



Detailed explanation of the draft agenda

II.1 Date and venue of the Congress

It is proposed to hold the XVIIIth Congress in Prague in 26–29 May 2020.

II.2 Adoption of conference languages

Unless any of the member courts in accordance with Art. 9 para. 2 list. c of the Statute requests interpreting into an additional language, the languages of the XVIIIth Congress will be French, English, German, Russian and Czech.

II.3 Elaboration of the questionnaire

Based on a decision of the Circle of Presidents about the theme, the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic will elaborate a questionnaire by 31 December 2018 and distributed to the member states for comments. After incorporating the comments, but no later than by 28 February 2019, the final version of the questionnaire will be sent to all member courts.

II.4 Date for the submission of national reports

The courts should return their completed questionnaires by 31 October 2019.

II.5 Designation of the General Rapporteur

The Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic proposes its Vice President prof. JUDr. Jaroslav Fenyk, Ph.D. as the General Rapporteur of the XVIIIth Congress (his Curriculum Vitae in Annex 4).

II.6 Organisation of the XVIIIth Congress

It is proposed to start the Congress with a formal opening sitting and end the Congress with a special closing sitting. The structure of Congress sittings will be specified based on the selection of the theme and the contents of the questionnaire. The Congress will be preceded and followed by meetings of the Circle of Presidents.

II.7 Invitation of the observers and guests to the Congress

(see Annex 5)

III. Selection of the theme of the XVIIIth Congress

So far, the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic has the following proposals:

- Human rights and fundamental freedoms: the relationship of international, transnational and national catalogues in the 21st century (proposed by the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic – a more detailed definition in Annex 2);
- Common European Legal Space: Impact of the Judgements of Constitutional Courts (proposed by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Latvia – a more detailed definition in Annex 3);
- Protection of minorities through constitutional judiciary
- The importance of constitutional courts for migration and asylum
- European constitutional courts in crisis?
- Protection of fundamental rights and new technologies (proposed by the German Federal Constitutional Court – alternatively).

IV. Financial Matters

A preliminary report on the budget of the Circle of Presidents with current items and a proposal for cost sharing will be distributed to the CECC members before the commencement of the Circle of Presidents.

V. Proposals submitted by members of the CECC

Proposal to amend the Conference Regulations has been sent already (Annex 6).