

Mr. Virgil Constantin Ivan-Cucu

- *EuroMed Justice IV, Barcelona - Key Senior Expert - Judicial Cooperation*
- *EIPA Luxembourg – European Centre for Judges and Lawyers - Senior Lecturer*
- *International Association of Prosecutors – Senator & Founding Member*

FIELDS OF SPECIALISATION

European Union Area of Freedom, Security and Justice; development of justice capacities in South Eastern Europe, Western-Balkans and the Mediterranean region; International and European criminal law, in particular judicial and law enforcement cooperation; investigation, prosecution and trials of complex cross-border organised crime, corruption, cybercrime and terrorism; Administration and Quality of Justice; Judicial Ethics.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mr. Constantin Virgil Ivan-Cucu possess an impressive judicial carer.

- He started as a public prosecutor, evolving into a senior prosecutor and **Director for International Judicial Cooperation within the Prosecutor's General Office of Romania**;
- He was promoted to the **Supreme Court of Justice as Judge**;
- Then appointed as **Director for Crime Prevention and Anticorruption in the Ministry of Justice** and
- **Inspector in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, conducting and coordinating international cooperation in cases concerning counter-terrorism in Middle-Eastern countries
- From 2008 he become involved – as **Head of the Justice and Home Affairs Department within the Regional Cooperation Council for South-Eastern Europe(RCC) in Sarajevo** – in the development, implementation and coordination of regional cooperation in combating trans-border crime
- Constantin Virgil joined, as Senior Lecturer, **EIPA Luxembourg – European Centre for Judges and Lawyers**, in 2012.
- Since 2016, he is the **Key Senior Expert for Judicial Cooperation and Justice Capacity Building within the cross-regional project EuroMed Justice IV** founded by the European Union aiming to promote and implement a Euro-Mediterranean area of Justice and Security.

In these positions, he conducted and coordinated legal, judicial and diplomatic cooperation for his country in cross-border complex cases concerning counter-terrorism and organized crime in the Middle East, Europe, America and South Africa. In South-East Europe, he was directly involved in the establishment, development, and coordination of regional judicial organisations and networks such as SELEC, SEEPAG, ILECU, RAI, MARRI PCC-SEE and RACVIAC.

Since 1995, Virgil played an active role in the establishment and operationalisation of the **International Criminal Court (ICC)**. He was the Head of the Romanian Delegation at the UN Preparatory Committee sessions (1995-1998), Plenipotentiary and Vice-President of the Committee of the Whole during the 1998 UN Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries in Rome, Romania representative at the ICC Assembly of States Parties (New York 2002, 2003 and The Hague 2004 and 2006).

Within the **International Association of Prosecutors**, Virgil is a Senator and one of the founding members of the Association.

In his current position in **EuroMed Justice IV**, Virgil developed the vision and the strategic concept of cross-regional, Euro-Mediterranean cooperation in criminal and civil matters and pursued with its implementation, including the creation of a sustainable cross-regional mechanism of judicial cooperation. In only one year of strategic advancement (2017-2018), EuroMed Justice established the experts group CrimEx and drafted the main instruments of cooperation: EuroMed Fiches, Legal and Gaps Analyses, Handbook on judicial cooperation and Digital Evidence Manual. The meeting of the EU Judicial Network of Contact Points with CrimEx members, 1st EuroMed Digital Evidence Conference and the establishment of the EuroMed Forum of the Prosecutors General constitutes EuroMed historical events and milestones.

EDUCATION

Virgil studied Law at Bucharest University and completed his education at the Romanian Diplomatic Academy, the University Carol the 1st for National Defence and Marshall European Centre for Security Studies, Germany.