

I Tourism Law Conference in Europe

Shaping the future: Tourism Law in Europe

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La Valletta, Malta

Thursday, 18 September 2025

Provisional Programme

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| 09:00 – 10:00 | Participant Registration |
| 09:45 – 10:15 | Opening Ceremony
Message from Hon. Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Tourism, Dr. Ian Borg <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Prof. Frank Bezzina, Pro Rector, University of Malta– Mr. Leslie Vella, Deputy CEO & Chief Strategic Development, Malta Tourism Authority, UN Tourism Focal Point for Malta– Dr. David Mifsud, Director EU Legal Affairs, Malta Tourism Authority– Ms. Alicia Gomez Alapont, Director of Legal Affairs and International Standards, UN Tourism |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Ceremony of Adherence of Malta to the UN Tourism's International Code for the Protection of Tourists |
| 10:30 – 11:45 | Roundtable 1: Sustainability and Universal Accessibility: A Tourism Law perspective
Moderator: Dr. Noel Buttigieg, Head of Department at Department of Tourism Management, University of Malta (Malta) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Ms. Cristel Molné Casajuana, Director of Tourism and Trade at the Ministry of Tourism and Trade (Andorra)– Ms. Višnja Letica, Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Tourism and Sport (Croatia)– Mrs. Marie Vandersanden, Lecturer on Tourism Law, University of Bremen / Owner of Tourism Lawyers (Germany)– Mr. Felio Bauzá, Full Professor, Universidad de las Islas Baleares (Spain) |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | Coffee Break |

12:00 – 13:00	Roundtable 2: Overtourism: Legal Developments and Trends Moderator: Profs George Cassar – Associate Professor, University of Malta, Department of Tourism Management (Malta) – Mr. Javier Melgosa Arcos, Full Professor, Universidad de Salamanca (Spain) – Mr. Alan Arrigo, CEO - Robert Arrigo & Sons, Director on Federated Association of Travel and Tourism Agents (FATTA) – Mr. Philip Fenech, Deputy President of SMEs, Tourism, Hospitality and Leisure Sector, SME Chamber
13:00-13:40	UN Tourism and Tourism Law – <i>Presentation of UN Tourism's key activities in Tourism Law</i> Ms. Alicia Gomez, Director of Legal Affairs and International Standards, UN Tourism – <i>Presentation of the UN Tourism's Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics</i> Mr. Julio Facal, Member of the UN Tourism World Committee on Tourism Ethics (WCTE)
13:40 – 14:40	Lunch Break
14:40 – 15:50	Roundtable 3: Regulation of Short-term Rentals and Accommodation Services: Challenges and Opportunities Moderator: Mr. Francesco Morandi, Full Professor of Tourism and Transport Law, University of Sassari and University of Roma Tre. – Mr. Andrej Mićović, Associate Professor, University of Kragujevac (Serbia) / Vice-President of the International Forum of Travel and Tourism Advocates – IFTTA – Dr. David Mifsud, legal Counsel, Malta Tourism Authority (Malta) – Mr. Andrew Agius Muscat, CEO, Malta Hotels and Restaurants Association (Malta)
15:50 – 17:00	Roundtable 4: Consumer Protection in Tourism Contracts: Key Legal Updates Moderator: Ms. Jacqueline Tanti-Dougall, Lecturer on Tourism Law, University of Malta / President of the International Forum of Travel and Tourism Advocates – IFTTA (Malta) – Ms. Antonia Paniza Fullana, Full Professor, Universidad de las Islas Baleares (Spain) – Ms. Uta Stenzel, Attorney at Law, Legal Consultant (Germany) – Dr. Michael Wukoschitz, Attorney at Law, partner at KWC Rechtsanwälte (Austria) – Prof. Monika Jurcova, Professor within the Department of Civil and Commercial Law, Faculty of Law, Trnava University (Slovakia)
17:00 – 17:30	Closing Ceremony – Dr. David Mifsud, legal Counsel, Malta Tourism Authority (Malta) – Ms. Alicia Gomez, Director of Legal Affairs and International Standards, UN Tourism – Ms. Jacqueline Tanti-Dougall, Lecturer on Tourism Law, University of Malta / President of the International Forum of Travel and Tourism Advocates – IFTTA (Malta)