

**THE XIII CONFERENCE AND PLENARY OF THE BALKAN AND EURO-MEDITERRANEAN NETWORK OF COUNCILS FOR THE JUDICIARY**

**DECISIONS OF THE PLENARY**

During the XIII Conference and Plenary of the Balkan and Euro-Mediterranean Network of Councils for the Judiciary held **in Budva on 21 - 22 June 2018**, the members adopted decisions as follows:

**Decision No. 1/2018 of BEMNCJ Plenary**

The members elected **The Hungarian National Office for the Judiciary** as Secretariat of the BEMNCJ for a term of three years until the Plenary 2021 of BEMNCJ.

**Decision No. 2/2018 of BEMNCJ Plenary**

The members accepted the Annual Working Plan of 2018-2019 of the BEMNCJ (Annex No. 1.).

**Decision No. 3/2018 of BEMNCJ Plenary**

The members agreed that the professional topics of the next Conference will be as follows:

- 1. The role of the Impartiality, integrity, and accountability of the judges and prosecutors as a factor of independence of the Judiciary**
- 2. The future of the electronic proceedings in the Judiciary**

The next Plenary will be hosted by Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo on 20 - 21 June 2019.

**Decision No. 4/2018 of BEMNCJ Plenary**

The following recommendations were approved regarding the first topic *“The role of the Councils of the Judiciary in the fight against terrorism – The use of social media by judges and prosecutors”*:

- 1) In the word of digitalization in order to protect electronic data and IT systems processing these data national regulation is highly recommended.
- 2) It is highly required to extend the application of the developments of digital technology at courts.
- 3) The courts need to measure their IT security risks in order to provide the protection of data.
- 4) It is highly recommended to regulate the IT security of courts.

- 5) It is necessary to raise the awareness of the court employees to the dangers of using IT tools and social media.
- 6) It is highly recommended to raise the awareness of the users to IT security.

The following recommendations were approved regarding the second topic *“Relationship between the Councils of the Judiciary and the other state institutions concerning scientific relations”*:

- 1) Central regulation on the requests of data processed by courts is highly recommended.
- 2) Regulation on research requests which enables to separate researches for public interest and scientific researches is necessary.
- 3) Central electronic database for the studies and other scientific documents sent by researchers whose research work was permitted is highly recommended in order to enable the better use of the scientific results in the judiciary.
- 4) Information on the research activities uploaded to the central electronic database could be available on the central internal website.
- 5) Exchange of information between members of BEMNCJ and the Councils of the Judiciary.

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