



AUTUMN CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The fair trial principle under pressure:

Between the growing restrictions on legal aid and the “risk of coercion” to plea bargain?

Friday 3 October:

18.00-20.00

Cocktail Reception

Cocktail (drinks & canapés) co-hosted by the Slovak Bar Association

Venue:

Mirbach Palace

Frantiskanske namestie 11
Bratislava, Slovakia

Welcome Address

- Prof. Holger Matt, Chair of the ECBA;
- Dr. Stefan Detvai, President of the Slovak Bar Association.

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Saturday 4 October:

09.00-09.30

Registration

Hotel Devin, Riečna 4,
811 02 Bratislava, Slovakia
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09.30-10.00

Introductions and welcome

- High representative from the Slovak Republic (invited);
- Prof. Holger Matt, Chair of the ECBA;

- 10.00-11.30 **Legal aid and payments from the state to lawyers**
Chair: Prof Holger Matt, Chair of the ECBA
- "Legal aid as a fundamental right", ECHR Judge Dean Spielmann
 - "First experiences with the new Austrian legal aid emergency service", Prof. Richard Soyer, Austria;
 - "The Slovak legal aid system", Mr. Matus Gemes, Defense lawyer, Slovakia;
 - "The legal aid system of the Dutch jurisdiction" Mr Willem Koops;
 - "The Bulgarian legal aid system", Velislava Delcheva, Expert Justice and Home Affairs.

11.30-11.50 ***Coffee break***

- 11.50-12.30 **E-Justice: mutual recognition coming to your laptop soon; benefits, pitfalls and data protection**
Chair: Ms. Louise Hodges, Vice-Chair of the ECBA
- Mr Joaquin Bayo Delgado, European Data Protection Supervisor, Brussels.

- 12.30-12.45 **Reports on ECBA working groups**
- Mr Kai Hart-Hoenig, Working Group on Anti-trust;
 - Mr Peter Engels and Mrs Annelies Denecker, Cross border financial crime;
 - Mrs Silvia Santoro, Journal of European Criminal Law (JECL).

DISCUSSION

12.45-14.00 ***Lunch***

- 14.00-16.00 **Plea bargaining and the role of the lawyer**
Chair: Mr Kevin Roberts, Treasurer of the ECBA
- Ms. Vania Costa Ramos, Defense lawyer, Portugal;
 - Mrs. Alexandra Pichler, Defense lawyer, Austria;
 - Prof. Juraj Kolesar, Defense lawyer, Slovakia;
 - Mr. Monty Raphael, Solicitor, UK;
 - Ms. Tatjana Markelj, Defense lawyer, Slovenia.

DISCUSSION

16.00-16.30 ***Coffee break***

16.30-17.30 **Recent developments and proposed reforms affecting the legal profession in the European Union:**

Chair: Mr. Roberto Pisano, Vice-Chair of the ECBA

A representative from a number of jurisdictions will give short (5 minute) updates of key developments in their national criminal law relevant to practitioners in other jurisdictions. Delegates who are interested in speaking should contact: secretariat@ecba.org

EVENING PROGRAMME

19.30 **Dinner**
Matysak Hotel
Prazska 15
Bratislava

(participants are recommended to take a taxi, it takes about 10 minutes)