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EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW
(VENICE COMMISSION)

**21st Meeting of the Joint Council
on Constitutional Justice (JCCJ)**

Friday 15 November 2024

Yerevan, Armenia

**Marriott Armenia Hotel Yerevan
Hall "Tigran the Great"**

from 14:30 to 17:00

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening

2. Adoption of the Agenda

3. Group photo

4. CODICES and the *e-Bulletin on Constitutional Case-Law*

Liaison officers are invited to discuss any issues related to the preparation of contributions to the e-Bulletin and the use of the upgraded CODICES database, and to share their experience and suggestions for improvement (with reference to the Guidelines for the presentation of contributions to the Bulletin on Constitutional Case-law).

5. Updating data on the participating courts

Liaison officers are invited to let the Secretariat know whether the information regarding their Courts is correct (available in the Venice Forum under [Venice Commission :: Council of Europe \(coe.int\)](https://www.coe.int/en/venice))

6. Venice Forum

The Venice Forum includes the “Classic” Venice Forum, the Newsgroup and the Interim Bulletin.

Link: <https://cs.coe.int/team21/veniceforum>

a. “Classic” Venice Forum

Liaison officers are invited to discuss any issues related to Venice Forum requests (with reference to the guidelines on the “Classic” Venice Forum) and to share the outcomes of the cases on which Venice Forum requests have been made.

Link: <https://cs.coe.int/team21/veniceforum/SitePages/Classic%20Venice%20Forum.aspx>

Year	Number of questions received (in total)
2019	25
2020	17
2021	19
2022	28
2023	22

b. Venice Forum Newsgroup

Link: <https://cs.coe.int/team21/veniceforum/default.aspx>

The Newsgroup enables courts to actively share information with each other, e.g. to make on-line announcements on changes to their composition, on recent key judgments and to make various requests for general information.

Liaison officers are alerted every Friday at 4 p.m. CET about new items that are added to the Newsgroup.

Liaison officers, who are new or who have not received these alerts or who cannot access the Venice Forum, are invited to contact the Secretariat.

7. Opinions and studies of the Venice Commission

Participants will be informed about opinions and reports on constitutional justice and the ordinary judiciary, adopted by the Venice Commission since the last meeting of the JCCJ in April 2023.

8. Co-operation activities

- Participants will be informed about the Venice Commission's co-operation with the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC) and other WCCJ regional and linguistic groups.

9. World Conference on Constitutional Justice (WCCJ)

Since the WCCJ's Statute entered into force on 24 September 2011, 120 Constitutional Courts, Constitutional Councils and Supreme Courts exercising constitutional justice have acceded to the WCCJ. The updated list of members is available at: www.venice.coe.int/WCCJ.

In October 2025, the WCCJ will hold its 6th Congress in Madrid, Spain, on the topic "Human Rights for future Generations". The Secretariat will inform liaison officers of the state of preparation of the 6th Congress.

10. Election of the co-chair of the JCCJ

11. Date and place of the next meeting

Participating courts are invited to inform the Secretariat if they wish to host the 22nd meeting of the JCCJ.