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# **Punitive damages and collective actions in Europe**



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## **Punitive damages and collective actions in Europe**

### **Agenda for Friday 27 June 2014 – Kinsky Palace**

**(Simultaneous interpretation services in English, German and French)**

**08.30 a.m.:**

Registration

**09.00 a.m.:**

Welcoming and opening remarks

**Michael Poduschka (RA)**, Head of the UAE Regional Delegation for Austria and Attorney in Vienna, Linz and Perg

**Bruno Telchini (Avv)**, President of the European Lawyers' Union and Attorney in Bolzano, Italy

**Georg Kodek (Univ. Prof. Dr., LL.M. (Northwestern University))**, Judge at the Austrian Supreme Court of Justice, Professor at the Vienna University of Economics and Business (Institute for Civil and Corporate law).

**10.00 a.m.:**

First session

**Punitive damages and collective actions in the USA and from the EU point of view**

Moderator: **Claude Bontinck (Me)**, Honorary President of the UAE, Attorney in Brussels

**René Richardt (RA)**, Gansel Rechtsanwälte, Berlin. Graduated from Freie Universität Berlin (Faculty of Law) with focus on International Private Law and Comparison of Law; studied also at University of Connecticut, School of Law, Hartford, USA.

**Jacek Garstka**, DG Justice, European Commission, Brussels.

**11.30 a.m.:** Coffee break

**12.00 a.m.:**

Second session

**Punitive damages and collective actions in Austria**

Moderator: **Andreas Riedler (Univ. Prof. Mag. Dr.)**, Professor of Civil Law at the University of Linz, Head of the Institute for Civil Law (Stv), Head of the Institute for Studies in Multimedia Law in Linz

**Peter Hadler (Mag.)**, Judge and President of the Vienna Commercial Court (Court before which are brought most of the collective actions in Austria)

**Georg Kathrein (SC Dr. Hon.-Prof.)**, Director-General - Directorate for Civil Law and Legislation, Ministry of justice

**Andreas Kletecka (Univ. Prof. Dr.)**, Professor of Civil Law at the University of Salzburg, publications notably on the subject punitive damages and collective actions in Austria.

**1.30 p.m.:**

**Lunch and delicacies in Palais Kinsky**

The congress is taking place in the « Palais Kinsky », a baroque palace which was built in the heart of Vienna between 1713 and 1719 under the direction of architect Johann Lucas von Hildebrandt. After his studies in Rome under the supervision of architect Carlo Fontana, he contributed to the baroque part of Vienna with important beautiful monuments such as the Upper Belvedere, the Lower Belvedere, the Palais Schwarzenberg and the St Peter's Church.

**3 p.m.:**

Third Session

**Punitive damages and collective actions: A look at the situation in Germany, France, Great-Britain/Ireland and Italy**

Moderator: **Antonello Corrado (Avv.)**, Partner, CFMP Studio Legale Associato in Rome and Milan

France: **Grégory Thuan Dit Dieudonne (Me)**, Partner, Hincker & Associés in Strasbourg, Paris and Marseille

England/ Ireland: **Ryan Richard**, Senior Associate, Arthur Cox, Dublin

Germany: **René Richardt (RA)**, Gansel Rechtsanwälte, Berlin

Italy: **Prof. Avv. Pier Filippo Giuggioli** Professor of Comparative Private Law at the University of Milan and lawyer in Milan

**4.30 p.m.:**

Fourth session

**Legal nature of punitive damages and collective actions in Poland, Spain and Romania**

Moderator: **Justyna Balcarczyk (Dr., LL.M (Poland))**, Adjunct Professor of Conflict of laws and IP law at the University of Wrocław, legal advisor

Poland: **Marcin A. Quoos (RA, Univ.-Doz.)**, Partner, Quoos und Famulska, Wrocław

Spain: **Agustín Cruz Núñez (Abogado)**, Head of the UAE Regional Delegation for Spain and UAE General Secretary, Attorney at UHY Fay & Co, Málaga

Romania: **Mihai Baco (Avv., PhD)**, Partner, Baco & Associates, Alba Iulia

**6 p.m.:**

Concluding statements

**Jean-Pierre Spitzer (Me)**, President of the UAE Scientific Commission, Partner, Saint Yves Avocats, Paris

**6.30 p.m.:**

End

## Social Agenda – UAE Congress in Vienna 26 – 28 June 2014

### Thursday 26 June 2014

#### **7.30 p.m.: Welcoming Reception at “Haas Haus”**

We kindly invite you to a welcoming reception in the Haas House, a building in the postmodernist style which was designed by the Austrian architect Hans Hollein and completed in 1990. Besides its audacious and controversial architecture, this building is known due to its location just in front of the St. Stephen's Cathedral and the incredible view it offers. The team of the restaurant “Do & Co” in the building will take care of your wellbeing during the evening.

### Friday 27 June 2014

#### **10.00 a.m.: Tour of the Sisi Museum** (meeting point: entrance of the museum)

Immerse yourself into the world of the charming Elisabeth Empress of Austria. You will learn more about the myth Sisi in the Imperial Apartments at the Hofburg. After the tour, we will all together walk to the Palais Kinsky for lunch.

#### **1.30 p.m.: Lunch in the Palais Kinsky** (with the congress participants)

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#### **3.00 p.m.: Free afternoon**

#### **8.30 p.m.: Gala dinner at „Hotel Sacher“**

Vienna and ... the original Sacher Torte: What else would be associated to the historical capital of Austria? The worldwide known hotel is welcoming you in its premises filled with history and where famous persons like Indira Gandhi, John F. Kennedy and the Queen Elisabeth II were hosted. Let yourself fall for the charm of this unique and sumptuous Hotel Restaurant and enjoy this highlight of the Congress.

### Saturday 28 June 2014

#### **10.30 a.m.: Meeting of the UAE Executive Committee at Hotel Sacher**

**11.30 a.m.: Guided Tour in English** of the city center (meeting point: entrance of the Hotel Sacher). During this tour, you will see, among others, the St. Stephen Cathedral (Stephansdom), the Plague Column, St. Peter's Church, the Hofburg Palace, the Spanish Riding School, the State Opera, the Heroes' Square (Heldenplatz).

#### **1.30 p.m.: Lunch at Demel**

The traditional confectionary bakery Demel and the restaurant of the same name are more than 2 centuries old since they were built in 1786. The interior of the coffee house Demel maintained the tradition of the Rococo style decoration. The Emperor Franz Joseph and his wife the Empress Elisabeth were used to be supplied with sweet treats of this confectionary bakery located just opposite the imperial apartments.

#### **3.30 p.m.: Schönbrunn Palace** (meeting point: main cash desk)

The Schönbrunn Palace is the most significant and biggest palace in Austria and is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It used to be Maria Theresa's summer residence and became later on the center of gravity for cultural and political activities of the Habsburg empire.

#### **8.00 p.m.: Dinner at the Restaurant „Artner am Franziskanerplatz“**

To mark the end of the congress, we suggest a delicious dinner in the vaulted cellar of the restaurant Artner which was awarded 3 “toques” by the Guide Gault & Millau. This restaurant is located on the wonderful Franziskaner Square where you can also see the Franziscan Church of a Renaissance style and the Moses Fountain which dates from 1798.

## Registration form and fees - UAE Congress in Vienna

### Registration to the congress - Palais Kinsky

First name / Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Participant 250 EUR
- UAE Member 200 EUR
- Student 100 EUR

Included:

- Participation to the congress (Friday 27 June 2014)
- Drinks, coffee break and lunch

- Welcoming Reception**, Thursday 26 June 2014 35 EUR ☺
- Gala dinner at Hotel Sacher**, Friday 27 June 2014 150 EUR ☺
- Lunch at Demel**, Saturday 28 June 2014 50 EUR ☺
- Dinner at Artner**, Saturday 28 June 2014 75 EUR ☺

### Cultural activities:

- Guided tour**, Saturday 28 June 2014 20 EUR
- Schönbrunn Palace**, Saturday 28 June 2014 15 EUR

**I. Total for the participant (congress and cultural activities): EUR \_\_\_\_\_**

**Accompanying person:** First name/Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Welcoming Reception**, Thursday 26 June 2014 35 EUR ☺
- Sisi Museum**, Friday 27 June 2014 15 EUR
- Gala dinner at Hotel Sacher**, Friday 27 June 2014 150 EUR ☺
- Lunch at Palais Kinsky**, Friday 27 June 2014 50 EUR ☺
- Lunch at Demel**, Saturday 28 June 2014 50 EUR ☺
- Dinner at Artner**, Saturday 28 June 2014 75 EUR ☺
- Guided tour**, Saturday 28 June 2014 20 EUR
- Schönbrunn Palace**, Saturday 28 June 2014 15 EUR

**II. Total for the accompanying person: EUR \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total amount (participant and accompanying person): EUR \_\_\_\_\_**

☺ are included in the price: wine with meals, water and coffee.

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First name	_____	Title	_____
Family name	_____		
Name of the company	_____		
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UAE Member	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Name of the accompanying person			
First name	_____	Title	_____
Family name	_____		

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**To proceed to your binding registration, please fill in page 6 and page 7, send them per email to [uaecongress@poduschka.at](mailto:uaecongress@poduschka.at) and you will be replied with an invoice. You are kindly requested to proceed to the payment by bank transfer using the above mentioned bank details and indicating the invoice number and the full name of the participant.**

**Registration must be done no later than 30 May 2014 (limited number of participants). A certain number of rooms have been pre-booked until 30 April 2014, we kindly recommend to promptly book your room directly to the hotel and at the same time to proceed to your registration ([uaecongress@poduschka.at](mailto:uaecongress@poduschka.at)).**

## Recommended hotels – UAE Congress in Vienna 26 – 28 June 2014

### Hotel Sacher \*\*\*\*\* ☺

Philharmonikerstraße 4, 1010 Wien

Pre-booking code: UAE Kongress 26.06-29.06.2014, Poduschka

Email: [wien@sacher.com](mailto:wien@sacher.com)

Double room: 395 EUR per night.

Telephone: +43 (0) 1 514 560

[www.sacher.com/hotel-sacher-wien/](http://www.sacher.com/hotel-sacher-wien/)

### Hotel Le Meridien \*\*\*\*\* ☺

Operring 13, 1010 Wien

Pre-booking code: UAE Kongress 26.06-29.06.2014, Poduschka

Email: [marie-christin.kerber@lemeridien.com](mailto:marie-christin.kerber@lemeridien.com)

Double room: 230 EUR per night.

Telephone: +43 (0) 1 588 90 0

[www.lemeridienvienna.com/](http://www.lemeridienvienna.com/)

### Hotel Bristol \*\*\*\*\* ☺

Kärntner Ring 1, 1015 Wien

Pre-booking code: UAE Kongress 26.06-29.06.2014, Poduschka

Email: [hotel.bristol@luxurycollection.com](mailto:hotel.bristol@luxurycollection.com)

Double room: 240 EUR per night.

Telephone: +43 (0) 1 51516 302

[http://www.bristolvienna.com/?PS=LGDE\\_AA\\_DEMA\\_CGGL\\_TPRP](http://www.bristolvienna.com/?PS=LGDE_AA_DEMA_CGGL_TPRP)

### Hotel Steigenberger Herrenhof \*\*\*\*\* ☺

Herrngasse 10, 1010 Wien

Pre-booking code: UAE Kongress 26.06-29.06.2014, Poduschka

Email: [mario.hopfgartner@herrenhof-wien.steigenberger.at](mailto:mario.hopfgartner@herrenhof-wien.steigenberger.at)

Double room: 225 EUR per night.

Telephone: +43 (0) 1 53404 – 800

[www.steigenberger.com](http://www.steigenberger.com)

### Fleming's Deluxe Hotel \*\*\*\*\*

Josefstädter Straße 10-12, 1080 Wien

Pre-booking code: UAE Kongress 26.06-29.06.2014, Poduschka

Email: [reservationmanager.vie@flemings-hotels.com](mailto:reservationmanager.vie@flemings-hotels.com)

Double room: 165 EUR per night.

Telephone: +43 (0) 1 205990

<http://www.flemings-hotels.com/>

### Motel One Westbahnhof \*\*\*

Europaplatz 3, 1150 Wien

Pre-booking code: UAE Kongress 26.06-29.06.2014, Poduschka

Email: [wien-westbahnhof@motel-one.com](mailto:wien-westbahnhof@motel-one.com)

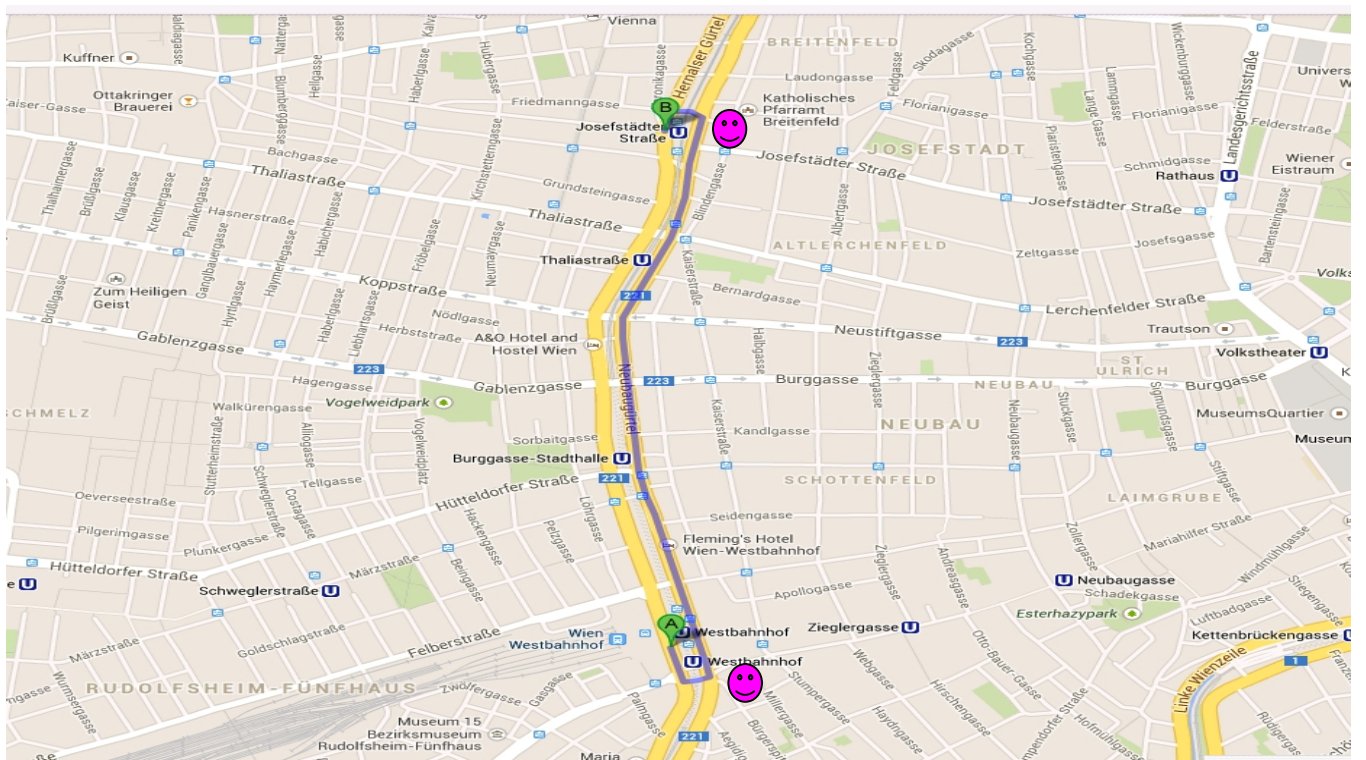
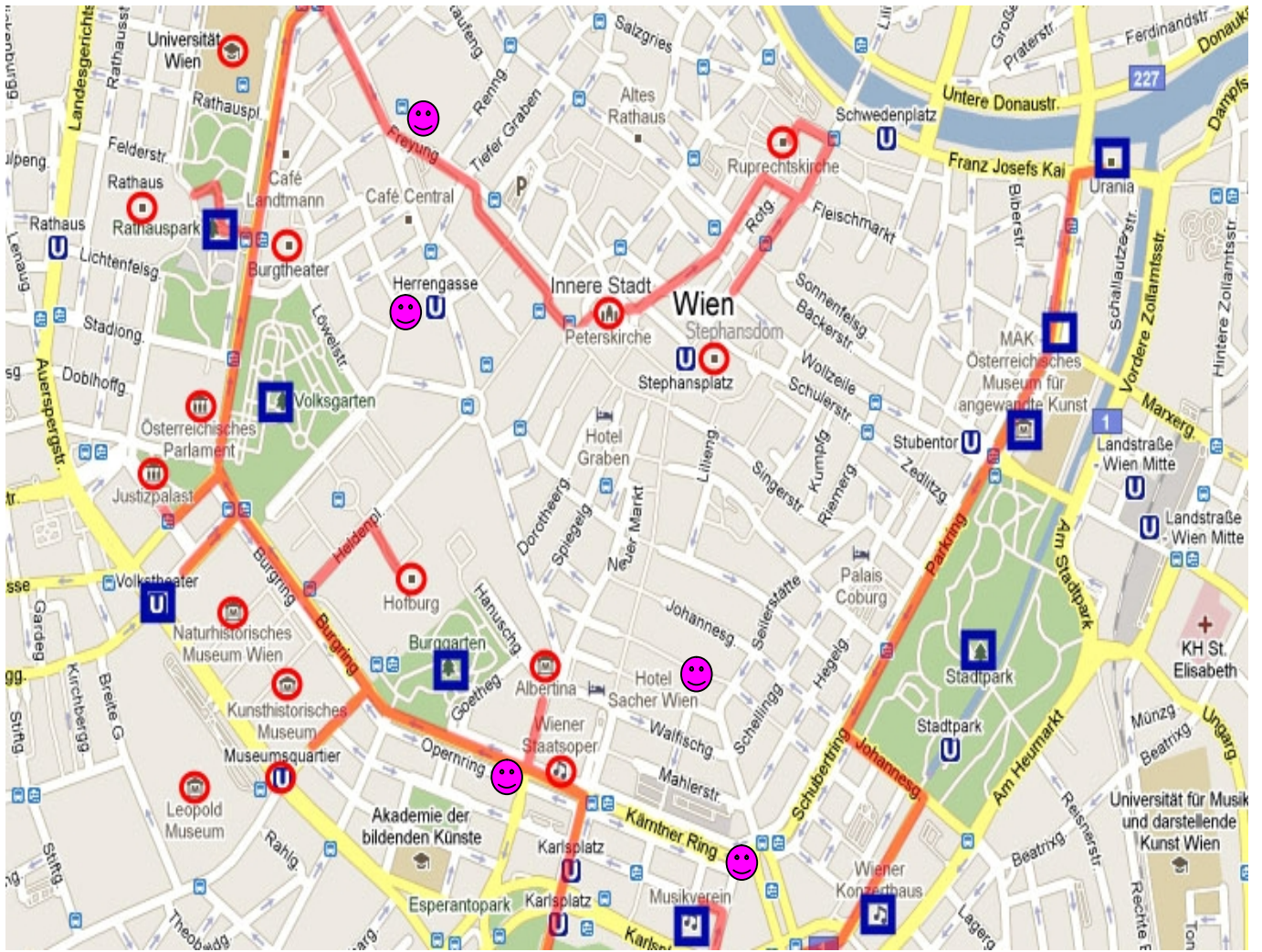
Double room: 84 EUR per night

Telephone: +43 (0) 1 3 59 35-0

[www.motel-one.com](http://www.motel-one.com)

**The hotel rooms have been pre-booked until 30 April 2014. You are kindly recommended to book your room directly to the hotel of your choice indicating the pre-booking code to get the special price we negotiated. We warmly thank you for your cooperation and contribution to the organization of a successful event.**

☺ very close to the congress location and to the touristic sites of the city center (walking distance of 10 minutes)





## Useful addresses – UAECongress in Vienna 26 – 28 June 2014

### Haas Haus

Stock-im-Eisen-Platz (gegenüber Stephansdom), 1010 Wien

### Palais Kinsky

Freyung 4, 1010 Wien

### Sisi-Museum

Hofburg – Michaelerkuppel, 1010 Wien

### Hotel Sacher

Philharmonikerstraße 4, 1010 Wien

### Konditorei Restaurant Demel

Kohlmarkt 14, 1010 Wien

### Schloss Schönbrunn

Schönbrunner Schloßstr. 47, 1130 Wien

### Restaurant Artner am Franziskanerplatz

Franziskanerplatz 5, 1010 Wien

