

## **Ceremony for the Handover of the Project Document and the Cooperation Agreement between the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and the Council of Europe**

On 19 May 2026, the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Albania hosted the ceremony for the handover of the project document and the cooperation agreement between the Embassy of Sweden in Albania and the Council of Europe, within the framework of the Council of Europe project “Strengthening Constitutional Justice and Human Rights in Albania”, aimed at the development and operationalization of the electronic case management system and the digital archive of the Constitutional Court.

The ceremony was attended by the President of the Constitutional Court, Ms. Fiona Papajorgji, the Ambassador of Sweden to Albania, H.E. Mr. Niklas Ström, the Head of Development Cooperation at the Embassy of Sweden, Mr. Erik Illes, as well as the Head of the Council of Europe Office in Tirana, Ms. Giulia Re.

During their welcoming remarks, the representatives of the participating institutions underlined the importance of this cooperation as a valuable contribution to strengthening the institutional role and capacities of the Constitutional Court, as well as to advancing the digitalization of judicial administration in accordance with European standards and best practices.

In her remarks, President Papajorgji expressed her appreciation for the valuable cooperation and emphasized that a modern electronic case management system represents not merely a technological advancement, but a fundamental instrument for enhancing efficiency, transparency, and security in the administration of cases, strengthening public trust in the justice system, while also fostering better access to judicial information.

The project reflects the continued commitment and support of international partners toward the strengthening of constitutional justice and the modernization of judicial institutions in Albania. In this regard, the ceremony also bears particular significance within the framework of Albania’s European integration process, as the improvement of institutional capacities, reformation of judicial administration and the advancement of technology within the justice system constitute essential elements in consolidating the rule of law and aligning with European Union standards and best practices.