

Visit of the Constitutional Court judges to the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), Strasbourg

A delegation of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Albania, headed by the President Ms. Holta Zaçaj, and composed of its members, paid an official visit to the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) in Strasbourg. The purpose of this visit was to strengthen inter-institutional cooperation and exchange best practices regarding the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms of the individual.

The visit was carried out in cooperation with the Office of the Judge to the ECHR elected in respect of Albania, Mr. Darian Pavli, and with the support of the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ), through funds from the German Federal Ministry of Foreign Office.

During the visit, the Albanian delegation was received by the President of the ECHR, Mr. Mattias Guyomar, as well as other judges of this court. As part of the program, presentations were made on topics of common interest. More specifically, the President of the Constitutional Court, Ms. Holta Zaçaj, together with the Judge elected for Bulgaria to the ECHR, Ms. Diana Kovatcheva, presented on the topic “Asset-based measures in criminal and non-criminal proceedings: questions of legality and proportionality”, while the topic “The right to a trial within a reasonable time: Article 6 jurisprudence dealing with structural and systemic challenges” was presented by the Judge of the Constitutional Court of Albania, Ms. Marsida Xhaferllari and the Judge elected for Azerbaijan to the ECHR, Mr. Lətif Hüseynov.

At the meeting, the representative of the Registrar of the ECHR shared with the Albanian delegation the Court’s experience in dealing with backlog reduction for the efficient management of the workload.

At the end of the visit, both parties underlined the importance of continuing inter-judicial dialogue, as well as the role that both courts play in guaranteeing individual rights and freedoms and in strengthening the implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights.