



20th Regional Private International Law Conference

*Choice of Court/Arbitration Agreements and the Enforcement of Decisions Rendered by
Chosen Courts or Arbitral Tribunals*

Erdem&Erdem Law Office / Istanbul Arbitration Center

6-8 November 2025

Day 1 – 6 November 2025

All Day Arrival of the Participants

18.00 – 20.00 Welcome Reception hosted by Erdem&Erdem Law Office

Day 2 – 7 November 2025

Zoom Link:

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Meeting ID: 843 0241 5223

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10.00-10.30: Registration

10.30-10.50 Welcome speeches

Prof. Dr. Zeynep Derya Tarman, Koç University Faculty of Law, Dean

Prof. Dr. Ceyda Süral Efeçinar, Piri Reis University Faculty of Law, Dean

10.50-11.30 Key Note Speeches

Ms. Melissa Ford, Hague Conference on Private International Law, Permanent Bureau,
Secretary - *HCCH and the Importance of Multilateralism*

Prof. Dr. Ziya Akıncı, President of ISTAC Board of Arbitration – *ISTAC and Arbitration in
Türkiye*

11.30-12.45 I. Panel – Foreign Law and Public Policy

Moderator: Dr. Christa Jessel Holst, Affiliate, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law Hamburg

Cross-Border Protection of Children under the 1996 HCCH Convention in Albania – Eniana Qarri, LL.D., Lecturer, University of Tirana, Faculty of Law, Albania

Public Policy Exception in Serbian and B&H PIL: A Shield or a Sword?- Sanja Marjanovic LL.D., Associate Professor, University of Nis, Faculty of Law, Serbia / Dragana Damjanovic LL.D., Assistant Professor, University of East Sarajevo, Faculty of Law, Bosnia and Herzegovina

The public policy exception as a restriction of mutual trust after the CJEU Real Madrid decision - Dora Rotar Zgrabljic LL.D., Associate Professor, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law, Croatia

12.45-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 II. Panel – Mediation & Arbitration

Moderator: Maja Kostic Mandic, Full Professor, University of Montenegro, Faculty of Law, Montenegro

Challenges in Arbitration in North Macedonia: Between Efficiency and Complexity - Toni Deskoski, Full Professor, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Iustinianus Primus Law Faculty, North Macedonia / Vangel Dokovski, Assistant Professor, University Ss. Cyril and Methodius, North Macedonia

Criminal liability of arbitrators: the Sultan of Sulu case - Nicolás Zambrana-Tévar LL.D., Associate Professor, KIMEP University, Faculty of Law, Kazakhstan

Court of Arbitration for Sport at the Crossroads-EU Law Perspective - Mirela Zupan LL.D., Full Professor, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Faculty of Law, Croatia

Enforcing International Mediation Settlements: The Greek Case in Focus - Vassiliki Koumpli, Senior Research Fellow, Hellenic Institute of International and Foreign Law, Athens, Greece

15.30-15.45 Coffee Break

15.45-17.30 III. Panel – International Jurisdiction, Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Decisions

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Bilgin Tiryakioğlu, Bilkent University, Faculty of Law

Choice of court agreements in the EU and beyond – Tena Hosko LL.D., Assistant Professor, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law, Croatia

Prorogation of Jurisdiction: Balancing Party Choice and Judicial Efficiency – Aida Bushati Gugu, Lecturer, School of Magistrate, Albania

The Hague Judgments Convention 2019 and Non-Exclusive Jurisdiction Agreements - Milana Ranković, Teaching Assistant, University of Montenegro, Faculty of Law, Montenegro (ONLINE)

Jurisdiction and recognition and enforcement of judgments in IP matters: Turning the pages or just rewriting the same chapter on territoriality? – Ivana Kunda LL. D., Full Professor, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law, Croatia

19.00 Gala Dinner at Delta Hotel Marriot Levent

Day 3 – 8 November 2025

All Day Departure of the Participants