

# Conference „Insolvency law in Europe: current trends and future perspectives”

Thursday, 23 April, 2015  
Jūrmala, Latvia

13.30            **Opening of the Conference**

13.30 – 13.45    Opening speech given by Mr Dzintars Rasnačs, the Minister for Justice of Latvia

13.45 – 14.00    Statement by European Commission given by Ms Věra Jourová, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality

## *Panel I Reforming substantive insolvency laws in the EU: context, benefits and challenges*

Moderator: Mr Michael Shotter, European Commission

14.00 – 15.30    **UNCITRAL Working Group on insolvency: recent developments and future work**, Ms Jenny Clift, UNCITRAL  
**Practical difficulties met by insolvency practitioners in cross-border proceedings**, Ms Stephania Bariatti, INSOL/ University of Milan, Italy  
**Designing a system for monitoring the use of insolvency proceedings – Slovenian experience**, Mr Zoran Skubic, Ministry of Justice of Slovenia  
**The review of Chapter 11 of the US Code**, Mr Bruce A. Markell, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, USA

15.30-16.00    Coffee break

## *Panel II Member States' experience regarding the implementation of Recommendation on a new approach to business failure and insolvency*

Moderator: Mr Gerard McCormack, University of Leeds

16.00            **Presentation of the results of the questionnaire**, Ms Mihaela Carpus-Carcea, European Commission  
**Restructuring reform in Latvia**, Ms Laila Medin, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia  
**Restructuring reform in The Netherlands**, Prof. dr. P.M. Michael Veder, Radboud University, Netherlands  
**Restructuring reform in Spain**, Mr Francisco Garcimartin, University of Madrid, Spain

18.00            End of the first day of the conference

20.00            Dinner offered by the organisers

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*Panel III Other insolvency related aspects – are they suited to an EU approach?*

Moderator: Mr Andis Pauniņš, Tark Grunte Sutkiene Law Firm, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

- 9.00                    **Ranking of claims/order of priorities and avoidance actions**, Ms Isabelle Didier, CID&Associés, Paris, France
- Directors' duties in the period nearing insolvency, liability and disqualifications**, Mr Carsten Gerner-Beuerle, London School of Economics, United Kingdom
- The regulation of the profession of insolvency practitioners**, Mr David Grasa, Resolvenz, Spain
- The position of shareholders in insolvency proceedings**, Mr Tomas Richter, Clifford Chance, Prague, Czech Republic
- 10.30 – 11.00      Coffee break

*Panel IV Consumer over-indebtedness and consumer insolvency (including repayment plan procedures)*

Moderator: Ms Hildegard Allemand, Allemand & Kemperdick Law Firm, Cologne

- 11.00                    **The results of the study on consumer over-indebtedness**, Mr Olivier Micol, European Commission
- Implementing COM's recommendation in consumer insolvency in Latvia**, Ms Olga Zeile, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia
- Restructuring consumer debt in Sweden**, Ms Annina H. Persson, JPS, Örebro universitet, Sweden
- Discharge of consumer debt in Ireland**, Mr Barry O'Neill, EFC law firm, Ireland

*Closing of the Conference*

- 12.30 – 12.45      **Conclusions of the different panels** by the moderators
- 12.45 – 13.00      **The amended EU Insolvency Regulation: a first step towards modern EU insolvency procedures**, Mr Fernando Rui Paulino Pereira, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union
- 13.00 – 13.10      **Final remarks closing the conference: LV Presidency**, Ms Vita Sliede, Permanent Representation of the Republic of Latvia to the European Union