

Seminar presented by the UIA in collaboration with the Supreme Bar Council (SBC)
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Foreign Investment & Investment in Real Estate

SOFIA BULGARIA

Friday, April 12 & Saturday, April 13, 2019

With a welcome evening cocktail on Thursday, April 11

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Introduction

One of the main objectives of the European Union is the creation of an opportunity for free movement of people, goods and capital and real guarantees for this free movement. This objective is still relevant today and its achievement is one of the prerequisites for the development of the EU and of each member country. In times of globalization of the modern economy, the development of national economies in isolation, only in the territorial boundaries of the state, can not provide the necessary and expected by the people standard of living. That is why the European Union and each Member State are making efforts to create the necessary conditions for attracting foreign investment by creating an appropriate environment to stimulate and facilitate investment. Financial and economic incentives are not sufficient to attract foreign investment unless there is real legal stability - clear legal framework, transparent and predictable judiciary, real and consistent application of the rule of law in all spheres of public relations.

The purpose of the seminar in Sofia is to meet Bulgarian and foreign lawyers who consult companies investing in different countries within and outside the EU to share their experience about the incentives and problems for foreign investment and the way they deal with the problems.

In the second part of the seminar we will pay particular attention to investment in real estate. We will share experience and make a comparative analysis of the legislation of the foreign investment regime in Bulgaria and other EU countries as well as in non-EU countries. Lecturers will be lawyers from Spain, Greece, Brazil, Bulgaria and other countries who have real practical experience in foreign investment. Representatives of the Bulgarian Investment Agency, the Ministry of Economy and other state bodies as well as representatives of the business - the Association of Commercial Banks in Bulgaria and the Industrial Capital Unions in Bulgaria will take part in the seminar.

Mark your diaries now and make sure to register! **We are looking forward to welcoming you to Sofia!**



Thursday, April 11, 2019

19:30 WELCOME COCKTAIL

GRAND HOTEL SOFIA

1, Gurko Street
1000 Sofia, Bulgaria

Friday, April 12, 2019

09:00 – 09:30 Registration of Participants

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09:30 – 10:00 Welcome and Opening of the Seminar

- **Issouf BAADHIO**, *UIA President, Past President of the Burkina Faso Bar, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso*
- **Tsetska TSACHEVA**, *Minister of Justice, Bulgaria – or her Representative*
- **Emil KARANIKOLOV**, *Minister of Economy, Bulgaria – or his Representative*
- **Danail KIRILOV**, *Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Bulgaria and Chairman of the Legislative Commission, Bulgaria*
- **Lozan PANOV**, *President of the Bulgarian Supreme Court of Cassation, Bulgaria – or his Representative*
- **Ralitsa NEGENTSOVA**, *President of the Supreme Bar Council of the Republic of Bulgaria, Bulgaria*

10:00 – 11:00 PANEL 1: Foreign Investment – Conditions/Prerequisites for Good Investment Climate and for Good and Attractive Investment Environment

Moderator: • **Konstantin DIMITROV**, *UIA Director of Partnerships, Attorney at Law, Member of the Sofia Bar Association Board, Sofia, Bulgaria*

Speakers:

Working with foreign investment - Some tips from lawyer to lawyer

- **Eduardo LORENZETTI MARQUES**, *President of the UIA Foreign Investment Commission, Studio Lorenzetti Marques, Sao Paulo, Brazil*

What the foreign investors are looking for?

- **Borislav BOYANOV**, *Lawyer, Boyanov & Co. Law firm, Sofia, Bulgaria*
- **Peter ANDRONOV**, *President of the Association of Commercial Banks in Bulgaria, Executive Director of UBB /United Bulgarian Bank, Sofia, Bulgaria*

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 PANEL 2: Foreign Investment in Bulgaria – Legal Regulations and Practice

Moderator: • **Katerina GRAMATIKOVA**, *President of the UIA Bulgarian National Committee, Dobrev & Lyutskanov, Sofia, Bulgaria*

Speakers:

Advantages to invest in Bulgaria/Why it is profitable to invest in Bulgaria

- **Stamen YANEV**, *Executive Director of InvestBulgaria Agency, Sofia, Bulgaria*

How to encourage FDI in Bulgaria

- **Evgeni KANEV**, *Doctor of Economics, Founder and managing partner of the investment advisory company Maconis LLC, Sofia, Bulgaria*

Relocation to Bulgaria - solutions for businesses and private investors. The Bulgarian Investment Immigration Programme

- **Lyuben TODEV**, *Lawyer, Dobrev & Lyutskanov, Sofia, Bulgaria*

Transformation of the model for providing administrative services - measures for improvement of the investment climate

- **Eleonora SERGIEVA**, *Lawyer, Popov and Arnaudov Law firm, Sofia, Bulgaria*

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:30 PANEL 3: Protection of the Foreign Investment – Procedural Remedies

Moderator: • **Eduardo LORENZETTI MARQUES**, *President of the UIA Foreign Investment Commission, Studio Lorenzetti Marques, Sao Paulo, Brazil*

Speakers:

Litigation, arbitration and mediation in Italy: pros & cons of dispute resolution choices

- **Carlo DE NARO PAPA**, *Lawyer, De Naro Papa Studio Legale, Milan, Italy*

Arbitration – a guarantee for protection of the investment. Good practices and perspectives

- **Ivaylo DERMENDJIEV**, *Lawyer, Simeonov & Dermendjiev Law firm, Sofia, Bulgaria*

Enforcement as a guarantee of investment protection

- **Borislav BELAZELKOV**, *Judge of the Bulgarian Supreme Court of Cassation, Sofia, Bulgaria*

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00 PANEL 4: Protection of the Foreign Investments – Actual Questions

Moderator: • **To be confirmed**

Speakers:

- **Grozdan DOBREV**, *Lawyer, Dobrev & Lyutskanov, Sofia, Bulgaria*

- **Boryana MUSEVA**, *Lawyer and Professor of International Private Law in Sofia University, Sofia, Bulgaria*

- **Additional speaker to be confirmed**

20:00 Optional Dinner

BILYANA Restaurant

Departure from the GRAND HOTEL SOFIA by bus at 19:30

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09:30 – 10:30 PANEL 1: Investment in Real Estate – World Tendencies. Potential Problems and Possible Solutions. Investment in Real Estate – The most Secure Active in Times of Financial Crisis

Moderator: • José Antonio PÉREZ BREVA, *President of the UIA Real Estate Law Commission, JAP, Barcelona, Spain*

Speakers:

The Crisis in Greece and its reflection on the investment in Real Estate

- Nikolaos ARGYRIOU, *Lawyer, LawGreece, Thessaloniki, Greece*

Real estate: Main phases of the investment implementation

- Nora KYUCHUKOVA, *Lawyer, Popov and Arnaudov Law firm, Sofia, Bulgaria*
- Hugues LETELLIER, *Lawyer, Duo Legal - Bassano Avocats, Paris, France*

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00 PANEL 2: Investment in Real Estate in Bulgaria. Specifics of the National Regulations

Moderator: • Stefan MARCHEV, *Lawyer, Member of Sofia Bar Governing Board, Sofia, Bulgaria*

Speakers:

Methods for acquisition and registration of real estate transactions in Bulgaria

- Valia GIGOVA, *Lawyer, Member of the Supreme Bar Council of the Republic of Bulgaria, Sofia, Bulgaria*

Investing in real estate in Bulgaria – taxation issues

- Liubomir VLADIKIN, *Lawyer's partnership Vladikin, Slavov and partners, Sofia, Bulgaria*

Restrictions on the acquisition of real estate by foreign citizens. The court practice

- Emanuela BALEVSKA, *Judge of the Bulgarian Supreme Court of Cassation, Chairperson of Second Civil Division of Bulgarian Supreme Court of Cassation, Sofia, Bulgaria*

12:45 – 13:15 Closing Remarks and Discussion

- **Moderator:** • Valia GIGOVA, *Lawyer, Member of the Supreme Bar Council of the Republic of Bulgaria, Sofia, Bulgaria*



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LANGUAGE

The working language will be **English, Bulgarian and French** with simultaneous translation.

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	On or before March 12	From March 13
<i>*Amounts exclusive of VAT</i>		
UIA MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> € 350*	<input type="checkbox"/> € 400*
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BULGARIAN PARTICIPANTS	<input type="checkbox"/> € 110*	<input type="checkbox"/> € 150*

Fees include:

- Attendance at all working sessions
- Welcome cocktail on April 11
- Lunch on April 12
- Seminar documentation
- Coffee breaks on April 12 & 13

The dinner on Friday, April 12 is optional and at additional charge.

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- ☐ Welcome Cocktail – Thursday, April 11
☐ Lunch – Friday, April 12

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(**not included** in the registration fees)

- ☐ Optional Dinner – Friday, April 12

• Please book person(s) for the dinner

€ 45 (Excl. VAT) x ___ / pers

Total (C) (Excl. VAT) €

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TOTAL (A) Excl. VAT – Registration Fees €

TOTAL (C) Excl. VAT – Optional Dinner €

TOTAL (A + C) Excl. VAT €

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