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Regional Conference

“Harmonisation of judicial practice: length of proceedings – standards and case law”

PROGRAMME

Conference link – TBD

2 and 3 June 2022

Venue: Aleksandar Palace Hotel, 2C64+869, Prohor Pcinjski, Skopje, North Macedonia

THURSDAY, 2 June 2022, CONFERENCE ROOM - K1

9:00 - 9:30 Registration of participants (incl. tea/coffee)

9.30 – 10.00 OPENING REMARKS

- **David Geer**, the Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of North Macedonia
- **Besa Ademi**, President of the Supreme Court of North Macedonia
- **Christophe Poirel**, Director of Human Rights Directorate, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Moderator: Lejla Dervisagic, Head of Operations, Council of Europe Programme Office in Skopje, North Macedonia

10:00 - 12:00 HARMONISED APPLICATION OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (ECHR) AT NATIONAL LEVEL IN THE CONTEXT OF THE RIGHT TO A TRIAL WITHIN REASONABLE TIME

- **Marko Bosnjak**, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights elected in respect of Slovenia
- **Davor Derencinovic**, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights elected in respect of Croatia
- **Luis Marija Lopez Guera**, Member of the Advisory panel for the election of judges ESCP and Professor at University of Madrid, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights elected in respect to Spain (2008-2018)
- **Nebojsa Vucinic**, Professor at University of Podgorica, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights elected in respect to Montenegro (2008-2018)
- **Mirjana Lazarova Trajkovska**, Judge of the Supreme Court of North Macedonia and Judge of the European Court of Human Rights elected in respect to North Macedonia (2008-2017)
- **Simeon Petrovski**, Registrar and Deputy Registrar (Unit MKD) at the European Court of Human Rights
- **Bojana Nikolin**, Head of section, Execution, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Discussion

Moderator: Elena Jovanovska-Brezoska, Head of Southeast Europe Unit, Co-operation Programmes, Human Rights Directorate, Council of Europe

12:00 – 14:00

“FAMILY PHOTO” AND LUNCH

14:00 – 15:30 Overview of judicial practice and effective remedies for excessive length of proceedings – domestic approaches

- High Court of Albania and Elton Lula, Consultant of the Council of Europe
- Supreme Court of Federation Bosnia and Herzegovina and Supreme Court of Republika Srpska and Dzenana Hadziomerovic, Consultant of the Council of Europe

- Supreme Court and Constitutional Court of Kosovo* and Bekim Sejdiu, Consultant of the Council of Europe and Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Prishtina
- Supreme Court of Montenegro and Tea Gorjanc – Prelevic, Consultant of the Council of Europe and Executive director of Human Rights Action

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00 Overview of judicial practice and effective remedies for excessive length of proceedings – domestic approaches

- Supreme Court of North Macedonia and Zoran Gavrilovski, Consultant of the Council of Europe
- Supreme Court of Serbia and dr Ana Knezevic Bojovic, Consultant of the Council of Europe and Senior Research Associate

18:00 Cocktail and dinner

FRIDAY, 3 JUNE 2022, CONFERENCE ROOMS - K1, K2 AND K3

09:00 – 10:00 WORK IN THEMATIC GROUPS

Thematic group 1: Right to a trial within reasonable time (Restitution of property)

Thematic group 2: Compensation for pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage with regards to the excessive length of proceedings

Thematic group 3: Non-enforcement of domestic decisions against socially/State-owned companies

Moderators: Biljana Nikolic, Southeast Europe Unit, Co-operation Programmes, Council of Europe, Irena Cuculoska-Jakimovska, Southeast Europe Unit, Co-operation Programmes, Council of Europe Office in Skopje, Maja Micic Lazovic, Southeast Europe Unit, Council of Europe Office in Belgrade

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 -11:30 WORK IN THEMATIC GROUPS – CONTINUATION

11:30-12:30 PRESENTATION OF THE WORK OF THEMATIC GROUPS

- Rapporteur of the thematic group 1
- Rapporteur of the thematic group 2
- Rapporteur of the thematic group 3

12:30 – 12:45 PRESENTATION OF DRAFT CONCLUSIONS AND THEIR ADOPTION

Biljana Nikolic, Southeast Europe Unit, Co-operation Programmes, Department for the Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Co-operation Standards, Council of Europe

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

12:45– 13:00 CLOSING REMARKS

Lejla Dervisagic, Head of Operations, Council of Europe Programme Office in Skopje, North Macedonia

Elena Jovanovska-Brezoska, Head of Southeast Europe Unit, Co-operation Programmes, Department for the Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Co-operation Standards, Council of Europe

13:00 LUNCH