



*Brno, 20 February 2018*

*Dear Ms. President,  
Dear Mr. President,*

*I would like to invite you officially to a preparatory meeting on the XVIIIth Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts, i.e. the session of the Circle of Presidents, to be held on Wednesday, 13 June 2018 from 2:00 p.m. However, the programme of the event is wider and I would really appreciate if you could devote the time from 13 to 15 June 2018 to your stay in Prague.*

*This year, the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic commemorates the 25th anniversary of its creation. In addition, 45 years have passed since the decease of the father of the idea of specialised constitutional justice – Hans Kelsen, an Austrian jurist, legal and political philosopher, yet born in Prague. It is my wish, therefore, to organise a small international conference entitled “Our Beginnings: Hans Kelsen's Heirs” on 14 June 2018. Together we could reflect on the roots of the European protection of constitutionality and remember the milestones in the creation and development of European constitutional courts.*

*The session of the Circle of Presidents will be held at the Corinthia Hotel (<https://www.corinthia.com/en/hotels/prague>) which will also offer accommodation facilities to all our guests. For accommodation details please see the attached registration form. A special link for online booking will be announced by the end of April, at the latest.*

*Enclosed please find both a preliminary programme and a registration form. In order to ensure proper organisation of the event we would highly appreciate if you could kindly fill in the form for each participant in Circle of Presidents and the International Conference and **return it by 5 April 2018** to the following email address: [cecc2017-2020@concourt.cz](mailto:cecc2017-2020@concourt.cz).*

*In accordance with Article 9(2) of the Statute and Article 12(2) of the Conference Regulations of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts the official languages of the debates at the Circle of Presidents are French, English, German and Russian. Simultaneous translation into another language will only be provided upon an official request addressed to us sufficiently in advance time and at the expense of the requesting member.*

*In scope of preparing the agenda for the Circle of Presidents, we would also like to ask you to indicate whether you have any suggestion, topic or proposal to be put on the current agenda.*

*To date, we register a proposal of the Supreme Court of the Principality of Monaco to amend Article 10 of the Conference Regulations, as we have already informed you in the previous letter. Any suggestions for the agenda of the XVIIIth Congress to be held in 2020 will also be welcome. Our proposal for the topic (including\_sub-topics and a synopsis) will be circulated together with a draft agenda for the Circle of Presidents no later than six weeks before the preparatory meeting.*

*Full information regarding the preparatory meeting in Prague will be posted on our website [www.cecc2017-2020.org](http://www.cecc2017-2020.org) and the organisational team shall also be available at [cecc2017-2020@concourt.cz](mailto:cecc2017-2020@concourt.cz).*

*I look forward to meeting you and thank you for your cooperation.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Pavel Rychetský  
President of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic*