

# INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT – SEMESTER II/2020

## SEPTEMBER

On 9 September 2020, the President of the Constitutional Court of Romania, Professor Valer Dorneanu, PhD, held a video-conference discussion with the President of the Supreme Court of Canada, Mr Richard Wagner, within the bilateral judicial dialogue.

It marks the opening of bilateral relations between the Constitutional Court of Romania and the Supreme Court of Canada and started with a mutual presentation of the powers, with brief incursions into the relevant recent case-law, providing an excellent opportunity to review the state of achievement of common objectives at bilateral and multilateral level, as expression of a good collaboration, including in terms of the perspectives offered by the Supreme Court of Canada's Presidency of the Association of Francophone Constitutional Courts.

In this register, as the current global health restrictions prevent the organization of the A.C.C.F. Bureau meeting in Bucharest in October this year, President Valer Dorneanu reiterated the availability of the Constitutional Court of Romania to host it in 2021 as a priority objective of its external agenda.

Both parties expressed their hope for a positive evolution of this health crisis, the President of the Constitutional Court of Romania addressing an invitation to the President of the Supreme Court of Canada to continue and preserve an active bilateral dialogue in Bucharest next year.

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The Constitutional Court of Romania and the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova organize during September 2020 a program of seminars dedicated to the constitutional review exercised by the two high jurisdictions.

The seminars will be held by Mr Benke Károly, Assistant-Magistrate-in-chief, and Mr Teodor Papuc, Deputy Secretary of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova, and are addressed to the Assistant-Magistrates of the Constitutional Court of Romania and to the Judicial Assistants of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova. (<http://www.constcourt.md/libview.php?!=ro&idc=7&id=1935&t=/Media/Noutati/Seminare-stiintifice-cu-domnul-Benke-Karoly-magistrat-asistent-sef-al-Curtii-Constitutionale-a-Romaniei>).

In this context, on Friday, 11 September 2020, Mr Benke Károly, Assistant-Magistrate-in-chief of the Constitutional Court of Romania, held a first online seminar, aimed at analysing the conditions of admissibility of the exceptions of unconstitutionality.

In the opening of the seminar Judge Varga Attila conveyed the greetings of President Valer Dorneanu and highlighted the existence of the traditional and permanent relationship between the two courts.

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On Friday, 18 September 2020, at the opening of the second seminar dedicated to the constitutional review, held as part of the online seminars programme between the Constitutional Court of Romania and the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova, the President of the Constitutional Court of Romania, Professor Valer Dorneanu, PhD, had a brief meeting with Mrs Domnica Manole, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova.

The online seminar was held by Mr Benke Károly, Assistant-Magistrate-in-chief of the Constitutional Court of Romania, who continued his presentation on the analysis of the conditions of admissibility of the exceptions of unconstitutionality.

The President stressed the importance of collaboration between the two courts of constitutional jurisdiction and he particularly appreciated the organization of the online seminars programme addressed to the Assistant-Magistrates of the Constitutional Court of Romania and to the Judicial Assistants of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova.

Professor Valer Dorneanu, PhD, assured the Moldovan party of the entire friendship and appreciation of the Romanian court, expressing the wish to organize a working meeting in Bucharest at a time to be determined in the lights of the evolution in the global health situation.

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On Friday 25 September and 2 October 2020, the last two seminars dedicated to constitutional review were held as part of the online seminar programme between the Romanian Constitutional Court and the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova.

At the seminar of 25 September 2020, Dr Teodor Papuc, Deputy Secretary of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova, presented the paper *Can also the test of less restrictive interference be included in horizontal protection of fundamental rights?*, while Mr Dumitru Avornic, judicial assistant, described the effects of the decisions of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova.

At the seminar of 2 October 2020, Dr Benke Károly, assistant-magistrate-in-chief of the Constitutional Court of Romania, presented the effects of the decisions of the Constitutional Court of Romania.

In closing the programme of webinars, both sides appreciated the usefulness and necessity of the constitutional dialogue between the assistant magistrates of the Constitutional Court of Romania and the judicial assistants of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova. Both sides therefore agreed to continue these webinars, with presentations that would focus on disseminating solutions of principle resulting from the jurisprudence of the two constitutional courts.

## **OCTOBER**

On 5 October 2020, the President of the Romanian Constitutional Court, Prof. Valer Dorneanu, PhD, took part in the virtual reception organised by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Bucharest, dedicated to celebrating the German Unity Day.

The event, unprecedented by form, included the different messages of distinguished participants who, on the basis of the idea of the unity in the national and European architecture, stressed the importance and valences of the Romanian/German relations, being addressed in that respect also other topics, such as the international day of education, the current challenges and the enhancement of the potential of the new generation.

## **DECEMBER**

On 2 December 2020, Judge Elena-Simina Tănăsescu and Mr Fabian Niculae, Assistant-Magistrate, took part in the online Meeting of the Bureau of the Association of Francophone Constitutional Courts (ACCF).

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On 3 and 4 December 2020, Ms Marieta Safta, First Assistant-Magistrate, participated in the Seminar with the topic *Recent Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights in Criminal Matters*, organised online by the Academy of European Law.