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**„CHALLENGES AND BEST PRACTISES IN
COMMUNICATING CONSTITUTIONAL COURT
JUDGEMENTS OF HIGH PUBLIC RESONANCE:
COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS“**



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COMMUNICATIONAL POLICY OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

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ANALYSIS

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONAL GOALS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

- Strengthening public trust and recognition of the institution as an independent and objective body;
- Improving the accessibility and comprehensibility of judicial acts for the general public;
- Establishment of sustainable digital and media channels for prompt communication;
- Development of anti-crisis communication;
- Improving internal communication and coordination.

KEY MESSAGES FROM THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

- The Constitutional Court is the guarantor of the supremacy of the Constitution.
- The independence of the Court is fundamental to the democratic functioning of the state.
- The decisions of the Constitutional Court are legally justified and not politically motivated.
- The court is not an 'active political player' but an arbiter of constitutional compliance.
- The court guarantees the protection of citizens' rights and freedoms.



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COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

COMMUNICATIONAL CHANNELS

- Current practice
 - Press Release;
- Future
 - Digital Media
 - Social Media
 - Video Channel

PRINCIPLES OF MEDIA POLICY

- Transparency – timely publication of case reports;
- Accuracy – providing complete, verified, and legally sound information;
- Consistency – information is disseminated simultaneously through official channels;
- Accessibility – use of clear texts when presenting decisions;
- Accountability – following internal coordination rules, making sure public statements are consistent.



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RISKS AND CRISIS COMMUNICATION PLAN

POSSIBLE RISKS:

- Wrong interpretation of the decision of the Court in the media;
- Leak of unconfirmed or inside information before the official enactment of the judgement;
- Dissemination of rumours and fake news;
- Public statements criticising the work of the Court;
- Accusations of political bias/political pressure;
- Crisis of confidence due to lack of transparency and delayed communication;
- Internal crises – caused by temporary work-related tension.



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STRENGTHS:

- Authority of the institution, high credibility among the public;
- An equally distanced institution;
- A guarantor of the supremacy of the Constitution;
- Judgments are final and mandatory;
- Professional staff;
- High-profile international activity.

WEAKNESSES:

- Lack of public awareness of the institution's activities;
- Lack of concrete measures taken to prevent crisis situations;
- Using the name of the institution for political purposes in cases involving power conflicts;
- Unused opportunities of the existing website;
- Unused channels of communication through professional social networks;
- Insufficient presence of the voice of the Court in the media.

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Raising awareness of the work of the Court;
- Increasing trust in the institution's activities;
- A socially responsible position that is recognized by the public;
- Prevention of crisis situations;
- Visibility of international activities and achievements;
- Interaction with academia;
- Interaction with international partners.

THREATS:

- Insufficient understanding of the Court's activities by the general public;
- Possible recurrence of crisis situations;
- Using the Constitutional Court and its rulings to serve political goals;
- Public distrust after Court rulings.



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Case law overview

CONSTITUTIONAL CASE NO. 8/2025

Constitutional case No. 8/2025 which is of political significance. The President of the Republic of Bulgaria asked the Constitutional Court for a binding interpretation of the provisions of Article 77, paragraph 1, items 1–2 and Article 84, item 5 of the Bulgarian Constitution. The requested interpretation of the cited provisions concerns the following question:

According to the Bulgarian Constitution does the chair of the National Assembly have the powers to assess the requirements under which a national referendum may be held, by rejecting a proposal made by a constitutional body authorized by law?

CONSTITUTIONAL CASE NO. 8/2025

The Chair of the National Assembly does not have the power to assess the legal requirements according to which a national referendum may be held, or to reject a proposal for such referendum made by a body authorised by law.

Since it concerns the issuance of a unilateral act by the Chair of the National Assembly, which essentially obstructs the exercise of its full powers granted by the Constitution, it was described in the decision as unacceptable from the point of view of the Basic Law because it effectively circumvents the established order of control over the acts of the National Assembly.

CONSTITUTIONAL CASE NO. 8/2025

[illegible]

CONSTITUTIONAL CASE NO. 7/2025

With its decision the Constitutional Court rejected the request of the Sofia City Administrative Court, 20th Cassation Panel, to establish the unconstitutionality of Article 79b, paragraph 2 of the Law on Administrative Offences and Penalties. It concerns cases of traffic violations where the offender does not wish to appeal against the penalty order in respect of the fine imposed, he may pay 80 per cent of the amount of the fine within 14 days of the delivery of the penalty order, unless a special law provides for a reduced amount of the fine. The contested provision of Article 2 states that the cases referred to in paragraph 1, the penalty order shall enter into force in the part concerning the imposed fine from the date of payment. If the offender has appealed against the penalty order and has paid the fine within the period referred to in paragraph 1, the proceedings for examining the appeal in this part shall be terminated on the grounds of Article 63g.

CONSTITUTIONAL CASE NO. 7/2025

 КОНСТИТУЦИОНЕН СЪД НА РЕПУБЛИКА БЪЛГАРИЯ			Медиен мониторинг				
Дата на издаване на материала	Медия	Заглавие на материала	Вид на материала	Автор	Тон на материала	Линк към материал	Линк към първоисточника
27.11.2025	btg.bg	Конституционен съд: образува дело за правото на КМГ да получава граждански данни	Новина	Ваня Любимова	Неутрален	https://btg.bg/bg/news/constitutional-court-creates-case-for-the-right-of-civil-society-organizations-to-receive-civil-data	
27.11.2025	lwn.bg	Премахване на избори в ЕС: правото на КМГ да получава граждански данни	Статия	lwn.bg	Неутрален	https://lwn.bg/bg/news/constitutional-court-creates-case-for-the-right-of-civil-society-organizations-to-receive-civil-data	
27.11.2025	lwn.bg	ЕС: избори в ЕС: правото на КМГ да получава граждански данни	Статия	lwn.bg	Неутрален	https://lwn.bg/bg/news/constitutional-court-creates-case-for-the-right-of-civil-society-organizations-to-receive-civil-data	
27.11.2025	Дневник	Конституционен съд се съзема, че правителство образува дело за правото на КМГ да получава граждански данни	Новина	Дневник	Неутрален	https://dnevnik.bg/bg/news/constitutional-court-creates-case-for-the-right-of-civil-society-organizations-to-receive-civil-data	
27.11.2025	BTA	Конституционен съд: образува конституционно дело №25/2025 г.	Новина от пресслужба	BTA	Неутрален	https://www.bta.bg/bg/news/bulgarian-constitutional-court-creates-constitutional-case-no-25-2025-g	
27.11.2025	BTA	Конституционен съд се произнася с решение по конституционно дело №27/2025 г.	Новина от пресслужба	BTA	Неутрален	https://www.bta.bg/bg/news/bulgarian-constitutional-court-creates-constitutional-case-no-27-2025-g	
27.11.2025	Pravda.bg	ЕС: Правителство образува дело за правото на КМГ да получава граждански данни	Новина от пресслужба	Pravda.bg	Неутрален	https://www.pravda.bg/bg/news/bulgarian-constitutional-court-creates-case-for-the-right-of-civil-society-organizations-to-receive-civil-data	
27.11.2025	BHP	ЕС: делото за разпитване на изборите от КМГ за правителството и новията конституция: какви са новите данни на КМГ	Новина от пресслужба	България, Анастасия	Неутрален	https://bhp.bg/bg/news/bulgarian-constitutional-court-creates-case-for-the-right-of-civil-society-organizations-to-receive-civil-data	
27.11.2025	offnews.bg	ЕС: делото за разпитване на изборите от КМГ за правителството и новията конституция: какви са новите данни на КМГ	Новина	offnews.bg	Неутрален	https://offnews.bg/bg/news/bulgarian-constitutional-court-creates-case-for-the-right-of-civil-society-organizations-to-receive-civil-data	
27.11.2025	market.bg	ЕС: делото за разпитване на изборите от КМГ за правителството и новията конституция: какви са новите данни на КМГ	Новина от пресслужба	Олеся Стойчева	Неутрален	https://market.bg/bg/news/bulgarian-constitutional-court-creates-case-for-the-right-of-civil-society-organizations-to-receive-civil-data	
27.11.2025	BTA	Национална администрация издава постановление по делото за правото на КМГ да получава граждански данни	Новина	Мариана Василева	Неутрален	https://www.bta.bg/bg/news/bulgarian-constitutional-court-creates-case-for-the-right-of-civil-society-organizations-to-receive-civil-data	
27.11.2025	lwn.bg	ВКС образува конституционно дело за делото за правото на КМГ да получава граждански данни	Статия	lwn.bg	Неутрален	https://lwn.bg/bg/news/constitutional-court-creates-case-for-the-right-of-civil-society-organizations-to-receive-civil-data	
27.11.2025	lwn.bg	Судът във Варна образува делото за правото на КМГ да получава граждански данни	Статия	lwn.bg	Неутрален	https://lwn.bg/bg/news/constitutional-court-creates-case-for-the-right-of-civil-society-organizations-to-receive-civil-data	
27.11.2025	lwn.bg	ВКС образува конституционно дело за делото за правото на КМГ да получава граждански данни	Статия	lwn.bg	Неутрален	https://lwn.bg/bg/news/constitutional-court-creates-case-for-the-right-of-civil-society-organizations-to-receive-civil-data	
27.11.2025	lwn.bg	Административен съд образува дело за делото за правото на КМГ да получава граждански данни	Статия	lwn.bg	Неутрален	https://lwn.bg/bg/news/constitutional-court-creates-case-for-the-right-of-civil-society-organizations-to-receive-civil-data	
27.11.2025	Клуб 2	Как е "големият" преследвател на ВКС (Собранието)	Статия	Стефан Момчилов	Критичен	https://club2.bg/bg/news	
28.11.2025	Своб	Оценката на Тревър: какви са новите данни на КМГ за правителството и новията конституция: какви са новите данни на КМГ	Новина	Джордж Димитров	Критичен	https://www.svoboda.com/bg/bulgaria/bulgarian-constitutional-court-creates-case-for-the-right-of-civil-society-organizations-to-receive-civil-data	
28.11.2025	BHP	Решение на Конституционния съд: правителството образува дело за правото на КМГ да получава граждански данни	Новина	BHP	Неутрален	https://bhp.bg/bg/news/bulgarian-constitutional-court-creates-case-for-the-right-of-civil-society-organizations-to-receive-civil-data	



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CONCLUSION



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