

# PROGRAM

## of the Congress LIDC 2026 in Bucharest



### THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2026

#### InterContinental Athénée Palace Bucharest

**13:00 – 18:00** – Registration of delegates

**14:00 – 15:00** – Meeting of the Scientific Committee

**15:00 – 17:00** – Meeting of the Bureau

**17:00 – 18:00** – Meeting of the Council

**18:00 – 20:00** – Welcome Cocktail

**20:30 – 22:30** – Young Members / NexGen Evening Event (drinks & music)

### FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2026

#### InterContinental Athénée Palace Bucharest

**08:30 – 13:00** – Registration of delegates

**09:00 – 09:15** – Opening Session

- Introduction LIDC International – Zoltán Barakonyi, LIDC President and Partner, Baker McKenzie LLP
- Introduction LIDC Romania – Anca Buta Muşat, ARCON Chair

**09:15 – 10:00** – Keynote speeches

- Professor Richard Wish, King's College London
- Bogdan Chiriţoiu, President of the Romanian Competition Council

**10:00 – 11:15** – **Panel 1 – Regulatory challenges to M&A transactions**

Focus on mergers, FDI and FSR.

#### Speakers:

**Leo Flynn** (Principal Legal Adviser, European Commission)

**Ioannis Kokkoris** (Professor, Queen Mary University; Member of the Competition Appeal Tribunal)

**Anca Jurcovan** (Partner, Wolf Theiss)

**George Anglitoiu** (Director, Romanian Competition Council)

**Gabriela Mihailescu** (Head of Legal & Compliance, Penny)

Moderator: **Anca Buta Musat** (ARCON and Musat & Asociatii)

**11:15 – 11:45** – **Morning Coffee**

**11:45 – 12:45** – **Panel 2 – New theories of harm in “by object” agreements (parallel)**

Focus will be on no-poaching agreement, and exchange of sensitive information in the digital age, signaling and algorithmic pricing.

#### Speakers:

**Filip Tuytschaeffer** (Professor of Competition Law at Brussels University and Partner with Contrast law firm)

**Maria Jaspers** (Director, Directorate-General for Competition, European Commission)

**Vivien Terrien** (Vice-Chairman, Autorité de la concurrence)

**Cătălin Graure** (Counsel, Kinstellar)

Moderator: **Silviu Vasile** (Partner, Filip & Company)

**11:45 – 12:45 – Panel 3 – *Protecting AI-Generated Innovation and Creativity: Patent, Trademark, Copyright and Competition Challenge (parallel)***

The discussion will deal with developments in AI and AI-related technologies and their characterization under Intellectual Property and Unfair Competition Law rules.

**Speakers:**

**Viorel Roş**, Managing Partner, Ros & Asociatii

**Alexandra Bensamoun** (Professor of private law and criminal sciences, Université Paris-Saclay)

**Benjamin Evans** (University of East Anglia)

**Adrian Comănescu** (Member of the Plenum, Romanian Competition Council)

Moderator: **Andreea Livădariu** (Partner, Ros & Asociatii)

**12:45 – 13:45 – Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:00 – Panel 4 – *Defence rights in antitrust litigations (parallel)***

It will also cover the presumptions applicable in the antitrust litigations.

**Speakers:**

**Eugene Regan** (Judge, CJEU)

**Diana Tamaga** (President of the Administrative Division, High Court of Cassation and Justice)

**Anne-Marie Witters** (President of Brussels Market Court, President of the Association of European Competition Law Judges)

**Mark Hamer** (Partner, Baker McKenzie)

**Anca Diaconu** (Partner, NNDKP)

Moderator: **Paul Buta** (Managing Partner, Musat & Asociatii)

**14:00 – 15:00 – Panel 5 – *New developments in Copyright: Derivative Works and Limitations***

Focus on developments in copyright law, especially new decisions concerning the criterion of originality for copyright protection, protection of derivative works and limitations to copyright.

**Speakers:**

**Andreia Constanda** (Judge, High Court of Cassation and Justice)

**Justine Pila** (Professor, University of Oxford)

[Other panelists to be confirmed]

Moderator: [TBC]

**15:00 – 15:30 – Coffee break**

**15:30 – 16:30 – Panel 6 – *Digital markets in the framework of competition law: difficulties in applying conventional legal concepts***

Focus will be on the challenges of applying traditional competition law concepts to digital markets, including market definition, market power, data-driven advantages, platform ecosystems, network effects and algorithmic decision-making.

**Speakers:**

**Cristina Volpin** (Competition Policy Expert, OECD)

**Alexandru Şotropa** (Legal Director – Competition Law, eMAG)

**Thibault Schrepel** (Professor, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

**Adina Claiçi** (Managing Director, BRG)

Moderator: **Adrian Ster** (Founding Partner, 360Competition)

**15:30 – 16:30 – Panel 7 – *Standard Essential Patents and Judicial Overreach: Towards Balanced Global Solutions***

Focus will be on judicial overreach/imperialism and supra-national solutions.

**Speakers:**

**Liviu Zidaru** (Judge, High Court of Cassation and Justice)

**Prof. Dr. Nadia de Araujo** (Law Faculty at the Pontifical Catholic University, Rio de Janeiro)

[Other panelists to be confirmed]

Moderator: **Felipe Oquendo** (Partner, Licks Attorneys)

**18:30 – 19:00 – Meeting in the lobby**

**19:00 – 23:00 – Dinner at Cotroceni Palace**

## SATURDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2026

**InterContinental Athénée Palace Bucharest**

**09:00 – 10:30**

- **Working Session: Question A**

*“To what extent and in what way have the negotiated procedures — leniency, commitments, settlements and, where applicable, consent decrees — improved the effectiveness of antitrust law without unduly conflicting with fundamental principles such as the rights of defence and confidentiality?”*

- **Working Session: Question B (parallel)**

*“To what extent does intellectual property law recognise the evolving concept of ‘art’, including in the context of AI-assisted creation, and how does this shape the limits between the different types of intellectual property rights and their role in enabling innovation, investment and the monetisation of creative outputs?”*

**10:30 – 11:00 – Coffee break**

**11:00 – 12:00 – Extra Panel – Current developments at the intersection of Intellectual Property Law & Competition Law**

**Speakers:**

**Octavia Spineanu-Matei** (Judge, CJEU)

**Daniel Severinsson** (Judge, UPC Central Division Munich, Vicepresident of the Association of European Competition Law Judges)

**Anselm Kamperman-Sanders** (Professor, Maastricht University; Deputy Judge, The Hague Court of Appeal)

**Josef Drexl** (Professor, University of Munich; Director of the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition in Munich)

Moderator: [TBC]

**12:00 – 13:30 – General Assembly**

**13:30 – 14:30 – Lunch**

**14:30 – 17:30 – Time to explore Bucharest**

**17:45 – Meeting Point – InterContinental Athénée Palace**

**19:00 – 23:00 – Cocktail & Gala Dinner**

## SUNDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2026

**08:30** – Meeting Point – InterContinental Athénée Palace

**09:00 – 12:30 – Guided Tour of Mogoșoaia Palace**

**12:30 – 14:00 – Lunch**

**12:30 & 14:00 – Transfer back to the hotel**

