FBE Human Rights Commission Skype-Meeting 10.12.2020

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1. Artur reports that he has been in contact with Presidency for exchanging and publishing information about different events. He made a short report about the FBE-Webinar on the day before (09.12) about Human Rights during Coronavirus.

2. Peter Hanenberg: about action in Turkey
   There is not so much to report about actions in Turkey. About the murder of a former Dean, Peter could raise quite an important number of reactions in the Netherlands from different Deans. Of course, there are still a lot of problems in Turkey: there will be a new law reorganizing Bars but it has not been published yet. Unfortunately, we can not do a lot at the moment, but we are still worried about the situation. Artur reports that he has been signing declarations, to support lawyers

   Peter informs the Commission about a Webinar on 15.12 of The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) and the Human Rights Joint Platform (IHOP) about “The effectiveness of the European Court of Human Rights’ rulings in Turkey: old and new challenges.”

3. Sara Chandler: meeting of International Organisations to remember Ebru Timtik
   Sara reports that she participated on behalf of FBE in a meeting of international organizations: to create a “International Fair trials Day” to give an Award to a Human Rights Defender. The first meeting will be virtual in June 2021. There is a small working group to prepare this meeting. There will be more information in January. There is still to be decided which country will be chosen in 2021. Sara will write some information in English to be published on the website.

4. Michele Calantropo: Bielorussia
   Michele reports about the last months after the election of President: there has been a lot of violation of HR, specially against lawyers (arrested) who were protesting peacefully. Michele will send a text to be communicated to Presidency.

5. Malte Dedden: about the “global security” new regulation in France
   In France there is a new law about global security in preparation: there has been only one reading. Main point: new police powers, video surveillance, drones to film demonstration, etc. Specially Art. 24 is strongly criticised; there has been a declaration of the Paris Bar. Everybody is waiting for the Senate lecture; a demonstration will take place on Saturday (12.12)

6. Enrico Lattanzi:

   Enrico has sent an updating report about situation in Italy (Covid Apps for tracing)
   In Italy there are still very bad numbers of covid cases
   After the last results of the reports, the treatment of private data is correct (conform to the European Legislation) but there are still some critics.
Fatima Oraibi who is in charge of the general report about the situation in Europe asks for more information about the experience of Covid-Apps in the different countries in Europe. She will then be able to complete her report.

She reports about the situation in Belgium (“Corona Alerts”): there is a big problem of protection of privacy: the App can track the location of the citizens (GPS). Actually there is until 31.12 a curfew (fine: 1.500 € !...)

Artur will send a report about Poland, Izas about Spain E

7. Monique: Day of the Endangered Lawyers
Monique reports that she participated to a meeting for preparation of the Day of the Endangered Lawyers 2021.
For 2021, Azerbaijan has been chosen, it will take place on Friday 22 January 2021. Because of the Corona situation, it will be difficult to organize demonstrations on the streets or meetings with a bigger number of participants.
There should be a common declaration to be published by the different organizations and sent to the politics.
Fatima reports that she will have a meeting with the new Dean in Antwerp.

8. Massimiliano Buriassi
He reports that his Bar will organize an Online Event in January 2021 in memory to Ebru Timtik.
He will send the precise information to the Commission.

9. Wout Albers:
Wout reports about the action of
* Send cards to Lawyers for Lawyers to different lawyers who are actually in jail
* Action Saudi Arabia: the prepared letter has to be forwarded to FBE
* Lawyers for Lawyers Award: Deadline 15.02.2021

Artur thanks all participants to this meetings and their action.

The next meeting before 10.01.2021