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## AGENDA

### PUBLIC PROCUREMENT LEGISLATION – *challenges and lessons learned conference* –

09:00 – 09:30 Registration & welcome coffee

09:30 – 10:00 Welcome notes

#### Invited speakers:

- H. E. Paul Brummell, *CMG, British Ambassador to Romania*
- Charles Crocker, *CEO, British Romanian Chamber of Commerce (BRCC)*

10:00 – 11:10 Panel I – Foreign investment meets public procurement

#### Topics:

- Corruption and public procurement: current challenges
- Public Procurement in EU
- Online participation to tenders. Benefits and pitfalls of the new legislation

#### Invited speakers:

- Victor Alistar, *CEO, Transparency International Romania*
- Dana Mitea, *Legal advisor, Head of Department for International Relations, Austrian Federal Procurement Agency*
- Andreea Zvâc, *Senior Associate, Dispute Resolution & Procurement, Wolf Theiss*

**Moderator:** Bryan Wilson Jardine, Managing Partner, Wolf Theiss

11:10 – 11:30 Q & A Session

11:30 – 12:30 Brunch

12:30 – 13:30 Panel II – Competition and administrative remedies in public procurement

#### Topics:

- Interaction between procurement and competition in the new legislation
- Competition compliance, consortiums and tenders
- Your day in court: challenges of the new procedure on remedies



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**Speakers invited:**

- Bogdan Chirițoiu, *President, Romanian Competition Council*
- Adrian Șter, *Partner, Competition & Antitrust, Wolf Theiss*
- Ligia Cecilia Popescu, *Partner, Dispute Resolution & Procurement, Wolf Theiss*

**Moderator:** Charles Crocker, CEO, British Romanian Chamber of Commerce (BRCC)

13:30 – 13:45 Coffee break

13:45 – 14:30 Panel III – Substantive changes brought about by the new rules

**Topics:**

- Practical implications of the new procurement legislation: new third supporting party role and requirements
- Conclusions & closing

**Invited speakers:**

- Ecaterina Dobrotă, *Vice-President, Association of Public Procurement Experts (AEXA)*
- Bryan Wilson Jardine, *Managing Partner, Wolf Theiss*
- Charles Crocker, *CEO, British Romanian Chamber of Commerce (BRCC)*

**Moderator:** Bryan Wilson Jardine, Managing Partner, Wolf Theiss

14:30 Networking



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## SPEAKERS



**H.E. Paul Brummell**

*British Ambassador to  
Romania*

British Ambassador Paul Brummell took up his appointment in September 2014. Ambassador Brummell is a graduate of Geography at St Albans School St Catharine's College, Cambridge. Mr. Brummell joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1987. His diplomatic career has covered a wide range of roles including those of Her Majesty's Ambassador to Turkmenistan and to Kazakhstan (and concurrently non-resident Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan). Prior to his current position, he was High Commissioner to Barbados and the eastern Caribbean. He was also the UK's representative to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and Consul-General to the Dutch Caribbean.



**Charles Crocker**

*CEO,  
British Romanian  
Chamber of Commerce  
(BRCC)*

Is currently the CEO of the British Romanian Chamber of Commerce. Charles has been working as a business entrepreneur for over 20 years in Romania and the Region. He has developed many teams and businesses and led them from start up to exit, including regional expansion, acquisition and strategic partnerships. Some of the businesses included DPD, Achieve Global, Barnett McCall Recruitment, Gi Group and Frontline Resourcing. Recently Charles has been working as a consultant supporting new companies to enter the Romanian market and working with different organizations on their Human Resource priorities. Charles is a strong advocate for business ethics, legacy leadership, clear succession planning, people development and meritocracy.



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Is a Romanian member of European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Various Interests Group and Executive Director of Transparency International Romania. Victor Alistar holds a PhD in public administration. He is recognized for his vast experience in law drafting and legislative advocacy. He is also a senior lecturer at National School of Political Studies and Public Administration.

**Victor Alistar**

CEO,  
*Transparency  
International Romania*



Dana Mitea is a legal advisor and head of department for international relations at the Austrian Federal Procurement Agency (Bundesbeschaffung) where she has worked since 2010. She is coordinating international projects in the field of public procurement, including joint cross border procurement and has particular knowledge on centralized public procurement systems. She is a lecturer at the University of Vienna and an attorney at law since 2009. Prior to joining the Federal Procurement Agency, Dana worked in the European Parliament in Brussels as parliamentary assistant to a MEP.

**Dana Mitea**

Legal advisor,  
*Head of Department for  
International Relations,  
Austrian Federal  
Procurement Agency*

Dana graduated in law and European Studies at the Lucian Blaga University and University of Vienna.



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**Andreea Zvâc**

*Senior Associate,  
Dispute Resolution &  
Procurement,  
Wolf Theiss*

Is an associate who joined Wolf Theiss Dispute Resolution practice in 2012, after several years as an associate of another top law firm in Romania. She is a Public Procurement Expert holding the Graduation Certificate Series I no. 00322510/17.12.2013, Code COR 214946 issued by the Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Protection and Seniors. Andreea has over 10 years of experience and has successfully advised foreign investors in a wide variety of litigation cases and public procurement matters. Notably, she has been involved in a broad range of civil and commercial litigation, construction litigation and IP as well as miscellaneous commercial disputes and enforcement procedures. Andreea graduated from the Law School of the University of Bucharest in 2004 and holds an LL.M degree in employment law from the University of Bucharest. She is a member of Bucharest Bar Association since 2005.



**Bogdan Chiritoiu**

*President,  
Romanian Competition  
Council*

Is one of the longest serving high level Romanian officials, having been appointed as Chairman of the Competition Council in 2009. During his tenure as Chairman, the Competition Law underwent two major changes, in 2010 and 2015, counting the introduction of the commitments procedure, the settlement procedure and the equivalent of the Hearing officer amongst the major changes, and the Competition Council became one of the most active authorities in Romania, with both the number of sanctioned companies and the amount of the fines increasing considerably. Mr. Chiritoiu is a member of a number of think tanks and associations, including Societatea Română de Științe Politice (SRSP); NISPAcee, Societatea Academică din România (SAR); Aspen Institute, Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Bendern, Liechtenstein) and holds LL.M degrees in Political Science (Central European University, Budapest, 1997) and Economic Studies (London School of Economics and Political Science, 1998) and a PhD in Economics (International Economic Relations) at the Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies, 2008.



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**Adrian Șter**

*Partner,  
Competition & Antitrust,  
Wolf Theiss*

Has been a Partner at the Wolf Theiss Bucharest office since 2016 and the coordinator of the Competition Antitrust Practice Group. Before joining Wolf Theiss, Adrian was Managing Associate within the Competition, IP & Consumer Protection Practice of a top local law firm. His experience in relation to competition law matters extends to over 10 years and includes advising high-profile clients active in a number of industries like telecommunications, household appliances, retail, media, advertising, energy, FMCG and pharmaceuticals in relation to antitrust investigations, merger control and leniency applications, including the providing of compliance trainings and the carrying out of competition law audits. Adrian holds a Romanian law degree obtained from the Babeș – Bolyai University Law School, a law degree obtained from the Nottingham University Law School and a LL.M in European Law from the University College London Law School. He is a member of the Bucharest Bar Association and of the Romanian National Chamber of Industrial Property Attorneys.



**Ligia Cecilia Popescu**

*Partner,  
Dispute Resolution &  
Procurement,  
Wolf Theiss*

Is the Partner coordinating the Dispute Resolution and Procurement practices of the Bucharest office of Wolf Theiss. A graduate of the Law School of the Bucharest University, she also holds a LL.M. in Business Law and European Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Ligia is a former diplomat in the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs specializing in economic diplomacy (double taxation and investment). She is a member of the Bucharest Bar since 1994 and has gained substantial experience as a private practice lawyer by working with prestigious law firms in Bucharest and the City of London. Ligia successfully advised multinationals and investment funds in complex cross-border arbitration and litigation in a variety of industries, including without limitation construction, aviation, energy, financial services. She specializes in construction, tax, competition, public procurement and IP/IT litigation and arbitration. Ligia is a licensed public procurement expert, a regular contributor to legal magazines and a frequent lecturer at local and international conferences on her areas of expertise.



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**Ecaterina Dobrotă**

*Vice-President,  
Association of Public  
Procurement Experts  
(AEXA)*

Ecaterina Dobrotă is member of the National Association of Specialists in Procurement. As an ANSA member, Ms Drobotă is member of the National Advisory Council on Public Procurement. Ecaterina Dobrotă is an economist specialised in verifying public procurement procedures financed from community and State funds, in following the ongoing main steps of the procurement procedure, public work concession contracts and services concession contracts (after initiation and the award of the contract). Ms Dobrotă publishes monthly-specialized articles in the National magazine for public procurement. Within the National Advisory Council for Public Procurement Ms Dobrotă has proposed several legislative changes in the field.



**Bryan Wilson Jardine**

*Managing Partner,  
Wolf Theiss*

Is the Managing Partner of the Bucharest office since 2005, when he assisted in establishing the local presence of Wolf Theiss in Romania. A California-admitted and a registered foreign lawyer with the Bucharest Bar Association, Bryan has lived and worked in Romania since 1996. Over the course of his legal career spanning more than twenty-five years, Bryan has represented a number of high profile local and foreign clients in energy, privatization, telecommunications, infrastructure, M&A and public-private partnership projects in the CEE/SEE region. He is also one of the three founding members of the Romanian Petroleum Club (<http://www.petroleumclub.ro>), which he helped to establish in 2001.