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Mr. Villu Kõve
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Dear President Kõve,

Dear Villu,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the Supreme Court of Estonia's response to the questionnaire prepared by the Supreme Court of Latvia and circulated through the Network of the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the European Union concerning cooperation between supreme courts and legal scholars.

Your contribution is of great value in preparing for the international conference "Beyond Legal Codes: The Supreme Court's Role in Shaping the State and Society", which will take place **on 9 October in Riga**.

The conference is being organised by the Supreme Court of Latvia in cooperation with the University of Latvia. Presentations will be delivered by judges of the Supreme Court of Latvia and Supreme Courts of other countries, as well as by members of the academic staff of the University of Latvia. The conference aims to explore the interaction between the work of the courts, legal and other academic disciplines, and the impact of judicial decision-making on the national economy and society.

The keynote address will be delivered by the President of the Supreme Court of Latvia. The remainder of the programme will be organised into three thematic panels:

1. The Interaction between the Supreme Court and Legal Science;
2. Judicial Decisions and the National Economy;
3. Justice and Human Nature.

A draft agenda and a preliminary list of speakers are attached for your information.

The conference will bring together judges of the Supreme Court of Latvia and the Constitutional Court of Latvia, representatives of lower courts, members of the academic community, and representatives of those Supreme Courts that responded to our survey.

The working languages of the conference will be Latvian and English, with simultaneous interpretation provided.

In this regard, it is my honour to invite you and one accompanying judge to attend the conference. Should you be unable to participate, you are kindly invited to nominate one or two judges to attend the conference on behalf of your Court.

Please note that participation in the conference is free of charge. However, participants are kindly requested to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

We would be grateful if you could inform us **before August 1** by emailing Iveta.Jaudzema@at.gov.lv whether representatives of your Court will be able to attend the conference. Should your Court decide to participate, we will subsequently provide a more detailed conference agenda.

Yours sincerely,

President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' with a horizontal line through it, and a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Aigars Strupišs

International Conference “Beyond Legal Codes: The Supreme Court’s Role in Shaping the State and Society”

Date: 9 October 2026, 9:30 – 17:00

Venue: The Great Hall of the University of Latvia, 19 Raiņa Boulevard, Riga, Latvia

Working languages: Latvian and English with simultaneous interpretation

Agenda

Opening remarks and guest speeches

Keynote address by Aigars Strupiņš, President of the Supreme Court of Latvia

Panel 1: The Interaction between the Supreme Court and Legal Science

Moderator: Māris LEJA, Dr. iur., Senator of the Department of Criminal Cases of the Supreme Court of Latvia

Speakers:

Jānis PLEPS, Dr. iur., Senator of the Department of Administrative Cases of the Supreme Court of Latvia, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Latvia

Kristīne STRADA-ROZENBERGA, Dr. iur., Head of the Department of Criminal Law of the University of Latvia, Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Latvia

Bruno CATHALA, Honorary Chamber President of the Court of Cassation of France

Panel 2: Judicial Decisions and the National Economy

Moderator: Aldis LAVIŅŠ, Senator of the Department of Civil Cases of the Supreme Court of Latvia, Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, University of Latvia

Speakers:

Jānis ROZENBERGS, Dr. iur., Senator of the Department of Criminal Cases of the Supreme Court of Latvia, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Latvia

Gundars BĒRZIŅŠ, Dr. sc. admin., Rector of the University of Latvia, Professor at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Latvia

Danguolė BUBLIENĒ, Dr., President of the Supreme Court of Lithuania

Panel 3: Justice and Human Nature

Moderator: Anita KOVALEVSKA, Chair of the Department of Administrative Cases of the Supreme Court of Latvia, Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, University of Latvia

Speakers:

Sanita OSIPOVA, Dr. iur., Senator of the Department of Civil Cases of the Supreme Court of Latvia, Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Latvia

Mārcis AUZIŅŠ, Dr. habil. phys., Chair of the University of Latvia Council, Professor at the Faculty of Science and Technology, University of Latvia

Dineke DE GROOT, President of the Supreme Court of the Netherlands,
Endowed Professor at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Summary of the conference

Guntars KITENBERGS, Dr. phys., Vice-Rector for Science at the University of Latvia, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Science and Technology, University of Latvia

Aigars STRUPIŠS, President of the Supreme Court of Latvia

Morning coffee, lunch, and refreshments during informal discussions at the end of the conference will be served.