



Tartu, 13 March 2025

Dear President,

It is my great honour to invite you to our upcoming Meeting of the Board of the Network of the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the European Union, which will take place from 21 to 23 May 2025 in Tartu, Estonia. In addition to our substantive discussions during the meeting, I would like to propose a diverse cultural programme to make your visit both meaningful and memorable.

The programme of the Meeting of the Board begins on 21 May, as I look forward to welcoming you to a reception and welcome dinner in Tartu.

The following day, on 22 May the official Meeting of the Board will take place at the premises of the Supreme Court of Estonia. This provides me with the opportunity to introduce you to some of my colleagues and give you a tour of the building, as some of you may not have had the chance to visit us yet.

After the official meeting, I would be delighted if you could join me for a scenic boat trip on the Emajõgi River, which flows through the heart of Tartu. In the evening, I propose a short trip to the Murimäe Winery, located near Tartu, where we can enjoy dinner and have a taste of locally produced wines.

For May 23<sup>rd</sup>, I have planned a different kind of cultural experience that will encourage us to reflect on current geopolitical realities and have a chance to connect in a more informal setting. We will visit the border town of Narva and its museum, located on the bank of the Narva River, the natural border between Estonia and Russia. I have kindly asked the Head of the East Prefecture of the Police and Border Guard Board to share his experience and insights of what life in a border town currently means and entails. On our way to Narva, we will make several stops along the historically and culturally rich Onion Route, which runs along the shores of Lake Peipus. This region still preserves the traditions and customs of the Old Believers, a religious group that separated from the Russian Orthodox Church in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. We will conclude the cultural programme with a lunch, after which a transfer will take you to the airport.

I sincerely hope that this programme will provide a diverse and engaging experience for you, as I am appreciative of your effort in undertaking this long journey and finding time in your busy schedule to be here.

I look forward to your participation and to welcoming you to Tartu!

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'V' followed by a horizontal stroke and a small loop.

Villu Kõve  
Chief Justice  
Supreme Court of Estonia