

ENHANCING CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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Abstract. The complex political and legal issues and the specific particularities of the development of the countries in the Black Sea region are also reflected in the evolution of constitutional justice in this area. Starting from the premise of the importance of constitutionality control in defence of the values of democracy and fundamental rights, we will approach the issue of constitutional justice from the perspective of regional connection and support mechanisms. The study is an invitation to deepen the subject of the organization and functioning of constitutional justice, to raise awareness of the fact that it inherently reflects regional problems in terms of the causes and issues faced by the constitutional courts, as well as the importance of cooperation to strengthen constitutionality control and facilitate access to the constitutional justice.

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I. Introduction

The states bordering the Black Sea are, in alphabetical order, Bulgaria³, Georgia⁴, Romania⁵, Russia⁶, Ukraine⁷ and Turkey⁸. Over the years, in all these countries, courts that carry out the constitutional review of laws have been established as guarantors of the supremacy of the Constitution. The developments and the issues these Courts faced over time have specific particularities, determined by the profile and socio-political evolutions of the countries where they function.

We do not intend to analyse particularities/differences of constitutional justice in the Black Sea region, but rather to present what unites the apex Courts at the regional and global level, namely the cooperation networks and other forms of dialogue and their role in the evolution of constitutionalism around the same values. Thus, except of Russia, all the mentioned States are members of the

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³ Constitutional Court of Bulgaria <https://constcourt.bg/>

⁴ Constitutional Court of Georgia <http://www.constcourt.ge/en>

⁵ Constitutional Court of Romania www.ccr.ro

⁶ Constitutional Court of Russia <http://ksrf.ru/en>

⁷ Constitutional Court of Ukraine <https://ccu.gov.ua/index.php>

⁸ Constitutional Court of Turkey <https://www.anayasa.gov.tr/en/home-page/>