

Out-of-court settlement as the best solution (Prince Constantin of Liechtenstein)

Prince Constantin, the youngest son of Prince Hans Adam ruling in Liechtenstein, is in charge of the family business, but also of the country's disputes with the Czech Republic.

Question: What will happen if your lawsuits against the Czech Republic are successful?

Prince Constantin: In the past years we have shown that we are responsible owners who can very well cope with responsibility. When it comes to our experience in the area of forestry and farming, we have something to offer. This is also true about cultural heritage, its renovation and use.

Question: Will the chateaux remain open?

Prince Constantin: Our family has always sought to make sights accessible to the public, and naturally to maintain them, both buildings and gardens. The efforts at accessibility are also related to the fact that we do not ask high entrance fees anywhere. The approach in important places such as the Lednice-Valtice Area is clear: let's keep them open.

Question: You waited a very long time before you filed the lawsuits. Is an out-of-court solution still possible?

Prince Constantin: This has always been our goal – to reach an out-of-court settlement. Unfortunately, the Czech government sued us and we had to react. Under the new Civil Code, our claims would have expired at the end of 2018. Therefore we decided to take our claims for the seized property to court. We still believe an out-of-court settlement would be the best solution.

Question: You have invested millions of euros to rebuild the property in Vranov near Brno, currently owned by the church. Are you planning further investment?

Prince Constantin: Our investment in the Czech Republic will not be safe until the disputes are resolved. We are not planning any further investment until the court passes the verdict.

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