

General Assembly: Network of the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the European Union

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First President Chantal Arens participated to the General Assembly of the Network of the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the European Union on 23 of April 2021. The Network of the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the European Union was created in 2004 at the initiative of First President Guy Canivet. It gathers once a year the heads of the Supreme Courts of the European Union and thus contributes to strengthen the relations between the *Cour de cassation* (Court of Cassation) and its counterparts in the European Union.

This meeting, initially planned in Stockholm, following the invitation of Mr. Anders Eka, President of the Supreme Court of Sweden, finally took place by videoconference due to the health context. It was the opportunity for the Network to reaffirm its willingness to maintain the dialogue in the current context.

The General Assembly adopted amendments to the Network's statute by creating the status of "associate members", in order to enable the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom to continue its cooperation within the Network despite the

Brexit. The creation of this new status was also the occasion to rearrange the participation of the supreme courts having the observer status (Supreme Courts of Liechtenstein, Montenegro and Norway).

Finally, the members of the Network elected the new members of the Board, and its new President Mrs Bettina Limpberg, President of the Federal Supreme Court of Justice of Germany. The members of the Network also saluted the President Wiwinius, President of the Supreme Court of Luxembourg, whose term of office as President of the Network is ending, for his involvement in maintaining the dialogue of judges during those last two years, marked by the health crisis.

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