

## Wednesday 31 May 2023

10:00	18:00	Young FIDE Seminar
12:00	18:00	Registration of Participants in Congress Venue (*optional early registration) <i>Venue: National Palace of Culture</i>
12:30	14:00	Welcome Coffee/Tea and Lunch for the Steering Committee <i>(*only for the representatives of the member associations of FIDE)</i> <i>Venue: National Palace of Culture</i>
14:00	16:00	Meeting of the FIDE Steering Committee <i>(*only for the representatives of the member associations of FIDE)</i> <i>Venue: National Palace of Culture</i>
18:00	20:00	Welcome Reception <i>Venue: National History Museum</i>

## Thursday 1 June 2023

8:30	9:30	Arrival of participants, registration and welcome coffee <i>Venue: National Palace of Culture</i>
9:30	10:15	Opening Ceremony Welcome addresses <b>Alexander Arabadjiev</b> , President of FIDE 2021-2023, Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union <b>Rumen Radev</b> , President of the Republic of Bulgaria <b>Koen Lenaerts</b> , President of the Court of Justice of the European Union <b>Marc van der Woude</b> , President of the General Court of the European Union
10:15	11:00	Keynote speeches <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	Plenary panel discussion: <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 Moderator: <b>Alexander Kornezov</b> , President of the Eighth Chamber of the General Court of the European Union
12:45	14:00	Lunch
14:00	15:30	Parallel Working Groups – Session (I)

### Topic 1: Mutual Trust, Mutual Recognition and the Rule of Law

**Panel:** Mutual Trust, Rule of Law, Constitutional Identities of the EU and of its Member States: normative foundations

#### General rapporteur:

**Miguel Poiares Maduro**

Professor at Católica University, Lisbon and the School of Transnational Governance of the European University Institute, Florence

#### Institutional rapporteurs:

**Jonathan Tomkin**

Legal Service, European Commission

**Yona Marinova**

Legal Service, European Commission

### Topic 2: The new geopolitical dimension of the EU competition and trade policies

**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

#### General rapporteurs:

**Jean-François Bellis**

Founding Partner, Van Bael & Bellis; Visiting Prof., ULB

**Isabelle Van Damme**

Partner, Van Bael & Bellis; Visiting Prof., College of Europe

#### Institutional rapporteur:

**Bernardus (Ben) Smulders**

Deputy Director General of DG for Competition, European Commission

### Topic 3: European Social Union

**Panel:** Enduring discrimination against mobile workers: assessment and perspectives

#### General rapporteur:

**Sophie Robin-Olivier**

Professor of Law at the Sorbonne School of Law

#### Institutional rapporteur:

**Sacha Garben**

Professor of EU Law, College of Europe, Bruges

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>		
<b>Panel:</b> Instruments and Mechanisms for Protecting the Rule of Law in the Member States. Litigating Rule of Law in national courts		<b>Panel:</b> From ‘invisible hand’ to overt industrial policy: EU merger control, State aid, and regulating foreign subsidies
<b>Panel:</b> Demographic Challenges and Brain Drain as a Result of Free Movement		
<b>General rapporteur:</b>		<b>General rapporteurs:</b>
<b>Miguel Poiares Maduro</b> Professor at Católica Univeristy, Lisbon and the School of Transnational Governance of the European University Institute, Florence		<b>Jean-François Bellis</b> Founding Partner, Van Bael & Bellis; Visiting Prof., ULB
		<b>Isabelle Van Damme</b> Partner, Van Bael & Bellis; Visiting Prof., College of Europe
<b>Institutional rapporteurs:</b>		<b>Institutional rapporteur:</b>
<b>Clemens Ladenburger</b> Deputy Director General, Legal Service, European Commission		<b>Bernardus (Ben) Smulders</b> Deputy Director General of DG for Competition, European Commission
<b>Yona Marinova</b> Legal Service, European Commission		<b>Sacha Garben</b> Professor of EU Law, College of Europe, Bruge

19:00	22:00	<b>Young European Lawyers Event</b> <i>Venue: Oborishte 5 Gallery</i>
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**Friday 2 June 2023**

8:30	9:30	<b>Welcome Coffee and Tea</b> <i>Venue: National palace of Culture</i>
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9:30	11:00	Parallel Working Groups – Session (III)
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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:</b> The Rule of Law at the EU level and with regard to EU institutions		<b>Panel:</b> Sustainability agreements and Article 101 TFEU: Thinking outside the market, quantifying efficiency gains, and including more consumers	<b>Panel:</b> 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>General rapporteur:</b>		<b>General rapporteur:</b>	<b>General rapporteur:</b>
<b>Miguel Poiares Maduro</b> Professor at Católica Univeristy, Lisbon and the School of Transnational Governance of the European University Institute, Florence		<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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<b>Jonathan Tomkin</b> Legal Service, European Commission			

11:00	11:30	Coffee and Tea break
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11:30	13:00	Parallel Working Groups – Session (IV)
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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:</b> Is Primacy of EU Law a Rule of Law Requirement?	<b>Panel:</b> Building European Champions through competition law	<b>Panel:</b> 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>General rapporteur:</b> <b>Miguel Poiares Maduro</b> Professor at Católica University, Lisbon and the School of Transnational Governance of the European University Institute, Florence	<b>General rapporteur:</b> <b>Jean-François Bellis</b> Founding Partner, Van Bael & Bellis; Visiting Prof., ULB	<b>General rapporteur:</b> <b>Sophie Robin-Olivier</b> Professor of Law at the Sorbonne School of Law
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<b>13:00</b>	<b>14:15</b>	Lunch
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<b>14:15</b>	<b>15:45</b>	Parallel Working Groups – Session (V)
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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:</b> The principle of Mutual Trust and its values-related limits in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice and beyond	<b>Panel:</b> The geopolitics of regulating supply chains and corporate sustainability	<b>Panel:</b> The “socialization” of the European semester: what does it mean for national and EU social policies?
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<b>15:45</b>	<b>16:15</b>	Coffee and Tea break
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<b>16:15</b>	<b>17:45</b>	Parallel Working Groups – Session (VI)
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<b>Panel:</b> The interaction between the Rule of Law, Democracy and Fundamental Rights in EU law	<b>Panel:</b> The future of FDI control: balancing EU and Member States’ competences	<b>Panel:</b> Taking the notion of “fair transition” seriously: what transformation of EU social policy is needed?
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<b>19:30</b>	<b>22:30</b>	<b>Gala Dinner</b> <i>Venue: Nu Boyana Film Studios (to be confirmed)</i>
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## Saturday 3 June 2022

8:30	9:00	<b>Welcome Coffee and Tea</b> <i>Venue: National Palace of Culture</i>
9:00	9:45	<b>Reports on the Working Group Sessions by the General Rapporteurs</b>
9:45	10:45	<b>Panel Discussion:</b> <b>The Constitutional Identity of the Member States and of the European Union</b> <i>Koen Lenaerts, President of the Court of Justice of the European Union</i> <i>Pavlina Panova, President of the Bulgarian Constitutional Court</i> <i>Stephan Harbarth, President of the German Federal Constitutional Court</i> <i>Véronique Malbec, Judge at the French Constitutional Council</i> <i>Elena-Simina Tănăsescu, Judge at the Romanian Constitutional Council</i>
10:45	11:15	Coffee and Tea break
11:15	11:45	<b>Keynote speech: The EU relations with the World in the context of Russia's War in Ukraine</b> <i>Ivan Krastev, Chairman, Centre for Liberal Strategies and Permanent Fellow, Institute for Human Sciences, IWM Vienna</i>
11:45	12:30	<b>Closing addresses</b>
12:30	13:00	<b>Presentation of the XXXI FIDE Congress in Poland and final acknowledgements</b> <i>Maciej Szpunar, President of FIDE 2023-2025, First Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Union</i> <i>Alexander Arabadjiev, President of FIDE 2021-2023, Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union</i>

*This provisional program is subject to change. It will be regularly updated on this website.*

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