



Balkan Legal Forum 2012
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Swissotel The Bosphorus Istanbul, Turkey

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Dear Colleague,

It is my honour and pleasure to invite you to attend the **IBA's 7th Balkan Legal Forum** at Swissotel, Istanbul, **Turkey, 1–2 November 2012.**

The Balkan Legal Forum, praised by its participants as '**the best legal event in the Region**', is an initiative established in the year 2000 for fostering collaboration between legal professionals from South Eastern Europe and beyond, and for strengthening the rule of law. The past six Balkan Legal Forums have been a great success, as each has gathered participants from an average of **34 countries** in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas.

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Given the region's significance as a logistic and strategic platform for commercial, financial and cultural relationships, the Forum will bring together legal professionals and business leaders from across the world to discuss a number of topics pertinent to all those with business or professional interests, including:

- Using innovative legal solutions to invest in the Region
- Investment treaties – an effective way to protect an investment
- 'Surprise taxes' and ways to overcome them
- Bribery and corruption
- Competition law – planning ahead
- Innovations in law firm management

The Forum will be attended by a number of international and Turkish legal and business media. Keeping the already 12-year tradition, the Forum will yet again boast the presence of a wide range of representatives from both the legal profession and business. The extensive support of the IBA will also include a **keynote address by Michael Reynolds** (Vice-President and President Nominee for 2013-2014), on behalf of **Akira Kawamura, President of the IBA.**

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In addition to the substantive programme, a welcome reception will be hosted by Turkish law firms on 1 November and on 2 November there will be gala dinner, where both events provide attendees with an additional opportunity to meet and network. For those wishing to explore more

of Istanbul and Turkey, a value-for-money social programme is also available.

You can register by filling out the REGISTRATION FORM and returning it to registration@balkanlegalforum.org or by using our ON-LINE REGISTRATION MODULE.

The Legal Development Foundation and the IBA European Regional Forum are delighted to announce that they will be awarding a scholarship to young lawyers who wish to participate in the IBA's 7th Balkan Legal Forum. For full information of the application procedure, please [click here](#).

For details on how to become a sponsor for this event, please email information@balkanlegalforum.org

I look forward to welcoming you in Istanbul.

Kind Regards,

Borislav Boyanov
Conference Chair



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