 12:30 *Mr Dastid Pallaska, LL.M., Lawyer*

The right to a reasoned decision under the case law of the European Court of Human Rights and the Constitutional Court of Kosovo\*

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

**PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS**

14:00 – 14:45 *Mr Enver Hasani, Professor, University of Pristina*

The Position of International Treaties in National Legal Orders with a Particular Reference to the ECHR: The Case of Kosovo\* - presentation followed by a discussion

14:45 - 15:30 *Mr Hasan Mutaq, Senior Lawyer, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights*

Admissibility Criteria, Administrative Practices and Filtering of Complaints as a Court Policy Tool: Strasbourg Perspective – presentation followed by a discussion

15:30 – 16:15 *Dr Christiane Schmaltz, Judge, Schleswig-Holstein Court of Appeals and a former Research Assistant at the Federal Constitutional Court, Germany*

Individual Complaints to Constitutional Courts – an effective human rights remedy? – presentation followed by a discussion

16:15 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:15 *Ms Laila Jurcēna, Adviser to the President, Constitutional Court, Latvia*

Interpretation and Implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights by Constitutional and Supreme Courts: cooperation or competition?

17:15 – 17:30 *Mr Andrey Esin, Project Manager, Council of Europe*

Conclusions of the day

<b>DAY 2</b> <b>Wednesday 20 January 2016, Hotel Swiss Diamond</b>
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09:30 – 11:00    *European Convention on Human Rights and Constitutional Courts of the Western Balkans: common challenges, but local approaches?*

Keynote speaker – *Prof. Dr. Jasna Omejec, President, Constitutional Court, Croatia - States of the Former SFRY: From Common Socialist Legal Heritage to Common European Legal Heritage*

Speaker – *Dr Sokol Berberi, Judge, Constitutional Court, Albania*

General discussion. Moderator – *Tatiana Termacic, Head of Human Rights National Implementation Division, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe*

11:00 – 11:20    Coffee break

11:20 – 11:40    *Mr Islam Sllamniku, Permanent Trainer, Kosovo Judicial Institute*

European Convention on Human Rights in the Professional Training of Judges and Prosecutors in Kosovo\*

11:40 – 12:00    *Mr Andrey Esin, Project Manager, Council of Europe*

Council of Europe's Efforts in Capacity Building of Legal Professionals. "Bringing the ECHR home".

12.00 – 12.30    *Concluding remarks*

12.30 – 14.00    Lunch