

TRANSATLANTIC CONFERENCE:

on effective contract administration and
dispute resolution – keys to innovation and
environmental sustainability
in public procurement practice

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10:00 AM - 5.00 PM

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Please join a free public procurement conference bringing together leading judges, practitioners and professors from Europe and the United States, organized by the Association „Pro Silesia”, the George Washington University, the University of Warsaw, Silesian University in Katowice, and the Polish Public Procurement Law Association, sponsored by Tauron S.A. Conferencees will discuss the challenges of public contract administration and contract disputes in the EU’s Member States, sharing lessons learned from the U.S. federal procurement system. A special emphasis will be put on innovation and environmentally sustainable procurement – global issues that depend on effective contracting administration and dispute resolution.

Public contract administration has long been overlooked in the EU, which has focused instead on contract formation as a means to European integration. That is rapidly changing and the EU’s Member States now recognize the importance of contract administration and effective disputes resolution. For over two centuries, the U.S. government has developed specialized laws and forums for addressing issues in public contract administration – potentially valuable lessons learned for European nations that want to advance innovation and enhance sustainability through effective public procurement.



AGENDA

9.00 - 10.00

10.00 - 10.30

10.30 - 12.30

12.30 - 1:00

1.00 - 2.00

Registration and welcome coffee

Opening remarks

Prof. Wiesław Banyś, President of the "Pro Silesia" Association

Prof. Anna Zawidzka, Head of European Law Chair, University of Warsaw, Law and Administration Faculty

Prof. Tomasz Pietrzykowski, The Vice-president of the Silesian University

Aldona Kowalczyk, Dentons, President of the Public Procurement Law Association

Keynote speakers

Prof. Alexandra Harrington, McGill University, Canada | **Magdalena Stryja**, Silesian University, Polish Bar Council - *Intersections between Global Governance Regimes and Climate Change Law.*

Judge Jeri Somers, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals, Washington DC - *The role of contract disputes in support of sound procurement from the U.S. perspective.*

Katarzyna Kuzma, DZP, Public Procurement Law Association - *Contract administration in the new Polish Public Procurement Act. Legal measures in the law to advance green and innovative procurement.*

Prof. Christopher Yukins, George Washington University - *The hard cases in environmentally sustainable procurement - the U.S. experience.*

Coffee break

Panel I:

The role of innovative and environmentally sustainable procurement in the context of the future global challenges (4th Industrial Revolution, 5G, Smart Cities, eco-innovation)

Moderator: Prof. Michał Kania, Silesian University, Public Procurement Law Association

Discussion by the editors of "Joint public procurement and innovation", **prof. Gabriella Racca** (University of Turin) & **prof. Christopher Yukins** (George Washington University), and "Cost and EU Public Procurement Law Life-Cycle Costing for Sustainability", **prof. Marta Andhov** (University of Copenhagen) & **prof. Roberto Caranta** (University of Turin)

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Lunch

Panel II:

Improving public procurement, including innovation and environmental sustainability, through contract administration

Moderator: Prof. Piotr Bogdanowicz, University of Warsaw, Clifford Chance, Public Procurement

Panelists:

Paul M. Lalonde, Dentons, Canada

Anna Specht - Schampera, SDZ Legal, Public Procurement Law Association

Wojciech Hartung, PhD, DZP, Public Procurement Law Association

Tomasz Zalewski, Bird & Bird, Public Procurement Law Association

Coffee break

Panel III:

An effective contract dispute resolution system (including ADR methods) in advancing innovative and environmentally sustainable procurement

Moderator: Prof. Tunde Tatrai, Corvinus University of Budapest

Panelists:

Mariusz Haładaj, President of the General Counsel to the Republic of Poland

John Pachter, Smith Pachter McWhorter PLC, Tysons Corner VA, USA

Judge Jeri Somers, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals, Washington DC

Paweł Nowicki, PhD, University of Torun, Prof. Wierzbowski & Partners, Public Procurement Council

Closing remarks

REGISTRATION

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Please confirm your participation by 11 March 2020. The number of places is limited. The meeting will be held in Polish. Simultaneous interpretation into English will be provided.

2.00 - 2.45

2.45 - 3.45

3:45 - 4.00

4.00 - 5:00

5:00