

Conference: Croatia on its Way to the European Judicial Area - Settlement of Commercial and Consumer Disputes

The conference is organized by the Institute of European Law and Comparative Legislation and the [University of Rijeka Faculty of Law](#). It will take place in the [Hotel Ambassador](#) in **Opatija, Croatia** on **7 and 8 December 2006**. The speakers at the conference are experts from Croatia as well as from several EC Member States including Germany, Italy, and the Netherlands. The simultaneous English-Croatian interpreting is provided.

Programme

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WELCOMING NOTE

Prof. dr. sc. Miomir Matulovi?, Dean of the Faculty of Law Rijeka, Croatia

INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATIONS

- **Is Croatia Prepared to Enter European Judicial Area?** Ljiljana Vodopija ?engi?, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Justice of Republic of the Croatia
- **Current State of Play of Consumer Protection Law in the Republic of Croatia** Ema Culi, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Economy, Labor and Entrepreneurship of the Republic of Croatia
- **Republic of Croatia on its Way to the European Union - Negotiations** Neven Pelicari?, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integrations of the Republic of Croatia

FAIR ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN CROATIA AS A PRECONDITION OF ITS ENTERING INTO THE EUROPEAN JUDICIAL AREA

- **Key Elements of European Judicial Area** Prof. dr. sc. Werner Meng, Director of the Europa Institut, University of Saarbrücken, Germany

- **European Enforcement Order** Prof. dr. sc. Tito Ballarino, Law Faculty Milan, Italy
- **Creating the European Judicial Area in Civil and Commercial Matters - The ECJ's Powers and Limitations** Mr. sc. Ivana Kunda, Law Faculty Rijeka, Croatia
- **Reasonable Length of Civil Proceedings in Croatia** Prof. dr. sc. Aldo Radolovi?, President of the County Court Pula, Croatia
- **Fundamental rights as General Legal Principles in EU** Štefica Stažnik, President of the Croatian Judicial Academy, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Croatia
- **Implementation and Application Requirements of EU law for National Authorities** Prof. dr. sc. Linda Senden, Law Faculty Tilburg, the Netherlands

SETTLEMENT OF COMMERCIAL DISPUTES

- **International Jurisdiction for Commercial Disputes - Differences between Croatian Law and Brussels I Regulation** Doc. dr. sc. Davor Babi?, Law Faculty Zagreb, Croatia
- **International Jurisdiction for Opening of Insolvency Proceeding** Doc. dr. sc. Jasnica Garaši?, Law Faculty Zagreb, Croatia
- **Extrajudicial Settlement of Commercial Disputes in Italy** Prof. dr. sc. Fabio Padovini, Law Faculty Trieste, Italy
- **Conciliation as a Tool for effective Settlement of Commercial Disputes - Newly Adopted Practice of the Croatian High Commercial Court** Mr. sc. Srđan Šimac, President of the High Commercial Court Zagreb, Croatia

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SETTLEMENT OF CONSUMER DISPUTES

- **New Perspectives of Extrajudicial Settlement of Consumer Disputes in Croatia** Željka Lukačević-Subotić, Head of the Consumer Protection Department, Ministry of Economy, Labor and Entrepreneurship of Republic of Croatia
- **Legal Remedies Available to the Croatian Consumer - Individual Action v. Collective Action** Dr. sc. Marko Bareti?, Law Faculty Zagreb,

Croatia

- **Group Litigation as an Efficient Mechanism for Consumer Protection** Prof. dr. sc. Vesna Tomljenovi?, Law Faculty Rijeka, Croatia
- **Extrajudicial Settlement of Consumer Disputes in Croatia** Dr. sc. Nina Tepeš, Law Faculty Zagreb, Croatia
- **Extrajudicial Settlement of Consumer Disputes in Italy** Prof. dr. sc. Gian Antonio Benacchio, Law Faculty Trento, Italy
- **Collective Legal Remedies beyond Injunctions against Unfair Trade Practices - German Perspective** Prof. dr. sc. Helmut Rüssmann, Law Faculty Saarbrücken, Germany
- **Injunction for Protection of Consumer Interests in EU Law** Prof. dr. sc. Silvija Petri?, Law Faculty Split, Croatia
- **Extrajudicial Settlement of Financial Services Disputes with Consumers - European Experiences and Croatian Law** Prof. dr. sc. Edita ?ulinovi?-Herc, Law Faculty Rijeka, Croatia & doc. dr. sc. Nataša Žuni? Kova?evi?, Law Faculty Rijeka, Croatia

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