

**THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE BALKAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS FORUM**

**ANTALYA DECLARATION ON
THE ADOPTION OF THE STATUTE**

On November 14th, 2025, the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Türkiye hosted the Third Annual Meeting of the Balkan Constitutional Courts Forum (hereinafter referred to as the “Forum”) in Antalya, Türkiye.

Presidents and representatives from the Constitutional Courts of the Republic of Albania, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Türkiye, members of the Forum, as well as the Presidents and representatives from the Constitutional Courts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Romania, observers of the Forum, participated in the Third Annual Meeting. Guest courts from Africa, Asia, and Europe, as well as international courts and institutions, also convened at the Meeting.

Relying on the “Memorandum of Understanding for Establishment of the Balkan Constitutional Courts Forum”, which was agreed on October 27th, 2023, at the First Annual Meeting of the Balkan Constitutional Courts Forum in Sofia, Bulgaria, the Forum recalled the establishment of a permanent functioning body as an independent judicial platform for the respective constitutional jurisdictions among countries in the Balkan region and the need for the adoption of a separate statute determining its organizational structure.

Within the framework of their constitutional competence, the Constitutional and Supreme Courts/Councils and Equivalent Institutions play an instrumental role to ensure respect for the implementation of national constitutions and principles of the rule of law, democracy, and human rights.

As guardians of the constitutions and the aforementioned constitutional values, we, the Presidents and representatives of the Balkan constitutional jurisdictions, declare our commitment to ensuring the principles of the rule of law, democracy, and respect for, and promotion of, human rights in the Balkan countries.

Reaffirming our commitment to building partnerships to promote the constitutional values and principles in the Balkan countries, we, the Presidents and representatives of the Balkan constitutional jurisdictions, believe that establishing a permanently functioning body in the field of constitutional justice would greatly enhance judicial dialogue, cooperation, and the exchange of experiences and knowledge.

We, the Presidents and representatives of the Balkan constitutional jurisdictions, are profoundly convinced that achieving these objectives requires to adopt a Statute defining the organizational structure of the Forum.

Emphasizing that these objectives remain closely linked to the independence, impartiality, and autonomous structure of the Forum to ensure its success and continuity; we, the Presidents and representatives of the constitutional jurisdictions of the countries in the Balkan region, hereby agree:

1. To adopt the Statute of the Balkan Constitutional Courts Forum;
2. To hold the next Annual Meeting of the Forum in North Macedonia, scheduled to take place on November 12th and 13th, 2026, by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of North Macedonia.

The Presidents and representatives of delegations present today hereby express their highest appreciation to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Türkiye for organizing the Third Annual Meeting in an outstanding manner and with excellent hospitality.

Antalya, Türkiye, November 14th, 2025