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THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

**INTERNATIONAL
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**The budget of the Constitutional Court : a determining
factor of its independence**

Sarajevo, 14-15 October 2004

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 14 October

- 09:30 - 12: 30** **Morning session : Assuring the independence of Constitutional Courts through financial autonomy**
- 09:35 – 09:50** Opening speeches
- Mr Mato Tadic, President, Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ms Caroline Martin, Administrator, Venice Commission
- 09:55 – 10:25** *Legislative process on the Constitutional Court's budget/The judiciary in Bosnia and Herzegovina*
Mr. Ranko Sakota, Assistant Minister for Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 10: 30 - 10:50** *The budget of the Constitutional Court: a determining factor of its independence : The experience of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany*
Mrs Elke Barnstedt, Director, Federal Constitutional Court of Germany (CDL-JU(2004)059)
Discussion
- Coffee-break
- 11:20 – 11:40** *Financial autonomy : The budget of the Constitutional Court of Italy*
Mr Giovanni Cattarino, Head of Press Unit, Constitutional Court, Italy (CDL-JU(2004)062)
- Discussion
- 11:50 – 12:10** *The financial autonomy of Constitutional Courts : The experience from the point of view of the French Constitutional Council*
Ms Fanny Jaquetot, Doctor in law, France (CDL-JU(2004)060)
- Discussion
- 12:30** **End of morning session**
- 14: 00 - 16: 00** **Afternoon session : The financial autonomy of the Constitutional Court : European experiences, old and new established Constitutional Courts**
- 14:00 – 14: 20** *The budget of the Constitutional Court as one of the guarantees of the independence of Constitutional Justice financial autonomy: The budget of the Constitutional Court of Slovenia*
Dr Arne Mavcic, Analysis and International Co-operation Department, Constitutional Court of Slovenia (CDL-JU(2004)056)

Discussion

14:30 – 14:50 *Financial autonomy : The budget of the Court of Arbitration of Belgium*
Mr Rik Ryckeboer, Referendar, Court of Arbitration, Belgium
(CDL-JU(2004)057)

Discussion

15:00 – 15:20 *The budget of the Constitutional Court: a determining factor of its independence : The experience of the Constitutional Tribunal of Portugal*
Mr Duarte Silva, Principal judge, Constitutional Tribunal, Portugal
(CDL-JU(2004)063)

Discussion

16: 00 **End of afternoon session**

Friday, 15 October

09:30 – 12:30 **Morning Session : Autonomous management : The necessary complementary side of independence**

09:30 – 09:40 *Autonomous management: The budget of the Constitutional Court of Slovenia*
Dr A. Mavcic, Analysis and International Cooperation Department
Constitutional Court of Slovenia

Discussion

09:50 – 10:00 *Autonomous management : The budget of the Constitutional Court of Germany*
Mrs E. Barnstedt, Director, Federal Constitutional Court of Germany

Discussion

10:15 – 10:25 *Autonomous management : The budget of the Constitutional Tribunal of Portugal*
Mr Duarte Silva, Principal judge, Constitutional Tribunal, Portugal

Discussion

10:45 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 **Exchange of views :**
- Making the budget efficient
- Reducible / Incompressible costs

14.00 – 16.00 **Visit to the Constitutional Court premises and exchange of views**