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Message from President Marko Bošnjak

Superior Courts Network (SCN)

The Superior Courts Network (SCN) is our unique model for judicial dialogue, set up by the European Court of Human Rights in 2015 and managed by its Directorate of the Jurisconsult.

It was my pleasure, again this year, to participate in the SCN Annual Forum and to observe the growth of the network, now bringing together 110 member courts from 45 States as well as three international observer courts: the Court of Justice of the European Union, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights.

The network is a privileged space where the Court and the member and observer courts exchange on matters concerning the Convention and its case-law. We discuss contemporary challenges that all courts face, such as climate change litigation and managing artificial intelligence issues. We also exchange know-how on very practical matters related to the operation of a court namely working methods and solutions concerning case-processing, document management, knowledge management and the related IT tools, notably during visits to Strasbourg in the context of the Visiting Professional Scheme. I am delighted that the SCN continues to foster and facilitate these important and mutually enriching exchanges.

The increased membership is a testimony to the network's relevance, but even more remarkable is the strengthening sense of community at an operational level within the SCN. The national focal points actively contribute to the network's events, core activities and ongoing exchanges. I am particularly grateful for the precious contributions we receive from the national courts concerning domestic law and practice: this information forms the basis of the comparative analysis relied upon in certain of the Court's Chamber and Grand Chamber judgments.

Next year the SCN will celebrate its 10th anniversary. In those ten years the SCN has become a rich and vibrant judicial community, where ideas are nurtured and become reality. I am therefore confident, as the Court's President, that the SCN will continue to develop and expand, work which has my full support.