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Programme

17th June 2022 ESCL Sofia Conference

“PPP: What really matters?”



08:00 - 08:50 Registration and welcome coffee

08:50 - 09:00 Welcome Address, Dr. Adriana Spassova, ESCL President, BSCL Chair

09:00 - 09:10 Keynote Address: Mr. Prof. Dr. Bastian Fuchs, LL.M., ESCL Chairman

Session 1 Moderator Prof. Dr. Bastian Fuchs

9:10 – 9:30 A case study on worst PPP practice – how not to do it? Sean Gibbs, Chief Executive Officer at Hanscomb International

09:30 - 10:00 PPPs: How to brace for real impact? Mr Arent van Wassenae (The Faithful Goose, The Hague, The Netherlands)

10:00 - 10:15 Challenges of Digitalization for PPP Dr Hristo Hristozov, LL.M., Digitalization Lead at ProActive Solutions Ltd, Bulgaria

10:15 - 10:45 ☕ Coffee Break

Session 2 Moderator Richard Bailey,

Partner Druces LLP London, ESCL Council Member past chair of the UK SCL and ESCL

10:45 - 11:15 Procuring net zero construction- how does collaboration improve PPP outcomes? Darya Bahram, RIBA, MAPM, MCI Arb, a Research Associate at the King’s College London Centre of Construction Law and Dispute Resolution

11:15 - 11:40 How can we create collaborative PPPs? Martina Mincuzzi, SLV law firm, Italy, EAPPP representative

11:40 - 11:55 PPP Danube – Aegean Sea Motorway – a project created by a private entity Roumen Markov, MEng, General Manager ‘Large Infrastructure Projects’, Bulgaria

11:55 - 12:15 Opening PPP’s doors in Latvia. Case study of Kekava Bypass Ms Lelde Lavina, Partner & Head of Real Estate & Construction practice at Sorainen Latvia

12:15 - 13:45 🍴 Lunch

13:45 - 14:00 Awarding of the ESCL Thesis Prize ☐☐☐ 2020 ☐☐☐ 2021

14:00 - 15:15 Country reports I, Moderator Prof. Dr. Evelien Bruggeman

PPPs in Belgium Mrs Elke Van Overwaele, Confederation Construction Legal Department Manager

PPPs in Bulgaria Mrs Victoria Penkova, Managing Partner Dyulgerova & Penkova Law Firm & Ms Boyana Milcheva, Head of Construction Law Practice Dimitrov, Petrov & Co. Law Firm

PPPs in Denmark Attorney-at-law, Ph.D. Anders Jost Buch

PPPs in Finland Ms. Emma Niemistö, Partner, Head of Construction Merilampi Attorneys Ltd

PPPs in France

15:15 - 15:45 ☕ Coffee Break

15:45 - 17:00 Country reports II, Moderator Prof. dr. jur. Ole Hansen

PPPs in Italy Mr. Roberto Panetta, Founder & Managing Partner of Panetta Law Firm, ESCL Vice Chairman

PPPs in Netherlands

PPPs in Turkey

PPPs in UK Prof. Anthony Lavers, Counsel White & Case, Visiting Professor KCL

PPPs in Ukraine Volodymyr Yaremko, counsel at Sayenko Kharenko, Kyiv, Ukraine

17:00 - 18:00 Summary: "PPP: What really matters?"

Question and Answer session and Close of Conference, with Prof. Dr. Evelien Bruggeman, ESCL General Secretary and Prof. dr. jur. Ole Hansen, Vice President

The venue: Sofia Hotel Balkan, a Luxury Collection Hotel

Sofia Hotel Balkan was built in 1956 as part of a new architectural trend: a fusion of classical design and lavish décor. The iconic building is part of the President's Palace complex and beneath its foundations lies a historical Roman fortress, the remains of which can be seen all around the hotel.



The oldest Orthodox church in Eastern Europe the Saint George Rotunda is situated in the yard of the venue. It is thought that the church was built in the 6th century, during the reign of Constantine the Great. There is hardly another city in all of Europe that has so many noteworthy Christian, Islamic, and Jewish monuments so close together in the area. The subway to the airport and the favourite shopping and entertainment area Vitosha street are 100 m from the hotel.

The participants can book rooms on preferential rates using the following link:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1649746289561&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

16th June 4 PM-6 PM: A complimentary walking tour

The participants and the accompanying persons shall discover Sofia's historical centre in a complimentary walking tour, starting from the hotel, accompanied by a professional English speaking tour guide.

“Ever growing, never aging” is the motto of the Bulgarian capital Sofia. Sofia has been inhabited for many millennia. In honour of its hot springs, in the 8th century BCE the Thracian tribes settled here and gave the city its first name Serdika. In the 1st century BCE, Serdika was captured by the Romans, who transformed it into a Roman city. The city gained its present name at the end of the 14th century, in honour of The Saint Sofia Basilica.



The sights include the Saint Nedelya Church, the statue of Saint Sofia – symbol of the city, St. Petka church, Banya Bashi Mosque (1576). Walk on the yellow brick road of Sofia– unique stones, brought from Austria– Hungary, to the Prince Alexander of Battenberg Square, built in the 1950s and laid out to be a major city square, National bank, National Archeological museum, housed in a medieval building of the former Byuyuk (Great) Mosque, built in the 15th Century, the Eastern gate of the fortress of Serdica (Sofia), discovered in an underground pass, dating from the time of Emperor Justinian, Council of Ministers, the Presidency, former Royal Palace, now houses the National Art Gallery and the Ethnographical Museum, the National Theatre, the Municipal Garden, St. Nikolay (Russian Church), one of the most attractive photo stops in the city, St. Sofia church, Monument to the Unknown Soldier, the Parliament, Academy of Sciences, Academy of Fine Arts, National Library and Sofia University. The tour will end in the St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral (1904-1912), one of the biggest Orthodox churches on the Balkan peninsular.

16th June 7 PM: A welcome reception

The Reception cocktail on Thursday 16th June shall be in the Art Club at the historical building of the Bulgarian Archaeological Museum at a walking distance from the hotel. <https://artclubmuseum.com>

17th June 8 PM: A local night

The Friday night dinner with authentic Bulgarian foods and folklore programme shall be at the restaurant *Chevermeto*—one of the top restaurants in Sofia.



OPTIONAL TOURS

17th June 9 AM-4 PM: Rila Monastery tour for accompanying persons

The Rila Monastery is listed in the World Heritage under the protection of UNESCO. It is located on the slopes the magnificent Rila - the highest mountain on the Balkan Peninsula. Sightseeing of the monastery complex, one of the most impressive in Europe due to its size and unique architecture, visit to the Church of the Nativity of the Virgin with its miraculous icon of the Virgin and splendid gilded iconostasis, the old Monastery kitchen, the Museum keeping the long and heroic history of the monastery, the beautiful wood-carved cross, the authentic monastic cell, the Hrelyo Tower, built in 1335, and many spectacular views from the mountain and the surrounding nature are the highlights of this tour.



19th June 9 AM-4 PM: Plovdiv tour

Plovdiv was the 2019 European Capital of Culture and is one of the oldest cities in Europe. This is the country's second largest city, one of the most attractive and vibrant, situated in the Upper Thracian valley, along the two banks of Maritza River, scattered upon six unique syenite hills. During the sightseeing tour through the old town two hours will be spent admiring the wonderful Revival houses of the richest people in Plovdiv from 19th century, before proceeding to the Roman Amphitheatre - located on one of the highest hills in the city and the Ethnographical museum.



18th June 9 AM: Presidents' Meeting

On Saturday morning, the ESCL Presidents' Meeting shall be held at the Sofia Hotel Balkan Rila Hall.

Payment and cancellation terms

Early Bird registration fee before 15 th May 2022	180 EUR
Registration fee after 15 th May 2022	260 EUR

The Registration Form shall be downloaded, filled in and sent to the BSCL emails below for a Proforma Invoice. After the payment, the BSCL shall issue the Invoice for tax purposes.

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