

The Constitutional Court of the Republic of Albania

Thirty Years of Constitutional Justice: A Shared Commitment to the Rule of Law

The 30th anniversary of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine marks an important landmark in the development of constitutional justice in Ukraine and offers a meaningful occasion to reflect on the enduring role of constitutional courts in safeguarding democracy, rule of law and fundamental rights.

Although the present circumstances do not allow us to commemorate this important anniversary together in Kyiv, we join you in marking this distinguished milestone and sincerely hope that future anniversaries will be celebrated in peace and in the presence of colleagues and friends from across Europe.

Constitutional courts carry a particular responsibility for preserving constitutional balance and protecting the individual. Through their jurisprudence, constitutional courts are called upon not only to interpret constitutional provisions, but also to give practical meaning to the fundamental values on which the constitutional order rests. Their decisions contribute to legal certainty, institutional stability and the strengthening of public confidence in the constitutional system.

The significance of this mission becomes even more evident in times of exceptional difficulty. The circumstances in which Ukraine has been called upon to protect its constitutional order in recent years have placed particular responsibilities on all public institutions. Against this background, the continued functioning of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine and its steadfast commitment to fulfilling its constitutional mandate bear testimony to the resilience of the constitutional institutions and to the enduring importance of constitutional justice even under the most demanding conditions.

At the same time, constitutional justice in Europe has increasingly developed and strengthened through dialogue, cooperation and mutual support. While each constitutional court operates within its own constitutional and legal framework, we all share a common responsibility to uphold constitutionalism, democracy and fundamental rights. The exchange of experience and judicial dialogue among our Courts therefore remain indispensable to the European constitutional tradition.

The Constitutional Court of the Republic of Albania highly values the friendly and constructive relations developed with the Constitutional Court of Ukraine and greatly appreciates its contribution to the European constitutional community. Such cooperation strengthens not only the links between our institutions, but also our common commitment to constitutionalism, democracy and the protection of fundamental rights.

This spirit of solidarity and cooperation is especially important within the Conference of European Constitutional Courts. As the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Albania currently holds the Presidency of the Conference, we attach particular importance to preserving and strengthening the dialogue among European constitutional courts and to promoting mutual respect, solidarity and the exchange of constitutional experience.

The 30th anniversary of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine is therefore not only an occasion to look back on the three decades of the institution's achievements, but also an opportunity to look ahead. The challenges confronting constitutional courts continue to evolve, making judicial independence, institutional resilience and dialogue more important than ever.

On this distinguished anniversary, I wish to extend my warmest congratulations to the President, the Judges and all members of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine. I also express my sincere respect for the work carried out by the Court throughout these three decades and my confidence that the ties of cooperation and friendship between our institutions will continue to grow stronger in the years ahead.

May this anniversary honor the Court's past achievements, inspire the work that lies ahead, and carry with it our hope for a future in which the constitutional justice in Ukraine may continue its mission in peace, stability and prosperity.

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