

## Wednesday 31 May 2023

10:00	18:00	<b>Young FIDE Seminar</b> <i>Venue: Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"</i> See the full programme on <a href="https://www.fide-europe.org/congresses/next-congress/">https://www.fide-europe.org/congresses/next-congress/</a>
12:00	18:00	<b>Registration of Participants in Congress Venue (*optional early registration)</b> <i>Venue: National Palace of Culture</i>
12:30	14:00	<b>Welcome Coffee/Tea and Lunch for the Steering Committee</b> <i>(*only for the representatives of the member associations of FIDE)</i> <i>Venue: National Palace of Culture, Hall 3.2, floor 8</i>
14:00	16:00	<b>Meeting of the FIDE Steering Committee</b> <i>(*only for the representatives of the member associations of FIDE)</i> <i>Venue: National Palace of Culture, Hall 10, floor 8</i>
20:00	22:00	<b>Welcome Reception</b> <i>Venue: National Museum of History / Pick-up time 19:30 at the National Palace of Culture</i> Welcome speech by <b>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bonni Petrunova</b> , Director of the National Museum of History

## Thursday 1 June 2023

8:30	9:30	<b>Arrival of participants, registration and welcome coffee</b> <i>Venue: National Palace of Culture, Hall 3, floor 7</i>
9:30	10:15	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> Welcome addresses <b>Alexander Arabadjiev</b> , President of FIDE 2021-2023, President of the 1st Chamber of the Court of Justice of the EU <b>Rumen Radev</b> , President of the Republic of Bulgaria <b>Koen Lenaerts</b> , President of the Court of Justice of the EU <b>Marc van der Woude</b> , President of the General Court of the EU
10:15	11:00	<b>Keynote speeches</b> <b>Serhiy Holovaty</b> , Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine <b>Guy Verhofstadt</b> , Member of the European Parliament, Co-Chair of the Conference on the Future of Europe
11:00	11:30	Coffee and Tea break
11:30	12:45	<b>Plenary panel discussion:</b> <b>The Political, Economic and Social Physiognomy of the European Union</b> <b>Takis Tridimas</b> , Professor of European Law, King's College London <b>Gabriel Glöckler</b> , Principal Adviser at the European Central Bank <b>Daniel Gros</b> , Director of the Centre for European Policy Studies <b>Ulla Neergaard</b> , Professor of EU Law, University of Copenhagen Moderator: <b>Alexander Kornezov</b> , Judge, President of the 8th Chamber of the General Court of the EU
12:45	14:00	Lunch
14:00	15:30	<b>Parallel Working Groups – Session (I)</b>

<b>Topic 1: Mutual Trust, Mutual Recognition and the Rule of Law</b>	<b>Topic 2: The new geopolitical dimension of the EU competition and trade policies</b>	<b>Topic 3: European Social Union</b>
<p><b>Panel: Mutual Trust, Rule of Law, Constitutional Identities of the EU and of its Member States: normative foundations</b></p>	<p><b>Panel: The design of the European Union's search for strategic autonomy: blurring the lines between its internal market, competition, industrial and trade policies and laws</b></p>	<p><b>Panel: Enduring discrimination against mobile workers: assessment and perspectives</b></p>
<p><i>Moderator: Paul Craig</i>, Emeritus Professor of English law, University of Oxford</p>	<p><i>Moderator: Laurence Gormley</i>, Professor, College of Europe, University of Groningen</p>	<p><i>Moderator: András Tamás</i>, Head of Unit, Legal Service, European Parliament</p>
<p><b>Miguel Poiares Maduro</b>, Dean, Católica Global School of Law, Portugal and Professor STG European University Institute  <b>Clemens Ladenburger</b>, Deputy Director General, Legal Service, European Commission  <b>Jonathan Tomkin</b>, Legal Service, European Commission  <b>Yona Marinova</b>, Legal Service, European Commission</p>	<p><b>Jean-François Bellis</b>, Founding Partner, Van Bael &amp; Bellis; Visiting Prof., ULB  <b>Isabelle Van Damme</b>, Partner, Van Bael &amp; Bellis; Visiting Prof., College of Europe  <b>Ben Smulders</b>, Deputy Director General of DG for Competition, European Commission</p>	<p><b>Sophie Robin-Olivier</b>, Professor of Law at the Sorbonne School of Law  <b>Sacha Garben</b>, Professor of EU Law, College of Europe, Bruges</p>

15:30	16:00	Coffee and Tea Break
16:00	17:30	Parallel Working Groups – Session (II)

<b>Topic 1: Mutual Trust, Mutual Recognition and the Rule of Law</b>	<b>Topic 2: The new geopolitical dimension of the EU competition and trade policies</b>	<b>Topic 3: European Social Union</b>
<p><b>Panel: Instruments and Mechanisms for Protecting the Rule of Law in the Member States. Litigating Rule of Law in national courts</b></p>	<p><b>Panel: From 'invisible hand' to overt industrial policy: EU merger control, State aid, and regulating foreign subsidies</b></p>	<p><b>Panel: Demographic Challenges and Brain Drain as a Result of Free Movement</b></p>
<p><i>Moderator: Carsten Zatschler</i>, SC, The Bar of Ireland</p>	<p><i>Moderator: Kate McKenna</i>, Partner at Matheson LLP, Dublin</p>	<p><i>Moderator: Damjan Kukovec</i>, Judge at the General Court of the EU</p>
<p><b>Miguel Poiares Maduro</b>, Dean, Católica Global School of Law, Portugal and Professor STG European University Institute  <b>Clemens Ladenburger</b>, Deputy Director General, Legal Service, European Commission  <b>Yona Marinova</b>, Legal Service, European Commission</p>	<p><b>Jean-François Bellis</b>, Founding Partner, Van Bael &amp; Bellis; Visiting Prof., ULB  <b>Isabelle Van Damme</b>, Partner, Van Bael &amp; Bellis; Visiting Prof., College of Europe  <b>Ben Smulders</b>, Deputy Director General of DG for Competition, European Commission</p>	<p><b>Sophie Robin-Olivier</b>, Professor of Law at the Sorbonne School of Law  <b>Sacha Garben</b>, Professor of EU Law, College of Europe, Bruges</p>

20:00	22:30	<p><b>Young European lawyers event</b>  <i>Venue: Court House (Palace of Justice)</i>  <i>Opening speech by Maciej Szpunar</i>, First Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the EU</p>
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**Friday 2 June 2023**

8:30	9:30	<p><b>Welcome Coffee and Tea</b>  <i>Venue: National palace of Culture</i></p>
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9:30	11:00	Parallel Working Groups – Session (III)		
<b>Topic 1: Mutual Trust, Mutual Recognition and the Rule of Law</b>		<b>Topic 2: The new geopolitical dimension of the EU competition and trade policies</b>		<b>Topic 3: European Social Union</b>
<b>Panel: The Rule of Law at the EU level and with regard to EU institutions</b>		<b>Panel: Sustainability agreements and Article 101 TFEU: Thinking outside the market, quantifying efficiency gains, and including more consumers</b>		<b>Panel: Exploitation of posted workers: should there be new restrictions to posting of workers within the framework of free provision of services in the name of European social Union?</b>
<i>Moderator: Richard Crowe</i> , Head of Unit, Legal Service, European Parliament		<i>Moderator: Mario Siragusa</i> , Senior Counsel, Cleary Gottlieb, Professor, College of Europe		<i>Moderator: Luca Visaggio</i> , Director of the Legal Service, European Parliament
<b>Miguel Poiares Maduro</b> , Dean, Católica Global School of Law, Portugal and Professor STG European University Institute		<b>Jean-François Bellis</b> , Founding Partner, Van Bael & Bellis; Visiting Prof., ULB		<b>Sophie Robin-Olivier</b> , Professor of Law at the Sorbonne School of Law
<b>Clemens Ladenburger</b> , Deputy Director General, Legal Service, European Commission		<b>Ben Smulders</b> , Deputy Director General of DG for Competition, European Commission		<b>Sacha Garben</b> , Professor of EU Law, College of Europe, Bruges
<b>Jonathan Tomkin</b> , Legal Service, European Commission				

11:00	11:30	Coffee and Tea break		
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11:30	13:00	<b>Parallel Working Groups – Session (IV)</b> <i>*As every year sirens will sound across Bulgaria for two minutes at noon on June 2nd, 2023 in honour of the memory of the Bulgarian national hero and poet Hristo Botev, who died in 1876 in the struggle against Ottoman rule, as well as in tribute to all who died for the freedom of Bulgaria. Traditionally, when the sirens sound, all pedestrians and vehicles should stop for two minutes and stand still. Participants in the FIDE Congress are kindly requested to respect this tradition.</i>		
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<b>Topic 1: Mutual Trust, Mutual Recognition and the Rule of Law</b>		<b>Topic 2: The new geopolitical dimension of the EU competition and trade policies</b>		<b>Topic 3: European Social Union</b>
<b>Panel: Is Primacy of EU Law a Rule of Law Requirement?</b>		<b>Panel: Building European Champions through competition law</b>		<b>Panel: The European Pillar of Social Rights and the renaissance of EU social law-making: analysis of the state of play - too fragmented or too broad?</b>
<i>Moderator: Allan Rosas</i> , Professor, College of Europe, Former Judge at the Court of Justice of the EU		<i>Moderator: Savvas Papasavvas</i> , Vice-President of the General Court of the EU		<i>Moderator: Eugenia Dumitriu-Segnana</i> , Director, Legal Service, Council of the EU
<b>Miguel Poiares Maduro</b> , Dean, Católica Global School of Law, Portugal and Professor STG European University Institute		<b>Jean-François Bellis</b> , Founding Partner, Van Bael & Bellis; Visiting Prof., ULB		<b>Sophie Robin-Olivier</b> , Professor of Law at the Sorbonne School of Law
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13:00	14:15	Lunch
14:15	15:45	Parallel Working Groups – Session (V)
<b>Topic 1: Mutual Trust, Mutual Recognition and the Rule of Law</b>		<b>Topic 2: The new geopolitical dimension of the EU competition and trade policies</b>
<b>Topic 3: European Social Union</b>		
<u>Panel:</u> The principle of Mutual Trust and its values-related limits in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice and beyond		<u>Panel:</u> The geopolitics of regulating supply chains and corporate sustainability
<u>Panel:</u> The “socialization” of the European semester: what does it mean for national and EU social policies?		
<i>Moderator:</i> <b>Corinna Wissels</b> , State Councillor at the Administrative Jurisdiction division of the Council of State of the Netherlands		<i>Moderator:</i> <b>Ekaterina Rousseva</b> , Legal Service, European Commission
<i>Moderator:</i> <b>Catherine Jacqueson</b> , Professor in EU law, University of Copenhagen		
<b>Miguel Poiares Maduro</b> , Dean, Católica Global School of Law, Portugal and Professor STG European University Institute		<b>Isabelle Van Damme</b> , Partner, Van Bael & Bellis; Visiting Prof., College of Europe
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<b>Jonathan Tomkin</b> , Legal Service, European Commission		<b>Sophie Robin-Olivier</b> , Professor of Law at the Sorbonne School of Law
		<b>Sacha Garben</b> , Professor of EU Law, College of Europe, Bruges
15:45	16:15	Coffee and Tea break
16:15	17:45	Parallel Working Groups – Session (VI)
<b>Topic 1: Mutual Trust, Mutual Recognition and the Rule of Law</b>		<b>Topic 2: The new geopolitical dimension of the EU competition and trade policies</b>
<b>Topic 3: European Social Union</b>		
<u>Panel:</u> The interaction between the Rule of Law, Democracy and Fundamental Rights in EU law		<u>Panel:</u> The future of FDI control: balancing EU and Member States’ competences
<u>Panel:</u> Taking the notion of “fair transition” seriously: what transformation of EU social policy is needed?		
<i>Moderator:</i> <b>Panagiotis Perakis</b> , President of the CCBE		<i>Moderator:</i> <b>Frank Hoffmeister</b> , Director for General Affairs and Chief Legal Officer of the European External Action Service
<i>Moderator:</i> <b>Sacha Prechal</b> , Judge, President of the Second Chamber, Court of Justice of the EU		
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		<b>Sacha Garben</b> , Professor of EU Law, College of Europe, Bruges
20:00	23:00	<b>Gala Dinner</b> <i>Venue: National Palace of Culture, Hall 3</i> <i>Welcome speeches by the Minister of Justice and the President of the Supreme Court of Cassation of the Republic of Bulgaria</i>

## Saturday 3 June 2023

8:30	9:00	<p><b>Welcome Coffee and Tea</b>  <i>Venue: National Palace of Culture</i></p>
9:00	9:45	<p><b>Reports on the Working Group Sessions by the General Rapporteurs</b>  <i>Moderator: Daniel Sarmiento, Professor of Administrative and EU Law, Complutense University of Madrid</i>  <b>Miguel Poiares Maduro</b>, <i>Dean, Católica Global School of Law, Portugal and Professor STG European University Institute</i>  <b>Jean-François Bellis</b>, <i>Founding Partner, Van Bael &amp; Bellis; Visiting Prof., ULB</i>  <b>Isabelle Van Damme</b>, <i>Partner, Van Bael &amp; Bellis; Visiting Prof., College of Europe</i>  <b>Sophie Robin-Olivier</b>, <i>Professor of Law at the Sorbonne School of Law</i></p>
9:45	11:15	<p><b>Plenary Panel Discussion:</b>  <b>The Constitutional Identity of the Member States and of the European Union</b>  <b>Koen Lenaerts</b>, <i>President of the Court of Justice of the EU</i>  <b>Pavlina Panova</b>, <i>President of the Bulgarian Constitutional Court</i>  <b>Stephan Harbarth</b>, <i>President of the German Federal Constitutional Court</i>  <b>Véronique Malbec</b>, <i>Judge at the French Constitutional Council</i>  <b>Elena-Simina Tănăsescu</b>, <i>Judge at the Romanian Constitutional Council</i></p>
11:15	11:35	<p><b>Plenary Panel Discussion:</b>  <b>The Rule of Law and the Enlargement of the European Union</b>  <b>Marsida Xhaferllari</b>, <i>Judge at the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Albania</i>  <b>Darko Kostadinovski</b>, <i>Judge at the Constitutional Court of the Republic of North Macedonia</i>  <i>Moderator: Alexander Arabadjiev, Judge, President of the 1st Chamber of the Court of Justice of the EU</i></p>
11:35	12:00	Coffee and Tea break
12:00	12:30	<p><b>Keynote speech: The EU relations with the World in the context of Russia's War in Ukraine</b>  <b>Ivan Krastev</b>, <i>Chairman, Centre for Liberal Strategies and Permanent Fellow, Institute for Human Sciences, IWM Vienna</i></p>
12:30	12:50	<p><b>Closing address</b>  <b>Věra Jourová</b>, <i>Vice-president of the European Commission</i></p>
12:50	13:10	<p><b>Presentation of the XXXI FIDE Congress in Poland and final acknowledgements</b>  <b>Maciej Szpunar</b>, <i>President of FIDE 2023-2025, First Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the EU</i>  <b>Ewa Jarosz</b>, <i>Vice Rector of the University of Silesia in Katowice</i>  <b>Jerzy Woźniak</b>, <i>Deputy Mayor of the City of Katowice</i>  <b>Alexander Arabadjiev</b>, <i>President of FIDE 2021-2023, President of the 1st Chamber of the Court of Justice of the EU</i></p>

\* The working languages of the congress are English, German and French. There will be simultaneous interpretation in these languages, as well as in Bulgarian.