

ECBA Autumn Conference 2023, 6-7 October, Sofia, Bulgaria

Friday 6 October

18h30 – 21:00	<p>Reception</p> <p>Venue: Sofia Central Military Club – Concert Hall</p> <p>Address: Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd 7, 1000, Sofia, Bulgaria</p> <p>Welcome words:</p> <p>Vincent Asselineau, Chair of the ECBA Adv. Dr. Ivaylo Dermendjiev, Chairman of the Supreme Bar Council of Bulgaria</p>
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Saturday 7 October

9h00	<p>Conference</p> <p>Venue: Intercontinental Hotel Sofia</p> <p>Address: 4, pl. "Narodno sabranie" Square, 1000 Sofia, Bulgaria</p> <p>Registration and welcome coffee</p>
9h30	<p>Conference opening – welcome speeches</p> <p>Vincent Asselineau, Chair of the ECBA Adv. Dr. Ivaylo Dermendjiev, Chairman of the Supreme Bar Council of Bulgaria</p>
10h00	<p>Scott Crosby Human Rights Award 2023</p> <p><i>Introduction: Vincent Asselineau, President of the ECBA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Alexis Anagnostakis – ECBA Human Rights Committee Officer○ Françoise Tulkens, former Judge and Vice-President of the ECHR○ Nancy Hollander, defence lawyer, USA

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10:30

Panel 1: Sanctions - implementation, enforcement, challenges

Chair: Rebecca Niblock, ECBA Vice Chair, UK

- Amélie Beauchemin, defence lawyer, France
 - Anna Bradshaw, defence lawyer, UK
 - Maya Ivanova, defence lawyer, Bulgaria
 - Violetta Zeppa-Priedite, defence lawyer, Latvia
- Q&A

11:45

Coffee Break

12:15

Panel 2: Procedural Safeguards

Chair: Miroslav Krutina, ECBA Vice Chair, Czechia

- Maria Barbancho Saborit, defence lawyer, Spain
 - Adelina Hadjiiska, defence lawyer, Bulgaria
 - Stefan Hyman, defence lawyer, United Kingdom
 - Holger Matt, defence lawyer, Germany
- Q&A

13:30

Lunch Break

14h30

Panel 3: Anti-corruption legislation in Europe and Fundamental Rights

Chair: Amedeo Barletta, ECBA Vice Chair, Italy

Intro: [ECBA Statement on the new proposed Directive on Combating Corruption](#)

Vladimir Hrle, ECBA Anti-Corruption in Europe Working Group Co-Chair, Serbia

- Danielle Goudriaan, defence lawyer and former EPPO Prosecutor, The Netherlands
 - Hristo Kutiev, defence lawyer, Bulgaria
 - Juan Palomino, defence lawyer, Spain
- Q&A

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15h45	2023 General Assembly
16h00	Closing the Conference Vincent Asselineau, Chair of the ECBA
19h30	Dinner (optional) Venue: "Moma" restaurant Address: ul.Solunska 28, Sofia 1000 Bulgaria

Sunday 8 October

10h00 – 12h30	Sightseeing tour of Sofia (in English, optional) Meeting at Intercontinental Hotel and a walk around the Old Town; duration about 2h
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