

Development of the IT applications - High Court of Cassation and Justice -

➤ **Development of the IT application allowing the exchange of jurisprudential information between the High Court of Cassation and Justice and the Courts of Appeal within the National Network for the Unification of Jurisprudence**

Given that the establishment in 2023 of the National Network for the Unification of Jurisprudence (RNUJ) was linked to one of the most significant developments in terms of digitalization (under the coordination of the High Court of Cassation and Justice, the application was developed which allows, on the one hand, the judges of other courts to consult the case law of the Supreme Court and, on the other hand, to signal the legal issues that generate non-unified practice), during 2024, efforts to improve the application continued.

To this end, a new functionality has been implemented whereby documents, summaries or studies can be uploaded for consultation by national judges.

Thus, as of September 20, 2024, through this new functionality, new materials prepared by the High Court of Cassation and Justice have been posted and can be consulted by national judges, namely (i) *a systematization of the preliminary requests on questions of law submitted pursuant to O.U.G. no. 62/2024 pending before the High Court of Cassation and Justice*, (ii) *the centralization of all judgments rendered in the framework of the mechanisms for the unification of case law in the field of labour disputes and social security, by categories of personnel and subject matter* and (iii) *the Evolution of ECHR case law*.

As opposed to the centralized lists available for consultation on the website www.iccj.ro, containing the PJ (preliminary judgment) and AIL (appeal in the interest of law) decisions rendered in the field of labour disputes and social security, systematized by normative acts and articles, all the decisions rendered within the framework of the mechanisms for the unification of case law, in the same matters, between 2003-2024, have been centralized, with a *link* facilitating the consultation of each decision, by category of personnel and with the highlighting of the legal issue, the legal provisions subject to interpretation and the subject of the referral. These materials are updated in real time.

Two new sections have been added to the top of the main page of the National Network for the Unification of Jurisprudence (i) *PJ/AIL Labor Litigation* and (ii) *PJ/AIL Social Insurance*.

Given that the High Court of Cassation and Justice is a member of the Network of Superior Courts (SCN), which operates under the aegis of the European Court of Human Rights, through which information on the development of the ECHR case law is disseminated on

a weekly basis, a section has been created in the upper part of the RNUJ application, which is intended to provide information on the ECHR case law, given that this information is not accessible to the general public, but it is a useful and necessary tool for national judges entrusted with the resolution of cases.

All these materials can be consulted by all national judges by simply accessing the RNUJ application.

➤ **Strengthening the institutional capacity of the HCCJ in the administrative and managerial activity component, through IT solutions:**

The taking over from 2023 onwards of the budget of the other courts in the staff expenditure component has generated the need to adopt IT solutions to ensure a unified approach to economic activity at the level of the other courts as authorizing officers.

To this end, the **implementation of the integrated software platform for economic-financial and administrative management at the level of courts of appeal and tribunals** has been **extended**.

The implementation of the IT system (after the data upload process will be completed) has a number of benefits, including: ensuring quick access to information for real-time decisions, streamlining the work through automation and reducing errors by standardizing working procedures, creating a collaborative and professional environment, oriented towards achieving managerial objectives, improving the professional training and performance of the employees of the High Court and other courts, etc.

Also in the context of the takeover of the budget of the courts of justice, a measure was taken to purchase **a computer program that allows the electronic administration of procedural documents** drawn up in litigations in which the HCCJ has subrogated itself to the rights and obligations of the Ministry of Justice with the takeover of the budget of the courts of justice, or which arose subsequently in connection with the exercise of this competence.¹

¹ When it took over the budget, the Supreme Court automatically subrogated itself to the Ministry of Justice in 3,236 disputes related to the salary or salary-related entitlements of court staff. At present, the specialized structure dealing with the management of litigations arising in opposition with the High Court has 6082 cases registered.