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### JANUARY

**26-28 January 2017**- Judges Livia Doina Stanciu and Simona-Maya Teodoroiu, accompanied by Ms Mona-Manuela Răus, counsellor, represented the Constitutional Court of Romania at the opening ceremony of the judicial year 2017 at the European Court of Human Rights, and at the seminar organised on that occasion ('Non-refoulement as a principle of international law and the role of the judiciary in its implementation'), held in Strasbourg, France.

The seminar included two parallel workshops (Workshop no.1 - Assessment of the credibility of asylum-seekers: burden of proof and the limits of the ECHR's examination, Workshop no. 2 –Reception of migrants: material and procedural guarantees for settled migrants). The delegation of the Constitutional Court of Romania has participated in Workshop no. 1. That workshop included, inter alia, a presentation of the Superior Courts Network, a project started in 2015 for strengthening the dialogue and cooperation between the European Court of Human Rights and the constitutional and supreme courts of the Member States field; abuse of office – criminal offense assimilated to corruption criminal offences; the interpretation of the notions of act, which is not referred to by the criminal law, and of punishment, within other limits than those set by law, in the extraordinary remedy of the appeal in cassation; the constitutionality of the criminal and criminal procedural norms; from the foreseeability of the criminal law to the foreseeability of the judicial practice).

#### FEBRUARY

**2-3 February 2017** - Mr Mircea Ștefan MINEA, Judge, and Mr Fabian NICULAE, Assistant-Magistrate, attended the Meeting of the Bureau of the Association of Constitutional Courts using the French Language (A.C.C.P.U.F.), organised by the Constitutional Council of the Kingdom of Morocco, in Rabat.

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**23-24 February 2017**- Mrs Marieta SAFTA, First Assistant-Magistrate of the Constitutional Court, attended the International Seminar organised by the National Institute of Magistracy, in cooperation with the Council of Europe, the European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services (EuroPris), the Academy of European Law and the National Administration of Penitentiaries.

The seminar was held at the National Institute of Magistracy and it had as themes: the best practices concerning alternatives to the detention regime; the use of electronic monitoring; the effective implementation of the Council Framework Decision no. 2008/947/JHA of 27 November 2008 on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgements and probation decisions with a view to the supervision of probation measures and alternative sanctions.

## MARCH

**2-3 March 2017** - prof. dr. Valer DORNEANU, President of the Constitutional Court, and Judge Petre LĂZĂROIU, accompanied by Mrs Cosmina MARIN, specialised legal staff within the External Relations, Press and Protocol Compartment, have attended the International Conference on "Evolution of Constitutional Control in Europe: Lessons Learned and New Challenges", organised by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova, in cooperation with the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission).

The programme of the Conference included three working sessions, and prof. dr. Valer Dorneanu, the President of the Constitutional Court of Romania, chaired Working Session II, entitled "The relations of the institutions conducting constitutional review with European and international jurisdictions".

During Working Session III, "The independence of the constitutional court, prerequisite for the effectiveness of its mission", prof. dr. Valer Dorneanu, the President of the Constitutional Court of Romania made a presentation entitled "The relation between the Constitutional Court of Romania and the Legislator."

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**3-4 March 2017-** Mr BENKE Károly, Assistant-Magistrate-in-chief, and Mrs Cristina Teodora POP, Assistant-Magistrate, attended the national Conference "The Criminal Codes, three years after their entry into force", organised by the Faculty of Law of the Babeş-Bolyai University, the Cluj Bar, the National Institute for the Training and Advanced Training of Lawyers – The Cluj Territorial Centre, in cooperation with Hamangiu Publishing House, in Cluj-Napoca.

The topics discussed inherently tackled aspects related to the decisions of the Constitutional Court, considering the latter's rich case-law on criminal and criminal procedural norms (e.g.: the settlement of certain aspects of law in the criminal field; abuse of office – criminal offense assimilated to corruption criminal offences; the interpretation of the notions of act, which is not referred to by the criminal law, and of punishment, within other limits than those set by law, in the extraordinary remedy of the appeal in cassation; the constitutionality of the criminal and criminal procedural norms; from the foreseeability of the criminal law to the foreseeability of the judicial practice).

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**25 March 2017**- Mr Petre LĂZĂROIU, Judge, and Mrs Ionița COCHINȚU, Assistant-Magistrate, represented the Constitutional Court of Romania at the Conference "Legal conflicts of a constitutional nature", organised by the Faculty of Law of the West University in Timișoara.

The following topics were discussed during the conference:

Legal conflicts of a constitutional nature – a legal and/or a political matter?

The settlement of legal conflicts of a constitutional nature – an arbitration activity or an activity aimed at preserving the rule of law?

The difference between settling a legal conflict of a constitutional nature and mediation between State authorities, which the President of Romania could use.

The legal conflicts of a constitutional nature between State powers separation and balance.

Potential legal conflicts of a constitutional nature between public authorities, as referred to in Title II of the Constitution.

What was the purpose of the framers by granting the Constitutional Court the power of settling legal conflicts of a constitutional nature?

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**26-28 March 2017**- prof. dr. Valer DORNEANU, the President of the Constitutional Court of Romania, and Mrs Claudia-Margareta KRUPENSCHI, Assistant-Magistrate-in-chief, Director of the President's Office, attended the works of the Meeting of Member States' judges at the Court of Justice of the European Union, entitled "A justice network at European level: a guarantee of high-quality justice", dedicated to the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, organised by the Court of Justice of the European Union, in Luxemburg.

27 March 2017, after the formal opening of the Meeting by Mr Koen Lenaerts, President of the Court of Justice of the European Union, three working sessions followed. Their titles were "A justice network at European level: an essential component of high-quality European justice", "Forms of cooperation between the Court of Justice of the European Union and national courts" and "A challenge raised by cooperation within a network: the protection of personal data", which included debates and interactive discussions on these topics. The closing session of the Conference, entitled "The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Treaty of Rome: from a Europe of markets to a Europe of citizens", was marked by the speech of Mr Koen Lenaerts, President of the Court of Justice of the European Union, "The Court of Justice's contribution to building Europe", was well as by that of Mr M. Jaeger, President of the General Court, "The General Court's contribution to building Europe". This scientific session ended with the presentation of Mr P. Grossi, President of the Italian Constitutional Court, "The view from a Member State that joined the Union at its foundation", with that of Mr R. Norkus, President of the Lithuanian Supreme Court, "The view from a Member State that joined the Union subsequent to its foundation", which offered to the participants the complex image of the challenges and concerns experienced by national courts in the Union's Member States.

On 28 March 2017, the delegation of the Constitutional Court of Romania assisted to the presentation and, respectively, to the hearing sessions of the arguments in the joined cases C-490/16, A.S. (Area of freedom, security and justice – Borders, asylum and immigration – Determination of the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national) and C-646/16, Jafari (Borders, asylum and immigration – Irregular crossing, by land, sea or air, of the border of a Member State coming from a third country), by the parties' lawyers, as well as by the

representatives of certain Member States of the European Union and of the European Commission, invited to express their opinions concerning the aspects in these cases.

# APRIL

**6 April 2017**- prof. dr. Valer DORNEANU, the President of the Constitutional Court of Romania, had a working meeting with the delegation of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), headed by Mr Gianni BUQUICCHIO, President of the Venice Commission, and composed of Mr Thomas MARKERT, Director, Secretary of the Venice Commission and Mrs Artemiza-Tatiana CHISCA, Head of the Office for Democratic Institutions of the Venice Commission, during which the discussions held focused on the most recent decisions of the Constitutional Court.

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**25-28 April 2017** - Judge Simona-Maya TEODOROIU represented the Constitutional Court of Romania to the festivities organised in order to celebrate the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Constitutional Court of Turkey, as well as to the International Symposium entitled "Constitutional Courts as the Guardians of Fundamental Rights".

The Symposium included two sessions entitled "The role of constitutional courts in ensuring the balance between security and freedom", respectively "The role of constitutional courts in upholding fundamental rights in a state of emergency", as well as a round table entitled "The relation between the Constitutional Court and the bodies of the legislative, executive and judicial powers as concerns the safeguarding of the fundamental rights".

## MAY

**4 May 2017**- prof. dr. Valer DORNEANU, the President of the Constitutional Court of Romania, had a working meeting with H.E. Mr Vladimír VÁLKY, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic in Bucharest. Mrs Claudia-Margareta KRUPENSCHI, Assistant-Magistrate-in-chief, Director of the President's Office, and Mr Tomáš VOSTRÝ, Deputy Head of the diplomatic mission, also attended the meeting.

The discussions focused, mainly, on the good bilateral relations between the Constitutional Court of Romania and the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic, in the context of the foreign cooperation policy between the two States. H.E. Mr Vladimír Války, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic in Bucharest, used this opportunity to recall the submission of the candidacy of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic for the presidency of the XVIII Congress of the Conference of the European Constitutional Courts, scheduled for 2020, presenting the reasons for which it would be opportune to hold this prestigious event in Prague. The Romanian counterparts commended the initiative of the

Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic, guaranteeing an objective analysis, but also in consideration of the good relations between the two constitutional courts, as well as an official position during the elections to be held during the works of the XVII Congress of the Conference of the European Constitutional Courts to take place in Batumi, Georgia, from 29 June to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

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**5 May 2017**- In the framework of the evaluation mission of the European Commission, in the context of the Co-operation and Verification Mechanism, prof. dr. Valer DORNEANU, the President of the Constitutional Court of Romania has received the visit of the European delegation headed by Mr Julien MOUSNIER and composed of Ms Jeanne DE JAEGHER, Mr Ingo WEUSTENFELD, Ms Irina STEFURIUC and Ms Maria ARSENE.

The meeting was attended by the Constitutional Court Judge Livia-Doina STANCIU, as well as by Mrs Claudia-Margareta KRUPENSCHI, delegated First Assistant-Magistrate, Director of the President's Office.

The discussions focussed on the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on progress in Romania under the Co-operation and Verification Mechanism, as well as on aspects related to the recent case-law of the Constitutional Court concerning the Criminal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code.

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**9 May 2017** - The public debate hearing was attended by a group of 18 judges and prosecutors from the Member States of the European Union, as well as from the Republic of Moldova, within the Exchange Programme for Judicial Authorities, initiated by the European Commission, coordinated by the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN), in cooperation with the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice and the National Institute of Magistracy. After the public debate hearing, Mrs Cristina Teodora POP, Assistant-Magistrate, presented to the guests the organisation, operation and powers of the Constitutional Court, the specific jurisdictional proceedings, as well as its recent case-law.

**16-19 May 2017**- Judges Daniel-Marius MORAR and VARGA Attila represented the Constitutional Court of Romania to the VII St. Petersburg International Legal Forum and to the International Conference "Constitutional justice: doctrine and practice", organised on this occasion.

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At the conference, Judge Daniel-Marius Morar made a presentation on "The principle of separation and balance of State powers in the case-law of the Constitutional Court of Romania".

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**17-19 May 2017**- a delegation of the Constitutional Court of Romania, composed of Mrs Simona-Maya TEODOROIU and Mr Petre LĂZĂROIU, Judges, and of Mrs Ionița COCHINȚU and Mrs Cristina TURCU, Assistant-Magistrates, represented the Constitutional Court of Romania at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual edition of the International Judicial Conference, organised

in Paris by the Furth Family Foundation, together with the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (USA).

The Conference included four sessions: "The Necessity of Continuing Education for Judges by Developing Judicial Training Institutes", "The Criminal Justice Response to Terrorism", "International Environmental Law", "Developments in Private Antitrust Litigation". Within the third session, Judge Simona-Maya Teodoroiu made a presentation on "Environmental Fiscal Legislation and Eco-Taxes. Some Examples of the Case-law Developed by the European Court of Justice and by the Constitutional Court of Romania".

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**18-19 May 2017**- Mrs Ramona MARIȚIU, Assistant-Magistrate, attended the works of the Joint Council on Constitutional Justice of the Venice Commission, which took place in Karlsruhe, Federal Republic of Germany.

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**24-25 May 2017** - the Constitutional Court of Romania organised an International Conference entitled "A Quarter of a Century of Constitutionalism", to mark its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Besides the judges of the Constitutional Court, the conference gathered together high officials of the central public authorities, as well as representatives of public institutions, professional organisations, universities. The event was also attended by presidents and judges of constitutional courts, of other jurisdictional authorities and international bodies in Europe, Asia and the United States of America, as well as of the European Court of Human Rights, of the Court of Justice of the European Union and of the Commission for Democracy through Law (the Venice Commission).

The works of the conference were opened by the President of the Constitutional Court, prof. dr. Valer DORNEANU, who greeted the participants.

Next, prof. dr. Simina Elena TĂNĂSESCU, presidential adviser, delivered the message of Mr Klaus Werner IOHANNIS, President of Romania.

The opening remarks belonged to Mr Călin POPESCU-TĂRICEANU, President of the Senate of Romania, to Mr Florin IORDACHE, Vice-President of the Chamber of Deputies of Romania and to Mr Ionel VLAD, President of the Romanian Academy.

The Conference included the following Working Sessions:

**Working Session I:** "Judicial interference: ECHR-CJEU-national constitutional court", was chaired by prof. Dr.h.c. RAINER Arnold, University of Regensburg, and included the following papers:

**1.** Mr Etienne De GROOT, President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium: "The Constitutional Court of Belgium and the international law"

**2.** Mr Dominique ROUSSEAU, Vice-President of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Principality of Andorra: "Reviews' concurrence and complementarity: towards a European constitutional monism?"

**3.** Ms Iulia Antoanella MOTOC, Romania's Judge at the European Court for Human Rights: "Dialogue of Judges in a Europe in crisis: toward judicial integration?"

**4.** Mr Michal BOBEK, Advocate General, Court of Justice of the European Union: "What Role for Constitutional Courts in post-transitional Central and Eastern Europe?"

**5.** Mrs Simona-Maya TEODOROIU, Judge, Constitutional Court of Romania: "Preliminary questions referred to the CJEU by the Constitutional Courts of the European States"

**6.** Mrs Dunja Jadek PENSA, Judge, Constitutional Court of the Republic of Slovenia: "Relation between the ECHR, the CJEU and the Constitutional Court of Slovenia"

**7.** Mr Rainer ARNOLD, Professor, University of Regensburg: "Constitutional Justice and the Development of Constitutional Law"

**Working Session II:** "Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms upon Reviewing the Constitutionality of Rules of Criminal Law", was chaired by Mr Etienne De GROOT, President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium, and included the following papers:

**1.** Mr Valer DORNEANU, President, Constitutional Court of Romania and Ms Senia COSTINESCU, Assistant-Magistrate-in-chief, Constitutional Court of Romania: "Criminal rules –source of legal dispute of a constitutional nature between public authorities"

**2.** Mrs Alvina GYULUMYAN, Judge, Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia: "Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms upon Reviewing the Constitutionality of Rules of Criminal Law: the Armenian Path"

**3.** Mr Yitshak AMIT, Judge, Supreme Court of Israel: "From the Common Law Bill of Rights to the Basic Laws: Constitutional Rights in Israel"

**4.** Mr Daniel MORAR, Judge, Constitutional Court of Romania: "Impact of the decisions issues by the Constitutional Court of Romania on the new Romanian criminal law"

**5.** Mr Mircea DUȚU, Director, "Acad. Andrei Rădulescu" Legal Research Institute of the Romanian Academy: "Protection of the right to a healthy environment during the constitutional review of criminal law provisions"

**Working Session III:** "*Constitutional Courts' Case-Law Reversal*", was chaired by prof. dr. Nicolae POPA, President of the Constitutional Court of Romania between 2001 and 2004, and included the following papers:

**1.** Ms Kateřina ŠIMÁČKOVÁ, Judge, Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic: "Czech Constitutional Court's Case-Law Reversal- Foundations and Current Decisions" **2.** Mr Nicolae POPA, former President of the Constitutional Court of Romania: "The importance of the Constitutional Court's Case-Law Reversal for the protection of the values of the rule of law"

**3.** Ms Mona-Maria PIVNICERU, Judge, Constitutional Court of Romania, Mr Marian ENACHE, Judge, Constitutional Court of Romania, Mr BENKE Károly, Assistant-Magistratein-Chief, Constitutional Court of Romania: "Case-law reversal in-between constitutional concepts' immutable and evolutionary nature"

**4.** Mr Petre LĂZĂROIU, Judge, Constitutional Court of Romania, Ms Ionița COCHINȚU, Assistant-Magistrate, Constitutional Court of Romania: "Cooperation-interconnection between the Constitutional Court of Romania and the European and International Courts - continuity and / or case-law reversal"

**5.** Mr VARGA Attila, Judge, Constitutional Court of Romania: "Dissenting opinions – source of case-law reversal"

**6.** Mrs Lali PAPIASHVILI, Vice-President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia: "Evolution of Norm-interpretative Technique in the course of Constitutional Adjudication in Georgia"

**7.** Mr Dragoljub DRAŠKOVIĆ, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Montenegro: "Constitutional and legal position of the Constitutional Court of Montenegro"

In the end of this session, prof. dr. Florin Bucur VASILESCU, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Romania between 1992 and 2001, presented the paper "Some aspects concerning the safeguarding of the Constitution in a democratic Romania".

**Working Session IV**: "Constitutional Court – Guarantor of the Rule of Law", was chaired by Mr Alexandru TĂNASE, former President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova, and included the following papers:

**1.** Mr Richard STEARNS, Judge, Massachusetts District Court, the United States of America: "Magna Carta & Birth of the Rule of Law"

**2.** Ms Daiga REZEVSKA, Judge, Constitutional Court of Latvia: "Constitutional Court as a protector of the Basic Norm and general Principles of Law"

**3.** Ms Livia Doina STANCIU, Judge, Constitutional Court of Romania, and Mrs Marieta SAFTA, Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice (First Assistant Magistrate seconded to the Ministry of Justice): "Constitutional Court's Decisions - factor of legal stability and certainty"

**4.** Mr Nikolaus BACHLER, Judge, Constitutional Court of Austria: "The lawfulness of elections in the recent case law of the Austrian Constitutional Court"

**5.** Mr Mircea CRISTE – Deputy of the Advocate of the People: "Settlement of legal disputes of a constitutional nature as premise of the rule of law in Romania"

In the end of this session, Mr Ridvan GÜLEÇ, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Turkey, presented some aspects concerning the recent case-law of this court.

The Conclusions Session was chaired by prof. dr. Valer DORNEANU, President of the Constitutional Court of Romania, who summed up the main ideas referring to the role of constitutional courts in safeguarding the Constitution and their place among the public authorities and the proper functioning of the principles of the rule of law. In the end of this session, Mrs Claudia KRUPENSCHI, Director of the Office of the President, Assistant-Magistrate-in-Chief presented the General Report of the Conference.

All the scientific papers on the agenda of the Conference, regardless of whether or not they have been presented during the Working Sessions, shall be published in a volume dedicated to this prestigious event.

The closing speeches of the International Conference belonged to Mr Sorin M. GRINDEANU, Prime Minister of the Government of Romania, to Mrs Iulia-Cristina TARCEA, President of the High Court of Cassation and Justice, to prof. dr. Tudorel TOADER, Minister of Justice, and to prof. dr. Florin GEORGESCU, First Deputy Governor of the National Bank of Romania.

The President of the Constitutional Court of Romania, prof. dr. Valer DORNEANU, closed the works of the Conference by thanking the participants for their participation and their presentations.

## JUNE

**8 June 2017** - the Constitutional Court, represented by Judge Daniel Marius MORAR and Mrs Claudia Margareta KRUPENSCHI, Director of the Office of the President of the Court, welcomed a delegation of 14 jurists from the Republic of Moldova, an event included in the Leadership Programme for Young Jurist of the Republic of Moldova– LEAD 2017. At the meeting, Judge Daniel Marius MORAR made a general presentation about the organisation, functioning, role and powers of the Romanian Constitutional Court, the latter being illustrated with relevant examples from the case-law of the Court, which gave rise to an interesting and useful dialogue between the Romanian and Moldovan participants, based on questions raised by the young legal professionals.

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**8-9 June 2017** - a delegation of the Constitutional Court of Romania, headed by Professor Valer DORNEANU, President of the Constitutional Court, and composed of Judge Petre LĂZĂROIU and Assistant- Magistrate Fabian NICULAE, participated in the XIXth International Congress on European and Comparative Constitutional Law with the topic "Constitutional Justice and Evolution of Individual Rights", which took place in Chişinău, Republic of Moldova.

The Congress was organised by the Moldovan Constitutional Court, the University of Regensburg (with Professor Rainer Arnold's special support) and the Foundation for International Legal Cooperation — IRZ

President Valer DORNEANU addressed an opening speech stressing the importance of the event, as well as the good cooperation relations between the Constitutional Court of Romania and the organisers of the Congress. In particular, he drew attention on the fact that constitutional courts, as well as academia in constitutionalism field need to join efforts in the defence of individual rights.

The participants in the Congress, mostly professors and constitutional judges, presented reports on current legal issues reflected in the case law of constitutional courts. Also, during the French-speaking countries workshop, the members of the Romanian Constitutional Court delegation took active participation contributing, by giving examples of the case-law of the Constitutional Court, to fruitful debates during ther Congress. The exchange of views and information with participants in the Congress has been thus a real gain for constitutional justice, as a way to strengthen the values of constitutional democracy in the common European constitutional heritage.

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**16 June 2017** - Mrs Claudia Margareta KRUPENSCHI, Director of the Office of the President of the Constitutional Court of Romania, Assistant-Magistrate-in-chief with delegated powers of First Assistant Magistrate, participated, as liason officer on behalf of the Constitutional Court of Romania, at the Supreme and Constitutional Network Forum (SCN) of the European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg.

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**20 June 2017** - the Constitutional Court of Romania welcomed a delegation of judges and lawyers of Israel, as well as a delegation consisting of European assistant-magistrates enrolled in the Exchange Programme for Judicial Authorities, a programme initiated by the European Commission, coordinated by the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN), in cooperation with the National Institute of the Magistracy.

The Secretary General of the Constitutional Court of Romania, Mrs Ruxandra SĂBĂREANU, outlined the main aspects with regard to the organisation and functioning and powers of the Constitutional Court of Romania.

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**28** June 2017 - the Constitutional Court, in collaboration with the Embassy of the Netherlands, and with the assistance of the National Institute of the Magistracy, organised a working seminar with Professor Martin KUIJER, having as main topics the link between national and European law, the recent case-law of the European Court of Human Rights and the case-law of the Court of Justice of the European Union.

The seminar was attended by Assistant-Magistrates and legal staff of the Constitutional Court, as well as by auditors of the National Institute of the Magistracy, in the form of an active dialogue, structured in 3 Sections: Recent opinions of the Venice Commission and the challenges on the rule of law in Europe; Relationship between the European Court of Human Rights and national courts: a relationship governed by the principle of subsidiarity;Relationship between the European Court of Human Rights and the Court of Justice of the European Union; Recent case-law of the European Court of Human Rights.

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**29 June - 1 July 2017** - A delegation of the Romanian Constitutional Court, consisting of Mrs Simona-Maya TEODOROIU, Judge Daniel-Marius MORAR, Mrs Mihaela-Senia COSTINESCU, Magistrate-Assistant-in-chief, and Mrs Marieta SAFTA, First Assistant-Magistrate (posted to the Minister of Justice as State Secretary), participated in the 17th Conference of the European Constitutional Courts, held in Batumi, Georgia, between.

The topic of the Congress was: Role of Constitutional Courts in upholding and applying Constitutional Principles. Within the main topic and based on the national reports submitted by each individual constitutional court, the Congress focused on the role of constitutional courts in defining and applying explicit or implicit constitutional principles, and the possibility of establishing a hierarchy within the Constitution, with reference to the immutable provisions of the Constitution in relation to constitutional revisions and the judicial review thereof.

The event marked also the taking over of the Presidency of the Conference of the European Constitutional Courts by the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic.