

Friedrich Ebert Foundation Romania and the Constitutional Forum
invite you to participate in the debate:

Constitutional Reform: Role and Duties of the Constitutional Court of Romania

Monday, 15 April, 10:00 – 13:00 hours, Senate of Romania, Avram Iancu Hall

After the adoption of the Constitution in 2003, the Constitutional Court of Romania (CCR) became a major player, due to the role of key arbitrator played in the relations between the executive and the legislative, as well as between the components of the executive power. On this background, the appeal made by CCR for the settling of conflicts between public authorities was basically unavoidable. At the same time, resort to the CCR was also needed in order to settle certain decisions of the public authorities that were primarily political (change of the election system, austerity measures, legislation on the referendum, etc.). This led to a situation where the CCR was often the focus of political disputes and was the target of several attacks related to the politicisation of the institution. The debates occasioned by the Constitution revision process are an excellent opportunity to rediscuss the role and duties of the CCR: which are the main difficulties and issues related to the functioning of the CCR; should the revision of the Constitution take into consideration a change in the duties of the CCR and if so, how and which are the aspects that need revision; what is the relation between the duties of the CCR and the other amendments discussed, such as the relation between the Government and the Parliament, duties of the legislative and of the executive, etc.

Agenda:

10:00 Welcome by Mr. **Cristian Pîrvulescu**, President of the Constitutional Forum and by Mr. **Matthias Jobelius**, on behalf of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation

10:15-11:15 Speakers: Prof. Dr. **Herta Däubler-Gmelin** (former Minister of Justice, Germany); Prof. Dr. **Alexandru Athanasiu** (Romanian representative in the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe); Prof. Dr. **Valeriu Stoica** (former Minister of Justice); Prof. Dr. **Varga Attila** (Sapientia University Cluj-Napoca, UDMR); Prof. Dr. **Lucian Mihai** (former president of the Constitutional Court); Prof. Dr. **Stelian Tănase** (political analyst); Moderator: Prof. Dr. **Cristian Pîrvulescu** (President of the Constitutional Forum)

11.15.13.0 Discussion Session

The working language of the conference is Romanian and English, with simultaneous translation provided.

Please confirm your participation **by Thursday, 11 April 2013**. Contact: Victoria Stoiciu, Programme Coordinator, Friedrich Ebert Foundation Romania, victoria.stoiciu@fes.ro, Tel: 021 2110982/3, Mobile: 0722227946

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