



Press Release

Forum of the Judges of the Member States 2017

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The delegation from the Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic led by its President, Ms. **Daniela Švecová**, attended on 26-28 March 2017 the **Forum of the Judges of the Member States 2017**. The Forum was organized by the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg on the occasion of 60th anniversary of the signing of the Rome Treaties. It was attended by the Presidents of the Constitutional and Supreme Courts of the Member States.

The theme of the Judges' Forum was 'The network of EU justice: guarantee of a high-quality system of justice'. Three working sessions were held on 27 March 2017. Their topics were as follows: (i) 'A judicial network at European level: an essential component of high-quality European justice', (ii) 'Forms of cooperation between the Court of Justice of the European Union and national courts' and (iii) 'A challenge raised by cooperation within a network: the protection of personal data'. The topic of the closing session was 'The 60th Anniversary of the signature of the Treaties of Rome: from a Europe of markets to a Europe of citizens'. At the closing session the President of the Court of Justice of the European Union, Mr. Koen Lenaerts and the President of the General Court, Mr. Jaeger, delivered their speeches on the contribution of the Court of Justice and the General Court to building Europe. Subsequently, the President of the Italian Constitutional Court and the President of the Lithuanian Supreme Court brought their views on the issue from the perspective of a Member State that joined the Union at its foundation and the Member State that joined the Union subsequent to its foundation respectively. On 28 March the Forum participants had a chance to attend the hearing in joined cases C-490/16, A.S. and C-646/16, Jafari, before the Grand Chamber of the Court of Justice.

To mark the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Rome Treaties, the Court of Justice has adopted a declaration to highlight the importance of the constantly unfolding dialogue between the Court of Justice and the national courts. The aim of the Forum was to emphasize the essential role played by the network of EU justice in developing and upholding the fundamental rights and the values of democracy and the rule of law on which the European Union is based.

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