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Come on, it's ESG! The Hitchhiker's Guide to the ESG Legal Galaxy

Seminar presented by the UIA with the support of German Federal Bar, Hamburg Bar and German Association of Lawyers

**THURSDAY,
JULY 3
& FRIDAY,
JULY 4, 2025**



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Introduction

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) has become a reality for all economic actors. Companies around the world are facing regulation at many levels, both public and private. In addition, ESG is moving from the periphery to the mainstream, transforming the capital and financial market. How are companies dealing with these changes? Is ESG just a stumbling block or does it also offer opportunities? The seminar aims to explore the (best?) practices of companies and advisors in their day-to-day work in dealing with these transformations. The seminar will also focus on how to make ESG operational through contractual clauses to be included in supply chain contracts, general terms and conditions of purchase and other international contracts.

We look forward to seeing you in Hamburg!

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THURSDAY, JULY 3

13:30 – 14:00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

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ABC-Straße 52, 20354 Hamburg, Germany

14:00 – 14:30 WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE SEMINAR

- **Carlo MASTELLONE**, *UIA President, Studio Legale Mastellone, Florence, Italy*
- **Christian LEMKE**, *Vice President of the German Federal Bar and President of the Hamburg Bar, Germany*

14:30 – 15:15 KEYNOTE SPEECH

SPEAKER:

- **Prof. Annette KEHNEL**, *Chair of Medieval History, University Mannheim, Germany*

15:15 – 15:55 STATUS QUO OF ESG LEGISLATION - Tour d'horizon through ESG legislation (worldwide)

- National laws: Germany, France, UK, Netherlands, etc.
- EU level: CSDDD, EUDR, Green Deal, CSRD, Taxonomy, etc.
- India

SPEAKERS:

- **Sylvain SAVOLAINEN**, *Vice President of the UIA International Criminal Defence commission, Savolainen Avocats, Geneva, Switzerland*
- **Avi SINGH**, *UIA-IROL Deputy Director General, Senior Advocate, New Delhi, India*

15:55 – 16:15 COFFEE BREAK

BLOCK II – PRACTICAL INSIGHT – ESG ASPECTS IN THE FINANCE SECTOR

16:15 – 16:45 OVERVIEW OF KEY SUSTAINABLE FINANCE LEGISLATION

- Economic impact of sustainable finance: Sustainable finance refers to the process of taking environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations into account when making investment decisions in the financial sector
- EU sustainable finance regulation framework:
- International initiatives (e.g. United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative)

SPEAKERS:

- **Claudia LONGI**, *Studio Legale Pojer Zocchi Bruscia Luciani, Bolzano, Italy*
- **Silvestre TANDEAU DE MARSAC**, *UIA Vice President, FTMS Avocats, Paris, France*

16:45 – 17:15 ESG IN M&A TRANSACTIONS

- Due Diligence
- Contractual guarantees, indemnifications, covenants and other measures
- Effect on purchase price

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SPEAKERS:

- **Kai SCHADBACH**, *Schadbach Rechtsanwälte, Frankfurt, Germany*
- **Emiliano GIOVINE**, *RP Legalitax, Turin, Italy*

Programme

17:15 – 17:35 THE US PERSPECTIVE ON ESG AFTER THE 2024 ELECTION – Is ESG Facing Hard Times?

SPEAKER:

- **Bill JOHNSON**, *Rector, Saint Louis University, Madrid, Spain*

17:35 – 18:00 PRACTICAL INSIGHT ON CSRD

- Introduction to CSRD
- Obligations for companies

SPEAKER:

- **Victoria TETZLAFF**, *Agendi, London, UK*

18:00 – 18:20 DISCUSSION

20:00 OPTIONAL DINNER

Venue to be confirmed

FRIDAY, JULY 4

09:00 – 09:15 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

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BLOCK III – ESG IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN

09:15 – 10:00 PRACTICAL TOOLS TO IMPLEMENT IMPORTANT ESG RELATED OBLIGATIONS IN COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS – The Examples of Human Rights and Environmental due Diligence (HREDD) and of the EUDR

- Nature of the obligations
- Legal consequences
- Check list of clauses: Clauses / code of conduct
- Dealing with small and medium size suppliers: how to draw up fair, reasonable and non discriminatory conditions.

MODERATOR: ▪ **Giuseppe DE FALCO**, *Studio Legale Ughi Nunziante, Milan, Italy*

SPEAKERS:

- **Martijn SCHELTEMA**, *Pels Rijcken, The Hague, The Netherlands*
- **Daniel SCHÖNFELDER**, *Lead European Legal Advisor, Responsible Contracting Project und Independent BHR Expert, Hamburg, Germany*

10:00 – 10:30 IMPACT OF ESG ON THE INTERNATIONAL SALE OF GOODS

SPEAKERS:

- **Marie-Christine CIMADEVILLA**, *Cimadevilla Avocats, Paris, France*
- **Jean-Paul VULLIETY**, *Des Gouttes & Associés, Geneva, Switzerland*

10:30 – 10:50 AUDITING AND SUPPLY – The Challenges Faced by Suppliers at both Ends of the Chain

SPEAKER:

▪ **Stephen SIDKIN**, *UIA Director of Membership, Fox Williams LLP, London, UK*

10:50– 11:10 COFFEE BREAK

11:10 – 12:40 WORKSHOP ON DRAFTING SUSTAINABILITY CLAUSES : A Comparison between the European and the ABA Model Clauses

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12:40 – 13:10 LITIGATING HUMAN RIGHTS IN COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS – the Hague Rules on Business and Human Rights Arbitration

SPEAKERS:

- **Luana ROBERTO**, *Co-Director of UIA Seminars, OratioFortis Avocates, Geneva, Switzerland*
- **Irene GRASSI**, *Cocuzza, Bologna, Italy*

13:10 – 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

BLOCK IV – INHOUSE VIEW – IMPACT ON COMPANIES

14:30 – 14:40 PRESENTATION BY THE ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE COUNSEL (ACC)

How can the ACC help its in-house members with ESG compliance?

SPEAKER:

- **Patrick BUSE**, *ACC Country Representative Germany, Head of Legal & Corporate Affairs, Germany*

14:40 – 15:15 ESG – REGULATION IS TRANSFORMING LIGHTLY REGULATED INDUSTRIES INTO HEAVILY REGULATED ONES – What is the (New) Role of Inhouse Counsel?

MODERATOR: ▪ **Arianna RIGHI**, *President of the UIA In-House Counsel commission, ADM International SARL, Rolle, Switzerland*

SPEAKER:

- **Alexander DOHMEN**, *Zalando Senior Lead Sustainability Law, Berlin, Germany*

15:15 – 15:35 AI/SOFTWARE-SUPPORT IN ESG MONITORING

MODERATOR: ▪ **Alexis BRUNET**, *Vice President of the UIA In-House Counsel commission, ADM Germany, Hamburg, Germany*

SPEAKERS:

- **Ulrich BAUMANN**, *OIKON, Munich, Germany*
- **Christopher SCHEUBEL**, *Cubemos GmbH, Munich, Germany*

15:35 – 16:05 PANEL ON RISK ASSESSMENT, PREVENTIVE AND DEFENSE MEASURES AND DOCUMENTATION / INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL REPORTING

MODERATOR: ▪ **Susanne MARGOSSIAN**, *Counsellor to the UIA President, UP International, Geneva, Switzerland*

SPEAKERS:

- **Małgorzata HARTWIG**, *ADM Germany, Hamburg, Germany*
- **Philipp KILLIUS**, *Forvis Mazars, Hamburg, Germany*

16:05– 16:20 COFFEE BREAK

16:20 – 16:40 TOPIC ON GREENWASHING; ESG MARKETING ASPECTS MARKETING INSTRUMENT VS UNFAIR COMMERCIAL PRACTICE RISK

MODERATOR: ▪ **Arianna RIGHI**, *President of the UIA In-House Counsel commission, ADM International SARL, Rolle, Switzerland*

SPEAKERS:

- **Virginie BERNARD**, *Artlex cabinet d'avocats, Paris, France*
- **Irene GRASSI**, *Cocuzza, Bologna, Italy*

16:40 – 17:00 THE BATTLE OF ESG CLAUSES – PRACTICAL ISSUES

MODERATOR: ▪ **Philippine BEERMAN**, *AKD, Rotterdam, The Netherlands*

SPEAKERS:

- **Alexis BRUNET**, *Vice President of the UIA In-House Counsel commission, ADM Germany, Hamburg, Germany*
- **Christoph Alexander BLANK**, *GvW Graf von Westphalen, Hamburg, Germany*

BLOCK V – THE BROADER PICTURE

17:00 – 17:30 A REAL THING OR JUST A “POTEMKIN VILLAGE”? ESG IN THE EYES OF THE CURRENT AND FUTURE MANUFACTURING HUBS (EASTERN EUROPE, INDIA)

MODERATOR: ▪ **Michal ROSZAK**, *President of the UIA Contract law commission, Coliber Legal, Warsaw, Poland*

SPEAKERS:

- **Eva KERTÉSZ**, *UIA National Representative – Hungary, Kun & Partner, Budapest, Hungary*
- **Ashu THAKUR**, *UIA Deputy Chief Editor - Juriste International, Ashu Thakur & Associates Advocates & Solicitors, Mumbai, India*
- **Ernst GIESE**, *Giese & Partner, Prague, Czech Republic*

17:30 – 17:50 PERSPECTIVE OF COUNTRIES INDIRECTLY AFFECTED BY ESG LEGISLATION

SPEAKERS:

- **Claudia S. DE WINDT**, *Director Inter-American Institute of Justice and Sustainability, Washington D.C., USA – to be confirmed*
- **Giuseppe DE FALCO**, *Studio Legale Ughi Nunzianta, Milan, Italy*

17:50 – 18:15 CLOSING REMARKS

19:00 FAREWELL COCKTAIL kindly offered by:

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SATURDAY, JULY 5

10:00 HAMBURG CITY TOUR

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General Information

SEMINAR VENUE

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→ LANGUAGE

The working language will be **English**.

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Single room	€ 229
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Price per night per room. Breakfast and taxes included.

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**Amounts exclusive of VAT*

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Fees include:

- Attendance at all working sessions
- Coffee breaks on July 3 & 4
- Closing cocktail on July 4
- Seminar documentation
- Lunch on July 3

The dinner on Thursday, July 3 is optional and at additional charge.

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Please note that the number of places at the seminar is limited. The organisers reserve the right to refuse registrations in the event of excess applications.

In order for your name to appear in the **list of participants**, which will be distributed during the seminar, your registration form must be received by **June 23** at the latest. An updated electronic list will be sent by email to all the participants after the seminar.

Cancellation and General Conditions

→ CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

All cancellations will be subject to a 50% deduction and will have to be sent in writing, to be received by the Union Internationale des Avocats **no later than June 3, 2025**.

No refund will be made for cancellations received after this date.

VISAS

Anyone who requires a visa invitation letter in order to attend the seminar should register and pay their registration fees **no later than June 3, 2025** to ensure there is enough time to obtain a visa.

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☐ Lunch – Thursday, July 3

☐ Closing Cocktail – Thursday, July 3

C. OPTIONAL DINNER

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

☐ Optional Dinner – Thursday, July 3

• Please book person(s) for the dinner

Price to be confirmed

TOTAL (C) (Excl. VAT) €

D. TOTAL

TOTAL (A) Excl. VAT – Registration Fees €

TOTAL (C) Excl. VAT – Optional Dinner Price to be confirmed

TOTAL (A+C) Excl. VAT €

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