

Participation of the Constitutional Court of Albania in the 16th Meeting of the Ibero-American Conference of Constitutional Justice

Upon the joint invitation of the President of the Supreme Federal Court of Brazil and the President of the Ibero-American Conference of Constitutional Justice, a delegation of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Albania, headed by the President of the Court, Fiona Papajorgji, and composed of Judges Marsida Xhaferllari, Ilir Toska, Genti Ibrahim and Marjana Semini, participated in the 16th Meeting of the Ibero-American Conference of Constitutional Justice. The Constitutional Court of Albania was represented at this important international gathering also in its capacity as the court holding the Presidency of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts (CECC) for the period 2024–2027.

The activities organized in the framework of this Meeting, which brought together high-level representatives of constitutional jurisdictions from various countries of the Ibero-American region and beyond, included the First Meeting of the Centers for Constitutional Studies, the International Conference on “Constitutional Justice and Democracy”, and the General Assembly of the Ibero-American Conference of Constitutional Justice.

The President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Albania, Fiona Papajorgji, addressed the Conference in her capacity as President of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts, emphasizing the importance of strengthening judicial dialogue and institutional cooperation among constitutional jurisdictions at both regional and international levels, with a view to consolidating constitutional jurisprudence and promoting democratic values. President Papajorgji also delivered a presentation entitled “Human Rights” during the first session of the Conference dedicated to human rights.

During the two days of the Conference proceedings, other topics of particular relevance to contemporary constitutional justice were also addressed, including judicial independence and constitutional remedies, new technologies and their impact on the justice system, as well as climate justice and the rights of nature. The discussions highlighted the need for closer cooperation among constitutional jurisdictions in order to address the new challenges arising from technological transformations, global developments and the effective protection of fundamental rights.

The Conference concluded its proceedings with the Meeting of the General Assembly, during which issues concerning the future organization and functioning of the Conference were discussed. The participants also reaffirmed the importance of continuous dialogue among constitutional courts and counterpart institutions in furtherance of their shared mission to strengthen constitutional democracy and the rule of law.