

EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES' COMMITTEE CONFERENCE 2018



RIGA, LATVIA

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Balance of Interests: Restructuring, Insolvency and Second Chance

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Welcome



Dear Friends & Colleagues

On behalf of INSOL Europe, we are delighted to invite you to join us in Riga, Latvia, for the Eastern European Countries' Committee Conference (EECC) on Friday 1 June 2018.

Riga was founded in 1201 and is a former Hanseatic League member. Its historical centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, noted for its Art Nouveau/Jugendstil architecture and 19th century wooden architecture. Riga was the European Capital of Culture during 2014 and has, in the past, hosted the NATO Summit, numerous sporting world championships and the Eurovision song contest. Riga is home to the European Union's office of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC). This year the city and its region have been granted the title of the European Region of Gastronomy.

Riga is one of the key economic and financial centres of the Baltic States. Roughly half of all the jobs in Latvia are in Riga and the city generates more than 50% of Latvia's GDP, as well as around half of Latvia's exports. The biggest exporters are in wood products, IT, food and beverage manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, transport and metallurgy. Riga's port is one of the largest in the Baltic States, with future growth at the new port developments on Krievu Sala. Tourism is also a growth industry in Riga and has grown rapidly in the last five years. It is served by Riga International Airport, the largest and busiest airport in the Baltic States, offering more than 60 direct flight destinations all over the world. At the same time, the city is situated on the most significant road connections between Finland and the Czech Republic.

As an insolvency practitioner it is always a balance to meet certain interests, but at the same time follow and use the different legal frameworks. That's why the title of the next conference will be **"Balance of interests: restructuring, insolvency and second chance"**. The congress will be focused mainly on new approaches across Europe towards (cross-border) insolvency, how local and European laws have developed and the Commission's plans for harmonization of the Member States' insolvency laws. The Congress will consider the possibilities in different European jurisdictions for financing and other crucial tools to save as many companies as possible where there is a viable business.

Using a mix of academic focus, financiers, practitioners and politicians we will focus on the most important fields in which states and practitioners deal with restructuring and insolvency matters.

All in all, attending our conference presents a valuable experience, an excellent opportunity to meet industry experts and to learn about the latest trends in insolvency. The conference will be preceded by an optional networking dinner (on Thursday 31 May) in a restaurant in the centre of the old town, during which the guests can have a taste of both Latvia's culinary and music traditions.

The EECC Conference will bring you fresh knowledge, widen your network, stimulate your innovative self and expand your vision while providing a relaxing and memorable time in this beautiful city. We are very excited about this event and look forward to welcoming you in Riga. Registration will soon be open on our website. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us or any member of our local conference committee.

We hope you will take up the many opportunities to enjoy our conference in Riga, as well as the city and its surroundings.

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Programme



Thursday 31 May

16.00 - 18.00	Registration
19.30 - 22.30	Optional pre-conference drinks and dinner

Friday 1 June

08.00 - 09.20	Registration desk re-opens
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09.20 - 09.30 **Welcome Address**

Radu Lotrean, President of INSOL Europe, Co-Chair of the INSOL Europe EECC, CITR, Romania,
Evert Verwey, Co-Chair of the INSOL Europe EECC, Clifford Chance LLP, The Netherlands

09.30 - 10.00 **Keynote Speakers**

Māris Kučinskis,
Prime Minister, Latvia
Dzintars Rasnačs,
Minister of Justice, Latvia

MORNING TECHNICAL SESSION

10.00 - 11.00 **Times will change: Proposal for a Directive on Restructuring, Insolvency and Second Chance**

- Latest developments in the adoption of the directive and its transposition into national law
- Sale of Distress Business: Regulation Threats and Practice

Moderator: Prof. Matthias Storme, University of Leuven, Belgium

Panellists to include:

Dr Paulius Markovas,
COBALT, Lithuania
Salla Saastamoinen, Directorate A Civil and Commercial Justice, Directorate General Justice and Consumers, European Commission

11.00 - 11.30	Coffee break
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11.30 - 12.15 **Recast of the European Insolvency Regulation – Is it a helpful tool?**

- The implementation of the new Insolvency Regulation: Recommendations and guidelines

Moderator: Evert Verwey, Co-Chair of the INSOL Europe EECC, Clifford Chance LLP, The Netherlands

Panellists to include:

Dr. Björn Laukemann,
Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law, Luxembourg
Judge Miodrag Dordevic,
Supreme Court, Slovenia

12.15 - 13.00

Baltic insolvency law in international perspective: Good better best?

- Latvian law on transaction avoidance as a template for European Harmonization

Moderator: Hans Renman, Hamilton, Sweden

Panellists to include:

Prof. Rolef de Weijs,
University of Amsterdam, Houthoff Buruma, The Netherlands and Riga Graduate School of Law, Latvia

13.00 - 14.00	Lunch break
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AFTERNOON TECHNICAL SESSION

14.00 - 14.45 **When it becomes personal: Personal Bankruptcy discussed**

- Principle of good faith as a cornerstone of second chance
- Effects of different national consumer bankruptcy regimes in EEC

Moderator: Dr Veronika Sajadova, Swedbank, Latvia

Panellists to include:

Dr Jan-Ocko Heuer,
Humboldt University, Germany
Paweł Kuglarz,
TaylorWessing, Poland

14.45 - 15.30 **Restructuring in a long-term perspective: Case-study**

- Remarks on the Estonian Reorganisation Act and Practice

Moderator: Dr Ernst Giese, Giese & Partner, Czech Republic

Panellists to include:

Peeter Viirsalu, TGS Baltic, Estonia
Edvins Draba, SORAINEN, Latvia

15.30 - 16.00	Coffee break
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16.00 - 16.45 **Strength of Insolvency Network**

- Insolvency abuse report

Moderator: Inese Šteina, Insolvency Administration, Latvia

Panellists to include:

Andres F. Martinez, World Bank Group, USA (to be confirmed)
Speaker to be confirmed from the Foreign Investors' Council in Latvia (FICIL), Latvia

16.45 - 17.00 **Closing remarks**

Radu Lotrean, President of INSOL Europe, Co-Chair of the INSOL Europe EECC, CITR, Romania,
Evert Verwey, Co-Chair of the INSOL Europe EECC, Clifford Chance LLP, The Netherlands

17.30 - 19.00	Drinks reception and networking
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Programme subject to alteration.

Information



Conference Registration

The tear-off delegate registration form should be completed and returned to:

**Wendy Cooper, INSOL Europe,
PO Box 7149, Clifton, Nottingham,
NG11 6WD, United Kingdom**

Fax: +44 (0) 115 916 0214

Email: wendycooper@insol-europe.org

Alternatively, you may register on-line at:
www.insol-europe.org/events.

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Joining Instructions

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Getting there

If you are arriving by your own car there is secure on-site parking available.

In order to get to or from Riga International Airport and into the city centre there are a number of options available.

Bus route number 22 takes you to Riga Central Station in approximately 30 minutes, and the hotel is located 1 km away. The bus stop is located opposite the 2nd level of the airport terminal entrance, behind the car park.

There are also taxi services available from the airport, serviced by Baltic Taxi and Red Cab. Taxi tariffs are posted on the passenger side door of each taxi cab.

When to Arrive

Registration will start at 16.00 on Thursday 31 May. The registration desk will re-open at 08.00 on Friday 1 June.

Pre-Conference Dinner

There will be an optional pre-conference networking drinks and dinner in a local restaurant at 19.30 on Thursday 31 May. The cost of this dinner will be €50 (€41.32 + €8.68 VAT). If you would like to attend, please complete the section on the registration form and add your payment.

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