Launch of the Superior Courts Network ("SCN")

The SCN was officially launched on 5 October 2015 in Strasbourg. While the overall aim of the SCN is to enrich dialogue and the implementation of the Convention, the operational objective is to create a practical and useful means of exchanging relevant information on Convention case-law and related matters.

It was considered prudent to proceed initially on a test basis, so as to better identify expectations, needs and challenges. It was also considered wise to complete the test phase with a limited number of courts and, notably, the Host State superior courts.

Accordingly, a memorandum of understanding was signed on 5 October with the Cour de Cassation and the Conseil d'État. The SCN was thereby launched.

Press release

Speech by President Spielmann, (in French only)

Speech by Judge Villiger, the Adviser to the President on the Network

Speech by Bertrand Louvel, Premier président de la Cour de Cassation (in French only)

Memorandum of agreement - Cour de Cassation (in French only)

Memorandum of agreement - Conseil d'État (in French only)