

Public panel on CETA

"Opening Markets in a Closing World"

Friday 22 June 2018

Venue: Tsar Osvoboditel 15, University of Sofia (Rectorat)
Faculty of Law, 3rd floor, room 272, Sofia, Bulgaria

PROGRAMME

17:00'	Registration Opens
17:30' - 19:00'	Panel Event - Part I Institutional and Economic Issues raised by CETA
19:00' - 19:30'	Coffee break
19:30' - 21:00'	Panel Event - Part II Protection of Investments and Settlement of Disputes
21:00'	Post-Event Reception

The audience will have the opportunity to ask questions and engage with the experts on the above themes.

The public panel will be followed by a reception.

SPEAKERS

Welcome addresses

Bulgarian Official

H.E. Kevin Hamilton, Ambassador of Canada to the Republic of Bulgaria

Main speakers

Prof. Atanas Semov, Professor of EU Law, Faculty of Law, Sofia University "St. Klimenti Ohridski", Vice-president of the Bulgarian Association of International Law

Dr. Zornitsa Kutlina-Dimitrova, Senior Economist, European Commission, Directorate-General for TRADE, Chief Economist and Trade Analysis Unit

Karl van Kessel, Counselor, Embassy of Canada to the European Union

Bradwin Niblock, Counselor and Senior Trade Commissioner, Embassy of Canada to the Republic of Bulgaria

Paul Legault, Lawyer, Miller Thomson, Montréal, Canada

Prof. Bertrand Marchais, Assoc. Professor, Audencia Business School, Nantes, France. Former World Bank official (ICSID, MIGA) and IFIs' advisor (European Investment Bank, West African Development Bank)

Gergana Hadjipanteleeva, Senior Associate, Rokas Law Firm, Sofia, Bulgaria

The panel discussion will be directed by

Prof. Panayotis Glavinis, Assoc. Professor of International Economic Law, Faculty of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

LANGUAGES

English and French with simultaneous translation



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The Faculty of Law of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Faculty of Law of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" are delighted to organize a public panel on the EU - Canada Free Trade Agreement.

This agreement is a courageous step taken by two of the most advanced economies in the world in order to remain competitive in a global environment, where emerging powers claim the leadership of the international economic system.

Canada and the E.U. reject protectionism as an answer to the new challenges arising from the multilateral trading system. Instead, they agreed to enhance their competitiveness by further opening their markets to each other's goods, services and capital.

This public panel is organized in Sofia, Bulgaria, under the auspices of H.E. Kevin Hamilton, Ambassador of Canada to the Republic of Bulgaria, and in collaboration with two major law firms from Greece (Rokas International Law Firm) and Canada (Miller Thomson). It brings together Canadian and European experts, who examine the effectiveness of CETA's response to the needs and requirements of the European and Canadian export oriented economies.

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The EU-Canada Free Trade Agreement

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L'accord de libre échange UE-Canada

L'ouverture des marchés dans un monde qui se ferme

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