

REPORT ON THE V4 LAW STUDENT SUMMIT ORGANISED BY THE MATHIAS CORVINUS COLLEGIUM

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The place of the event was the Hotel Conference – which is the Centre of the Mathias Corvinus Collegium in Győr between the 14th July and 17th July in 2022. Those law students who had decided to participate on the first V4 Law Student Summit had the opportunity to attend many and many up to par lectures and interactive group works. It must be highlighted that the organizers were well prepared in terms of cultural programmes. Győr is one of the most beautiful cities in Hungary. Participants had the opportunity to see the most characteristic sights of the town as the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption of Our Lady, Town Hall and Vienna Gate Square etc.

On the day of arrival, the organizers were waiting for the participants with a very delicious dinner. On the first day the dinner was the only programme because there were a lot of students who came from the other side of Hungary and of course there were students who came from abroad, so it was necessary for them to have a rest before the programmes got started.

On the second day, after breakfast Pál Osztovits – the main organizer of the event – officially opened the conference with his greeting. After it Zoltán Szalai, the Director General of the Mathias Corvinus Collegium held his opening speech. After the opening speech there was a little break. After the break participants could listen Dr. András Osztovits' (judge at the Curia of Hungary) lecture about means of ensuring the uniformity of law in the jurisprudence of the Supreme Court. After that high quality lecture it was lunch time, participants could fill themselves with energy which was necessary because group sessions started immediately after lunch break. Group sessions were about solutions of legal cases. After discussing the solutions in the auditorium, participants and organizers went to Pannonhalma together for wine tasting. After wine tasting the company had a very delicious dinner at the Viator Abbey Restaurant. After the dinner the second day was ended with returning to Győr.

On the third day after a balanced breakfast participants were kindly asked to go to the auditorium to attend a discussion which was about a topic that is very relevant for law students. The title of the discussion was: "What it means to be a 21st century lawyer?". The discussion was between three lawyers who work in international law offices/firms. Dr. Balázs Sepsey was the representative of the Kinstellar, which is an international law firm operating in Central and Eastern Europe, Turkey and Central Asia. Dr. Zoltán Marosi was the representative of DLA Piper, which is a global law firm with lawyers located in more than 40 countries throughout the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia Pacific, positioning themselves to help clients with their legal needs around the world. Last but not least Dr. Roman Oleksik honoured participants with his presence as the representative of Kinstellar as well. The moderator of the discussion was Dr. Ákos Mernyei, who is a Ministerial Commissioner and assistant lecturer at the University of Public Service. The discussion was held in a nice atmosphere, very interesting topics were raised and discussed. In the end of the discussion participants had the opportunity to ask from the lawyers which made this event more direct. After the discussion had ended, participants, organizers and debate partners and the moderator had a palatable lunch together. After lunch participants listened a discussion in connection with the models and functions of constitutional courts. The participants of the discussion were Dr. Balázs Schanda (Judge of the Hungarian Constitutional Court) and Dr. Péter Smuk (member of the Hungarian

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Academy of Sciences). The moderator of the discussion was Dr. Márton Sulyok who is the head of Center for Public Law at Mathias Corvinus Collegium and a senior lecturer at the University of Szeged. After this fascinating discussion participants explored the sights of Győr in small groups. After this cultural session participants had have dinner and went to the auditorium in order to attend the folk dance event which was a perfect closure for this meaningful day.

On the fourth day after breakfast participants had the opportunity to listen a discussion about the future of Europe where Dr. László Trócsányi respected the audience with his presence. Dr. László Trócsányi was the Minister of Justice of the Third Hungarian Republic. Now he is a representative of Hungary in the European Parliament. It must be highlighted that participants were honoured by Dr. János Bóka's presence as well. Dr. János Bóka is the State Secretary of European Union Affairs. The moderator of the discussion was Dr. Sándor Lénárd who is the head of the Center for International Law at the Mathias Corvinus Collegium, and a Research Fellow at the Institute for American Studies at the University of Public Service. The discussion was very titillating, the audience had the opportunity to see the European Union's exterior and interior problems as well from the perspective of a representative of the European Parliament. It is important to highlight that the participants had the opportunity to ask the discussion partners. After the discussion, there was a lunch break and the participants had a little time for rest in order to attend the group sessions. The name of the session was: "Small groups on the Future of Europe". These small groups had to analyse a fictive constitution which would be the constitution for a federative European Union. After the analyses groups had to present their standpoints. Dr. Márton Sulyok and Dr. Lénárd Sándor were the jury. After the presentations there was a discussion between the groups and the jury as well, and then the group session came to its end. The closing dinner took place at the Komédiás restaurant where the participants and organizers could eat very delicious dishes and enjoy time together. The closing dinner was the closure of the fourth day as well.

The fifth and last day also started with a scrumptious breakfast. After breakfast there was a discussion about sustainability and the law. The discussion partners were Dr. Gyula Bándi, who is the Deputy-Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, Ombudsman for Future Generations, Dr. György Kerekes, who is the chief executive officer of the Hungarian National Trading House and Dr. Marcel Szabó, who is a Judge of the Hungarian Constitutional Court, honoured the audience by their presence as well. After the discussion there was a little break and after the break the last discussion started. The last discussion's topic was about digital lawyering. The discussion partners were Dr. András Osztovits, Dr. András Tóth who is the head of the Department of Infocommunication Law at Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary, and last but not least Dr. Zsolt Zódi, who is a researcher in law, information society, legal theory and legal technology. After the end of this fascinating discussion the V4 Law Student Summit came to its end with the closing ceremony. Dr. Dávid Fekete who is the deputy mayor of Győr had honoured the audience by his presence and made the closing speech. After the speech the participants could get their certificates of the V4 Law Student Summit from Dr. Dávid Fekete. It was a perfect closure for the event. The V4 Law Student Summit came to its end and the participants could go home with a lot of experiences.