



Celebration of the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Rome Treaties

Declaration by the Court of Justice of the European Union on the occasion of the Judges' Forum welcoming the Presidents of the Constitutional and Supreme Courts of the Member States

As part of the celebrations of the 60th anniversary of the Rome Treaties, a Forum of the Judges of the Member States, organised by the Court of Justice of the European Union and welcoming the Presidents of the Constitutional and Supreme Court, will take place in Luxembourg on **27 and 28 March 2017**.

The theme of the Judges' Forum will be: 'The network of EU justice: guarantee of a high-quality system of justice'.

The closing ceremony will be [broadcast](#) live between 17.00 and 18.00.

To mark the occasion of this anniversary, **the Court of Justice has adopted the following declaration:**

'The European Union is a union governed by the rule of law. Not only has it undergone significant enlargement since the signing of the Rome Treaties, but it has evolved materially since that time.

The 60th anniversary of the signing of the Treaties is an appropriate occasion to highlight the importance of the constantly unfolding dialogue between the Court of Justice and the national courts, a dialogue that pays due respect to their particular legal cultures and legal systems and the languages in which they operate.

In that spirit, the Court of Justice takes great pleasure in welcoming to Luxembourg the Presidents of the Constitutional and Supreme Courts of the Member States in order to strengthen the network of judicial cooperation, a clear sign of the emergence of a true European legal area.

The Court of Justice would like to draw attention to the essential role played by the network of EU justice, composed of the national courts and the Court of 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.

The Court of Justice, in close cooperation with the national courts, will continue to fulfil the duty entrusted to it by the Treaties of ensuring respect for the law by all and for all, thereby safeguarding the values common to the citizens of the EU and the Member States.'

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Programme

Monday 27 March 2017

- 9:30 **Formal opening of the Meeting** by **Mr K. Lenaerts**, President of the Court of Justice
- 9:40 **First working session: ‘A judicial network at European level: an essential component of high-quality European justice’**
The session will be chaired by **Mr K. Lenaerts**, President of the Court of Justice
The topic will be presented by **Mr J.-M. Sauvé**, Vice-President of the Council of State of the French Republic and **Mr M. Szpunar**, Advocate-General at the Court of Justice
- 11:15 **Second working session: ‘Forms of cooperation between the Court of Justice of the European Union and national courts’**
The session will be chaired by **Mr A. Tizzano**, Vice-President of the Court of Justice
The topic will be presented by **Chief Justice S. Denham**, Supreme Court of Ireland, **Mr K. Rennert**, President of the Federal Administrative Court of Germany, and **Mr A. Rosas**, Judge at the Court of Justice
- 14:45 **Third working session: ‘A challenge raised by cooperation within a network: the protection of personal data’**
The session will be chaired by **Ms R. Silva de Lapuerta**, President of chamber at the Court of Justice
The topic will be presented by **Mr C. Lesmes Serrano**, President of the Supreme Court of Spain, and **Mr M. Ilešič**, President of chamber at the Court of Justice
- 17:00 **Closing session**
‘The 60th Anniversary of the signature of the Treaties of Rome: from a Europe of markets to a Europe of citizens’
‘The Court of Justice’s contribution to building Europe’, by **Mr K. Lenaerts**, President of the Court of Justice
‘The General Court’s contribution to building Europe’, by **Mr M. Jaeger**, President of the General Court
‘The view from a Member State that joined the Union at its foundation’, by **Mr Paolo Grossi**, President of the Italian Constitutional Court
‘The view from a Member State that joined the Union subsequent to its foundation’, by **Mr R. Norkus**, President of the Lithuanian Supreme Court

Tuesday 28 March 2017

- 8:45 Presentation of the joined cases **C-490/16, A.S.** and **C-646/16, Jafari**, by **Mr L. Bay Larsen**, President of chamber at the Court of Justice
- 9:30 **Attendance at the hearing in joined cases C-490/16, A.S. and C-646/16, Jafari, before the Grand Chamber of the Court of Justice**