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ESG – A Short-Lived Trend or the Future of Business?

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with a welcome cocktail on Wednesday, June 8

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Introduction

Why is ESG so important for businesses?

More and more companies take ESG (Environment, Social and Governance) standards into account in their business strategies. Global trends clearly show that businesses are no longer evaluated only on the basis of their financial results. Nowadays, such standards are key to the value of growing businesses, customer relations, broader business environment, and to helping strengthen the entrepreneur's image as a responsible business. ESG standards are being internalised and becoming important values not only for companies themselves but also for investors, partners, lenders, customers, and current and future employees.

Why is ESG a very important legal issue?

The application of ESG standards means great development potential for companies. On the other hand, they entail additional legal obligations, which are very often complex and result from different pieces of legislation. Lawyers are business advisors. Law firms need to effectively support their clients in their efforts towards sustainable development.

This means that ESG is becoming not only a very important business trend but also a highly topical legal issue.

Why should lawyers care about ESG standards?

ESG is also important for lawyers, as it is for any human being. We are part of the society and share the same future. Our attitude towards the environment and the way we want to conduct our businesses are evolving.

Also, we need to be credible. If we want to help our clients to achieve their ambitious ESG goals, we cannot just stand by and look on without transformation our own businesses coupled with the transformation of our Clients' businesses. ESG is changing the legal industry.

Come to the UIA Business Law Forum (BLF) in Warsaw to learn more about ESG, and the way it affects businesses worldwide, learn about its impact upon the legal sector!

Mark your diaries now, save the date and make sure to register!

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Warsaw!



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Wednesday, June 8

19:30 Welcome Cocktail

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Thursday, June 9

ESG as a business trend. What do we need to know about it in order to help our clients to transform their businesses and adopt to the new reality?

08:30 – 09:00 Registration of Participants

Warsaw Bar Association

Henryk Krajewski room

Al. Ujazdowskie 49, Warsaw

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

- **Hervé CHEMOULI**, *UIA President, 2C Avocats, Paris, France – or his Representative*
- **Mikolaj PIETRZAK**, *Dean of the Warsaw Bar Association, Pietrzak Sidor & Partners, Warsaw, Poland*
- **Anna MASIOTA**, *UIA National Representative in Poland, Masiota Adwokaci I Radcowie Prawni, Poznan, Poland*
- **Aleksander STAWICKI**, *WKB Lawyers, Warsaw, Poland*

09:30 – 10:45 Session 1 – Human Rights/Eu Law/Environment Law

How does climate change affect the conduct of business? What are the new standards that businesses need to adapt to?

Moderator and speaker: • **Leonard HAWKES**, *Flinn, Brussels, Belgium*

Speakers:

- **Wojciech BAGINSKI**, *President Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Bar Council, Warsaw, Poland*
- **Eliza GLUSZKO**, *Garrigues, Warsaw, Poland*
- **Diego SOLANA**, *Cremades & Calvo-Sotelo, Madrid, Spain*

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:30 Session 2 – Corporate/M&A

This panel will discuss two different issues: (i) the new trends on corporate governance and how ESG main issues are taking the centre stage in corporate governance and (ii) how the new ESG focus is impacting M&A transactions, including due diligence, additional covenants and obligations for the parties, etc. A special focus will be made on how different ESG regulations can be applied to a cross-border M&A transaction.

Moderator: • **Francisco SOLER CABALLERO**, *J&A Garrigues SLP, Valencia, Spain*

Speakers:

- **Franz SCHUBIGER**, *Pestalozzi Attorneys at Law Ltd, Zurich, Switzerland*

- **David FRØLICH**, *EY, Copenhagen, Denmark*
- **Jan Tadeusz STAPPERS**, *WhistleB, a NAVEX Company, Rotterdam, Netherlands*

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:15 Session 3 – Impact of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Regulations on Financial Institutions and on their Clients and Investments

This panel will discuss the ESG regulatory trends in the financial sector, including in Europe with the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure and the EU Sustainable Finance Taxonomy Regulations. After reviewing the impact of this new regulatory framework on financial market actors (banks, asset managers, product issuers, distributors...) across the entire organisation and value chain, a special focus will be made on the ESG covenants applicable in the financing of operational companies.

Moderator: • **Olivier NICOD**, *Walder Wyss, Lausanne, Switzerland*

Speakers:

- **Donald VENKATAPEN**, *Wagener & Associés, Luxembourg, Luxembourg*
- **Silvestre TANDEAU DE MARSAC**, *FTMS Avocats, Paris, France*
- **Piotr DMUCHOWSKI**, *HSBC, Warsaw, Poland*

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:00 Session 4 – Tax Law/Foreign Investment

Taxation plays a significant role in developing ESG standards, as taxes and fiscal policies are basic instruments to foster human rights, while tax abuse prevents the effective promotion of ESG standards-based policies.

States have addressed the challenges posed by globalisation and digitisation of the economy, but these individual attempts have proved insufficient or inadequate.

Public opinion and political pressure on large, multinational companies seem to have laid down the building blocks of a new international taxation framework. US and EU pressure on digital giants has paved the way for the OECD two-pillar solution to address these tax challenges. Inevitably, the tax measures that may result from this approach will eventually permeate domestic tax systems of many countries and apply to most (if not all) economic sectors.

The chances and threads of these developments and their impact in pursuing ESG standards will be discussed in this session, particularly the need to adapt to new foreign investment structures.

Each jurisdiction has made its own progress, having different levels of adaptation so far, while projected foreign direct investments of multinational groups out of US and EU have commenced to adjust the configuration of their business approach, making focus on ESG as a key concept to be developed.

Moderator: • **Martí ADROER**, *Cuatrecasas, Barcelona, Spain*

Speakers:

- **Lukasz CZEKANSKI**, *WKB Lawyers, Warsaw, Poland*
- **Raffaello FOSSATI**, *Fantozzi & Associati, Milan, Italy*
- **Lourdes PÉREZ-LUQUE**, *Toda & Nel-lo, Barcelona, Spain*

17:00 – 18:15 Session 5 – Impact of the ESG upon Compliance Programmes. Do we Need a New Compliance Culture?

This panel will discuss about a broad range of questions on compliance programmes: What is the relationship between existing compliance policies and ESG? How to effectively combine ESG into the existing compliance policies and teams? What challenges do organisations face while implementing their ESG policies? Will ESG replace compliance? Will they be part of the same corporate culture? Or is ESG just a short lived trend?

Moderator: • **Maria CRONIN**, *Peters & Peters Solicitors LLP, London, United Kingdom*

Speakers:

- **Astrid ABLASSER NEUHUBER**, *BPV Hügel Rechtsanwälte GmbH, Vienna, Austria*
- **Dominika STEPINSKA-DUCH**, *TVN Discovery, Warsaw, Poland*
- **Anna GRYKIN**, *Grykin Law, Warsaw, Poland*
- **Aleksander STAWICKI**, *WKB Lawyers, Warsaw, Poland*

20:00 Optional Dinner

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Pl. Piłsudskiego 9, Warsaw

Friday, June 10

Impact of ESG on the legal sector.

09:00 – 09:15 Registration of Participants

Warsaw Bar Association
Henryk Krajewski room
Al. Ujazdowskie 49, Warsaw

09:15 – 10:30 Session 6 – Building a Sustainable Law Firm

What do ESG requirements mean for law firms? What challenges do they pose to our businesses? What new work opportu-

nities do they create? What do our clients, the public and the media expect of us? An expert panel will analyse the impact of ESG requirements across all aspects of a law firm's operations, assessing the adaptations required to address those requirements and the opportunities they create for new work streams.

Moderator: • **Marcin TOMCZAK**, *Tomczak & Stanislawski, Poznan, Poland*

Speakers:

- **Adrian KNIGHT**, *London, United Kingdom*
- **James GRENNAN**, *A&L Goodbody LLP, Dublin, Ireland*
- **Marco IMPERIALE**, *LCA Studio Legale, Milan, Italy*
- **Augustyn WROBEL**, *WKB Lawyers, Warsaw, Poland*

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:15 Session 7 – In-House Counsel's Perspective on ESG

How are ESG topics being addressed by inhouse legal teams? Practical insights on establishing ESG programs and implanting related processes.

Moderator: • **Thomas Martin PFLOCK**, *Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Brussels, Belgium*

Speakers:

- **Piotr MARUCHA**, *Hitachi Energy, Warsaw, Poland*
- **Jakub PYSZYNSKI**, *PZU, Warsaw, Poland*

12:15 – 12:45 Closing Speech

Rule of law as a fundament for sound and ethical business. Role of the legal profession in protection of rule of law.

• **Mikolaj PIETRZAK**, *Dean of the Warsaw Bar Association, Pietrzak Sidor & Partners, Warsaw, Poland*

12:45 – 13:00 Closing of the Seminar & Wrap up

In Warsaw, let's keep up the good work!

A health protocol will allow you to participate in the seminar in complete safety:

- ➔ In the session room, UIA will enforce **social distancing**.
- ➔ **Hand sanitizer** will be available at the entrance to the room and will be available in the busy areas of the seminar.



Vaccination certificate or negative PCR/antigen test required



Compulsory face coverings



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Social distancing in each room

UIA has been regularly monitoring the health situation in Poland. You can also find out more by visiting the Polish Government website here <https://www.gov.pl/web/coronavirus/temporary-limitations>

The health of our participants remains our top priority.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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LANGUAGE

The working language will be **English** without simultaneous translation.

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Fees include:

- Attendance at all working sessions
- Welcome cocktail on June 8
- Lunch on June 9
- Forum documentation
- Coffee breaks on June 9 & 10

The dinner on Thursday, June 9 is optional and at additional charge.

Please note that the number of places at the Forum 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 Forum, your registration form must be received by **June 1st at the latest**. An updated electronic list will be sent by email to all the participants after the Forum.

HOTEL RESERVATION

A limited number of rooms have been pre-booked at a preferential rate. Reservations should be made directly through the hotel. Credit card details must be given in order to secure your reservation. Please note that the number of rooms is limited. We recommend that you proceed with your reservations as soon as possible.

HOTELS

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Warsaw, Poland
T + 48 22 583 21 00
E H3384@accor.com

Single Room	370 PLN (≈ € 80)
Double Room	410 PLN (≈ € 89)
Breakfast and taxes included	

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– 5 min walk to seminar venue
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Warsaw, Poland
T + 48 22 450 61 00
E warsaw@sheron.com

Single Room	565 PLN (≈ € 122)
Double Room	605 PLN (≈ € 131)
Breakfast and taxes included	

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CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

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

VISAS

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All cancellations due to a visa refusal must be sent in writing and reach the UIA **before the seminar**. Cancellations must be accompanied by a **proof of visa refusal**.

If your visa is issued after the seminar date or if you do not have proof of visa refusal, you will not be entitled to a refund.

COVID-19

For any cancellation of onsite participation after May 9, 2022, a credit voucher or a full refund of the registration fees* will be offered in the following cases:

- if you test positive for Covid-19 less than 14 days before the Seminar (a medical certificate or a proof of positive test result will be required);
- border shutdown by French government or by your country's government;
- if country where you live is under lockdown.

For any other reason, the standard cancellation policy will apply.

(*) If you wish, part of the amount paid for the seminar can be carried forward to another UIA event or refunded.

Should the onsite seminar be cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns, participants will be able to request a credit voucher or a full refund of their registration fees.

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FORMALITIES

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"Force majeure" means any events external to the parties, of both an unforeseeable and insurmountable nature that prevents either the client or the participants, or the agency or service providers involved in organising the seminar, from executing all or part of the obligations provided for in the present agreement. By express agreement, such will be the case in the event of a strike affecting the means of transport, hotel staff, air traffic controllers, an insurrection, a riot or any prohibition whatsoever decreed by governmental or public authorities.

It is expressly agreed that for the parties, a case of force majeure would suspend the execution of their reciprocal obligations. At the same time, each of the parties shall bear the burden of all the expenses incumbent upon them, resulting from the case of force majeure.

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The organisers decline any responsibility in case of any health problems existing prior to the seminar that may lead to complications or be aggravated during the entire period of the stay: pregnancy, cardio-vascular problems, any allergies, special diets, any disorders under treatment and not yet consolidated on the day the seminar starts, psychic or mental or depressive illness, etc. (Non exhaustive list).

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- In order to pay for the selected services - your bank details will be deleted after receipt of your payment;
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B. FORUM SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Please indicate below whether you plan to attend the following events **included** in the cost of your registration.

☐ Welcome Cocktail Reception – Wednesday, June 8

☐ Lunch – Thursday, June 9

C. OPTIONAL DINNER

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

☐ Optional Dinner – **Thursday, June 9**

• Please book person(s) for the dinner

€ 65 (Exclu. VAT) x ___ / pers

TOTAL (C) (Exclu. VAT) €

D. TOTAL

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TOTAL (C) Excl. VAT – Optional Dinner €

Total (A + C) Exclu. VAT €

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Expiry date: __/__/__

3 digits: ____

Name of card holder:

I authorise the Union Internationale des Avocats to debit the above mentioned credit card in the amount of € (EUR)

Date: / /

Signature: