

## Objective

This year's conference will help practitioners keep abreast of the latest developments in law, policy and jurisprudence and discuss current challenging issues in EU public procurement law.

## Key topics

- Update from the European Commission
- EU public procurement rules in response to the influx of asylum-seekers
- Centralised purchasing bodies and public contracts registers: between transparency and competition
- Issues arising from public procurement in practice
- Impact of recent CJEU case law

## Who should attend?

Lawyers in private practice, in-house counsel, ministry officials and other civil servants dealing with public procurement matters.

### Travel to Trier:

Shuttle services from Luxembourg airport to the ERA Conference Centre can be booked at special rates at: [www.finkelgruens-taxi.de](http://www.finkelgruens-taxi.de)

## Speakers

**Christopher Bovis**, Professor of Business Law, Business School, University of Hull

**Dr Vera Eiró**, Consultant, Linklaters; Professor, Catholic University and New University School of Law, Lisbon

**Pascal Friton**, Principal Associate, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Berlin

**Nikolaos Korogiannakis**, Managing Partner, G.S. Kostakopoulos & Associates, Brussels

**Nicolas Pourbaix**, Counsel, Hogan Lovells, Brussels

**Dr Albert Sánchez Graells**, Senior Lecturer, University of Bristol Law School; Member of the European Commission Stakeholder Expert Group on Public Procurement

**Ulrika Sjöholm**, Senior Lawyer, National Agency for Public Procurement, Stockholm

**Marc Steiner**, Judge, Swiss Federal Administrative Court, St. Gallen

**Katharina Vierlich**, Deputy Head of Unit G2, DG GROW, European Commission, Brussels

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## ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT LAW 2016

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Eirini Volikou, ERA

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## Thursday, 14 April 2016

- 08:45 Arrival and registration of participants
- 09:15 **Welcome and introduction**  
*Eirini Volikou*
- I. DEVELOPMENTS AT EUROPEAN LEVEL**
- Chair: *Christopher Bovis*
- 09:30 **Keynote speech: the European Commission's next steps**  
*Katharina Vierlich*
- 10:00 Discussion
- 10:30 **Guidance to national authorities on the supply of goods and services for asylum-seekers: the Communication from the Commission**  
*Ulrika Sjöholm*
- 11:00 Discussion
- 11:30 Coffee break
- II. PRACTICAL ISSUES AND CHALLENGES**
- 12:00 **Evaluation of non-price related criteria**  
*Michael Jürgen Werner*
- 12:30 Discussion
- 12:45 Lunch

- 14:00 **Centralised purchasing bodies and public contracts registers: function in practice, benefits and competition concerns**  
*Albert Sánchez Graells*
- 14:45 Discussion
- 15:15 Coffee break
- 15:45 **From grave misconduct to minor technical mistakes: grounds for exclusion and how to protect oneself**  
*Pascal Friton*
- 16:15 **E-procurement: remaining challenges for contracting authorities and bidders**  
*Vera Eiró*
- 16:45 Discussion
- 17:15 End of the first day
- 18:30 Guided city tour and dinner

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## Friday, 15 April 2016

- III. RECENT CASE LAW**
- Chair: *Albert Sánchez Graells*
- 09:30 **Latest jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the EU**  
*Nicolas Pourbaix*
- 10:15 Discussion
- 10:45 Coffee break
- 11:15 **Themes and impact of recent judgments**
- Conflicts of interest
  - Minimum pay: from *Bundesdruckerei* to *RegioPost*
  - Award of damages and other remedies
  - Concessions
  - PPPs
- Christopher Bovis*  
*Nikolaos Korogiannakis*  
*Marc Steiner*
- 12:45 Discussion
- 13:00 Conclusions and end of the conference
- Lunch