

# 15th RIGA VIS PRE – MOOT

23 – 25 February  
Riga, Latvia



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## Dear participants!

On behalf of the Latvian Moot Association, we would like to extend to you a warm welcome to Riga. After a two-year break Riga Vis Pre-Moot once again is held in person bringing together 18 university teams from all over Europe.

We have high confidence that the event will be a great experience for arbitrators and students alike, providing the much-needed platform for students to polish their oral advocacy skills and arguments before the general rounds of Willem C. Vis Moot in Vienna.

In Riga, we try our best to make sure that each participating student, coach and arbitrator can take the most out of each event, gain knowledge, meet new acquaintances and experience the true magic of the Vis Moot.

In addition to the competition, Riga Vis Pre-Moot will provide several educational and social events, which will ensure you all with the opportunity to enrich your academic skills and, most importantly, to network and socialize.

We do hope that this year's event will be as valuable if not more as any of the previous and hope to see you all also next year.

Yours sincerely,  
Dr. Inga Kačevska  
Jānis Sarāns

This year's event could not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors and friends. Main sponsors of the event are the four leading Baltic law firms, which will be hosting all of the teams at their offices.

The event is also inextricably linked with the academic institutions and the youth organizations. Invaluable support has been provided by the University of Latvia Faculty of Law, Riga Graduate School of Law, the Student Council of the University of Latvia, the Student Council of the University of Latvia Faculty of Law and Student Council of the Riga Graduate School of Law.

We express our gratitude towards law firms **SORAINEN**, **COBALT**, **TGS Baltic** and **Ellex Klavins**.

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# PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Ukrainian Catholic University

University of Bayreuth

University of Mannheim

Riga Graduate School of Law

University of Marburg

Goethe University Frankfurt am Main

University of Warsaw

University of Latvia

University of Basel

Humboldt University

University of Lucerne

Ivan Franko National University of Lviv

Vilnius University

Leipzig University

University of Mainz

University of Lapland

Charles University

University of Copenhagen

# PROGRAMME

23 FEBRUARY		VENUE
14:30–16:20	International Conference	Great Hall, University of Latvia
16:30–18:00	Opening Reception	University of Latvia
20:30	Social Event for Teams	Laska Bar, E.B.Upisa Street 8B

24 FEBRUARY		VENUE
8:00–18:15	Competition Rounds	According to Schedule
19:00–20:00	Evening Competition for Teams	RGSL
20:30	Social Event for Teams	TBD

25 FEBRUARY		VENUE
8:00–15:00	Competition Rounds	According to Schedule
17:00–19:00	Championship Round	Small Hall, University of Latvia
21:00–03:00	Awards Ceremony and Farewell Party	Zefirs, Sporta Street 2

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**Moderator:** Dr. Inga Kačevska, MCIArb, Associated Professor,  
University of Latvia, Attorney at Law

**Venue:** University of Latvia, Great Hall, Raina Boulevard 19

12:30 – 14:30      **REGISTRATION**

14:30 – 14:45      **OPENING REMARKS**  
Dr. Inga Kačevska

14:45 – 15:00      **HOUSEKEEPING MATTERS**  
Jānis Sarāns,  
President of the Latvian Moot Association

15:00 – 15.15      **CISG - EXCLUDED MATTERS**  
Aleksandrs Fillers,  
Riga Graduate School of Law

15:20–16:20      **PANEL DISCUSSION “HOW TO PREPARE AND  
DELIVER PERSUASIVE ARGUMENT TO ARBITRATORS”**  
**Moderator:** Janis Sarans

**Maija Tipaine**  
Senior Associate, COBALT  
(Riga)

**Nick Storrs**  
Partner, Taylor Wessing LLP  
(London)

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**Aija Lejniece**  
Avocat à la Cour (Paris),  
Attorney at Law (New York)

**Daiga Zivtīņa**  
Partner, Ellex Klavins (Riga)

# SCHEDULE OF PLEADINGS

24 FEBRUARY

TIME	CLAIMANT	RESPONDENT	VENUE	LOCATION
8:00 – 10:00	UCU Team	Bayreuth Team	COBALT	Marijas Street 13 k2, 2nd Floor
8:00 – 10:00	Manheim Team	RGSL Team	TGS	Elizabetes Street 63, 3rd Floor
8:00 – 10:00	Marburg Team	Frankfurt Team	SORAINEN	Kr. Valdemara Street 21, 3rd Floor
8:00 – 10:00	Warsaw Team	LU Team	ELLEX 1	Kr. Valdemara Street 62, 5th Floor
8:00 – 10:00	Basel Team	Humboldt Team	ELLEX 2	Kr. Valdemara Street 62, 5th Floor
8:00 – 10:00	Lucerne Team	Ivan Franko Team	RGSL 1	Strēlnieku Street 4A
8:00 – 10:00	Vilnius Team	Leipzig Team	RGSL 2	Strelnieku Street 4A
10:30 – 12:30	Mainz Team	Lapland Team	COBALT	Marijas Street 13 k2, 2nd Floor
10:30 – 12:30	Charles Team	Copenhagen Team	TGS	Elizabetes Street 63, 3rd Floor
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# LOCATIONS

Pleadings will be held  
in four distinct locations,  
all within walking distance

**RGSL - Riga Graduate School of Law**  
Strēlnieku Street 4A

**TGS - Law Firm TGS Baltic**  
Elizabetes Street 63, 3rd Floor -  
entrance from Terbatas Street

**COBALT – Law Firm COBALT**  
Marijas Street 13 k2, 2nd Floor (Berga Bazars) –  
entrance from Marijas Street

**SORAINEN – Law Firm SORAINEN**  
Kr. Valdemara Street 21, 3rd Floor

**ELLEX – Law firm ELLEX Kļaviņš**  
Kr. Valdemara Street 62, 5th Floor

## LOCATIONS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS

**Social Event for Teams on 23 February**  
Laska Bar, E.B.Upisa Street 8a

**Social Event for Teams on 24 February**  
TBD

**Awards Ceremony and Farewell Party  
on 25 February**  
Zefirs, Sporta Street 2

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COBALT Riga office assembles one of the largest and most mature dispute resolution practices in Latvia. Our team of 23 lawyers includes 8 specialized arbitration lawyers and we are proud of colleagues who regularly take part in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot competition in the role of participants, coaches, or judges.

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# SORAINEN

Sorainen brings together a diverse team of lawyers from different backgrounds, speaking multiple languages, and with a broad range of legal training and experience with arbitration. Each case we work on receives the tailor-made approach it deserves. We ensure that our clients are thoroughly prepared from day one - where need be, our clients receive individual training for cross-examination or even a full mock-arbitration prior to the hearing. Our area of expertise includes both investment and commercial arbitration.

In commercial arbitration cases we have represented clients before such leading arbitration institutions as the ICC, LCIA, SCC, SIAC and VIAC, as well as other regional and local institutions. Our track record also includes ad hoc arbitration.

In investment arbitration we help clients with assessments of potential cases as well as hands-on involvement in the arbitration proceedings. We have experience in representing the client in arbitral proceedings at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) both as leading counsels and co-counsels.

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TGS Baltic assists clients in a wide variety of business and trade-related matters. We actively develop litigation strategies and pursue the interests of our clients, even in the most complicated cases. The firm also represents corporate and government clients in local and international arbitrations, including at the ICSID tribunal. TGS Baltic lawyers are often appointed as arbitrators and mediators.

TGS Baltic has over 35 lawyers currently practising in the dispute resolution practice group, four of whom are Fellows of the Royal Institute of Arbitrators. The Firm currently advises clients in arbitration cases totalling over €1.4 billion.

"Clients give positive feedback about these dispute resolution experts who manage a smooth flow of litigation and arbitration cases. Observers especially appreciate the strong arguments that specialists come up with." (Chambers Europe publication)

"Extensive experience in dispute resolution, representing clients in competition, construction, labour and financial ("white collar") crime cases." (Chambers Europe publication)

Publications "Acquisition International" and "Lawyer Monthly" twice nominated "TGS Baltic" office for the award "Law firm of the year in the field of arbitration" in Lithuania.

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## The largest arbitration team in the Baltics

We have one of the largest and most experienced dispute and arbitration teams in the Baltics with experience in solving extremely complex disputes and arbitration cases. While acting as a lead counsel in major disputes, Ellex team is also responsible for coordinating actions in related disputes pending in multiple jurisdictions.

## Outstanding team experience

For 30 years, we have accumulated vast experience from successfully advising and representing investors and local businesses in Latvia and the Baltics in all aspects of dispute resolution, including numerous national and international arbitration matters. Our team members are among the few Baltic lawyers with significant experience in arbitrations handled outside the Baltics.

We represent clients in arbitration proceedings conducted under various institutional and ad hoc arbitration rules.

Arbitration disputes handled by our experts cover the entire spectrum of commercial law in all industry sectors. If necessary, our litigators work closely with other practice groups to ensure industry specific expertise. We are frequently chosen by leading international law firms as their Baltic partner in multi-jurisdictional cases or for assisting with the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards in Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania.

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- Ellex is a circle of three leading and the highest ranked law firms in the Baltics with 30 years of legal excellence.
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