

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

Registering the participation is possible via fax (+385 51 359 595), or e-mail tempus@pravri.hr. Participation fee is **800,00 kn**. There are also special rates for rooms at the Hotel Ambassadors available for the participants at the conference.

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