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4th European Automotive and Mobility Services Conference

13-14 March 2024, Upside East, Munich, Germany

Is Europe still a competitive market – how does the European automotive and mobility services sector compare to the rest of the world and is Asia rising as the next automotive superpower?

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Supply chain and shortness of resources
- Pricing competitiveness
- China's independent EV producers do the big players have to worry?
- ESG will this give Europe the edge that it needs?
- Use of AI in the automotive and mobility services sector (including data protection issues)
- Ownership of intellectual property
- Exchange of information (CRM)

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Programme

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Wednesday 13 March

1900 – 2100 Welcome reception

Juliet Rose Bar, Rosenheimer Strasse 15, 81667, Munich

All registered delegates are invited to attend.

Thursday 14 March

0800 - 1730 Registration

0900 - 0920 **Welcome remarks**

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0920 - 1000 An interview with Moritz Wefelscheid

Interviewer

Christina Kunkel Automotive and Mobility Services Reporter, SZ Süddeutsche Zeitung, Munich

Interviewee

Moritz Wefelscheid General Counsel, NIO Europe, Munich

1000 – 1045

What's new in the industry? Current trends and tendencies with legal and business challenges

The panel will focus on new legal and business challenges in the industry. Apart from well-known issues, such as emerging Chinese electric vehicle (EV) producers, we will focus on: the challenges posed to parts of the automotive industry linked to the electrification of the automotive; the legal risks and challenges of the Functions on Demand (FoD); and the new distribution model in Europe – based upon the agency model rather than traditional dealership.

Moderators

Christine Diener Ebner Stolz Partnerschaft mbB, Stuttgart Marcin Radwan-Röhrenschef Rö Radwan-Röhrenschef Petruczenko Spk, Warsaw

Panellists

Danilo Annese Stellantis, Milan

Tomasz Bęben SDCM (Association of Automotive Parts

Distributors and Producers), Warsaw

Alexej Korchewski General Counsel, MG Motor Europe,

Frankfurt

Johann Schwenk *Global Governmental Affairs & Funding Lead, Webasto SE, Munich*

1045 – 1115 **Coffee / tea break**

1115 – 1200

ESG – Boon or Bane? Will the EU Green Deal legislation give the European original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) a competitive advantage?

The EU Commission's 'legislative tsunami' for the implementation of its Green Deal is not just a challenge to the EU automotive industry. Once implemented, will the high Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) standards give OEMs and suppliers headquartered in the EU a competitive advantage against their non-EU competitors? In other words, will the considerable costs incurred for implementing the new ESG standards pay off in the future?

Our moderators discuss this topic with representatives from the three leading German OEMs and the CEO of one of the leading Tier 1 suppliers.

Moderators

Andreas Bauer AB Legal Advisory GmbH, Munich Thomas Jansen Heuking, Munich

Panellists

Hanno Buchner Magna Steyr, Graz

Janett Fahrenholz Head of Regulatory Law, Volkswagen AG, Hannover

Arnd Meier Compliance Officer Einkauf und Lieferantennetzwerk/Purchasing Division, BMW Group, Munich

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Thursday continued

1200 – 1245

Al in the automotive and mobility services sector

During this panel, we will discuss the use cases of AI in the automotive industry and their impact. Is the OEM the gatekeeper of the new smart device vehicle and will that change with future information exchange obligations? We will further cover the cybersecurity obligations and specific type approval requirements, as well as the ownership of intellectual property and the role of standards and standard essential patents regarding digitalisation and AI applications in the automotive sector. Finally, we will learn about the effects of the AI Act on the automotive industry and what to expect in the future.

Moderators

Christian Mayer Noerr, Munich Irene Picciano Portolano Cavallo, Milan

Panellists

Felix Krupar Head of Legal, MOIA GmbH, Hamburg Maria Carmela Macrì Head of Europe Legal & Antitrust, IVECO

Schirin Seibold-Rueger Senior Legal Counsel, Robert Bosch GmbH, Stuttgart

Moritz Wefelscheid General Counsel, NIO Europe, Munich

1245 - 1415 Lunch

1415 – 1545

Hot topics in the European automotive and mobility services industry

This session will take the form of an interactive workshop, with moderators facilitating round table discussions on some of the legal hot topics stemming from the automotive and mobility services industry, including:

Topic one: electrification

- Transformation of the value chain of automotive production.
- Battery production and software as the core components?
- Level playing field in a global market?
- New global players state support EU protective measures.
- The challenges of building a dense EV charging station network. Regulatory restraints – financing – access.

Topic two: Mobility as a Service (Maas)

Trends and legal issues related to the new mobility platforms – data protection, liability issues, regulatory requirements, consumer protection.

Session Co-Chairs

Stephan König Oppenhoff, Cologne Violetta Kunze Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov, Sofia; Advisory Board Member, IBA Communications Law Committee

Moderators

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Marc Ruttloff Gleiss Lutz, Stuttgart

Hans-Patrick Schroeder Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Hamburg

1545 - 1615 Coffee / tea break

1615 – 1700

The General Counsel perspective

The panel will discuss the topics raised during the conference from their perspective as General Counsels in the industry. How do they view the developments in the market, technological advances the shifts in market domination?

Moderators

Thom Erik Borgen Advokatfirmaet Simonsen Vogt Wiig AS, Oslo Ingeborg Edel BINDER GRÖSSWANG, Vienna

Panellists

Samir Boufadiss Deputy General Counsel, Tesla Europe,

Rafael Colonia C General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer, Legal & Compliance Department - Europe, ZEEKR EU BV, Stockholm

Corina Haut Director Legal, Knorr Bremse, Vienna Lola Willemsen Head of Legal EMEA, Mitsubishi Turbocharger and Engine Europe BV, Almere

1700 – 1730

Looking into the crystal ball - what will the future bring?

Speaker

Danilo Annese Stellantis, Milan

1830 – 2200 Conference reception and dinner

Tassilogarten, Auerfeldstraße 18, 81541 Munich

Join us after the conference to relax and network with fellow delegates in this traditional dining restaurant located a 10-minute walk from the Conference venue.

The evening will begin with arrival drinks and dinner will commence at 1900.

Price: €80

One place per registered delegate is permitted, subject to availability.

Transport will not be provided.

Information

Date

13-14 March 2024

Venue

Upside East Rosenheimer Strasse 145D 81671 Munich Germany

Tel: +49 89 7908 6666

Language

All working sessions and Conference materials will be in English.

How to register

Register online by **8 March 2024** at **www.ibanet.org/conference-details/CONF2426** and make payment by credit card to avail of the ten per cent online registration discount or complete the attached registration form and return it to the Conference Department at the IBA together with your proof of bank transfer payment. You should receive an email confirmation of your registration within five days; if you do not, please contact **confs@int-bar.org**.

All conference delegates must provide full and accurate information regarding their identity and contact information. Failure to do so will result in their conference registration being cancelled.

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- You will not attend the conference if you are displaying any Covid symptoms.
 - Should you develop any Covid symptoms during your attendance at the conference you inform a member of IBA staff by email (confs@ int-bar.org) and you agree not to attend any further conference sessions or related events and comply with all local and national restrictions.
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 after the conference.
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Fees

Online registrations received:

	on or before 9 February	until 8 March
IBA member	€855	€960
Non-member*	€1010	€1115
Young lawyers (under 30 years)	€645	€1115
Academics/judges (full-time)	€645	€1115
Public lawyers	€645	€1115
Corporate counsel**	€770	€1115
Conference reception and dinner	€80	€80

After **8 March** registrations must be received in hard copy at the IBA office.

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	on or before 9 February	after 9 February
IBA member	€950	€1065
Non-member*	€1125	€1240
Young lawyers (under 30 years)	€715	€1240
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- *By paying the non-member fee, we welcome you as a delegate member of the IBA for the year in which this Conference is held, which entitles you to the following benefits:
- 1) Password access to certain parts of the IBA website.
- 2) Receipt of IBA E-news and access to online versions of IBA Global Insight.
- 3) The member rate for any subsequent Conference registrations for this calendar year.
- **A reduced rate is offered to IBA Corporate Group Members. Please contact **confs@int-bar.org** to obtain a 25 per cent discount on the IBA Member fee.

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A reduced rate is offered to lawyers who are over the age of 65, have been an IBA member for more than 20 years and are no longer practising law.

Full payment must be received to obtain your Conference documentation.

Fees include:

- Attendance at all working sessions
- Access to the Conference materials from the IBA website (www.ibanet.org), including any available speakers' papers submitted to the IBA before 8 March.
- Access to live delegate search
- Lunch on Thursday
- Tea and coffee during breaks
- Reception on Wednesday

Please note that registrations are not transferable.

List of participants

For your name to appear in the list of participants, your registration form must be received by **8 March** at the latest.

Live delegate search

Delegates can use the live delegate search via the IBA website, in order to use this function delegates will need to be logged into their My IBA. This will allow search access to up-to-date attendance lists.

Registration confirmation

Upon receipt of your payment for the Conference a confirmation email will be sent to you which contains information regarding your attendance at the Conference. You will also be able to view and download your payment information and manage your registration via your My IBA profile on the IBA website

Book with confidence

- If the IBA needs to reschedule the event, your registration will be automatically transferred to the new date and no additional fees will be charged. If this date is not convenient for a delegate, a refund of the cost of the conference place will be available on request to the IBA.
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- Please note that the IBA will not provide refunds for any costs incurred including any travel costs.

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Payment of registration fees by bank transfer or BACS payment

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SWIFT address NWBKGB2L, IBAN GB58NWBK60721106570631

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Use the exchange rate prevailing at the time of registration.

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The IBA places its conferences in venues of a suitable size for each event; however, there are times when our conferences may sell out. Should this happen, prospective delegates will be informed, and a waiting list will operate. The waiting list will function on a 'first come, first served' basis, subject to receiving registered delegate cancellations. The waiting list for a conference will close once it has reached ten per cent of the conference venue capacity, as it is very unlikely a place will become available. The IBA will not be liable for any travel or accommodation expenses incurred by an individual who travels to a conference without a confirmed place at the event.

Cancellation of registration or social functions

If cancellation is received in writing at the IBA office 14 days prior to the conference, fees will be refunded less a 25 per cent administration charge. Refunds will be made minus any monies owed to the IBA.

We regret that no refunds can be made after this time. Registrations or social function bookings received after this time will not be eligible for any refund of fees.

Should you have difficulties in obtaining your visa and are not able to attend the Conference this cancellation policy will still apply.

Upon submission of your completed Conference registration form to the IBA you are considered 'registered' pending payment. Please note that the cancellation terms and conditions as indicated will apply as soon as your registration is received.

Provided you have cancelled your registration to attend an IBA Conference in accordance with the terms of the 'cancellation of registration' clause included in the 'Information' section of the relevant Conference programme, you must then confirm to us in writing at the IBA office as soon as possible, but in no event later than one year (12 calendar months) from the date of any such Conference, all necessary details to enable any reimbursement owed to you to be paid. We regret that no refunds will be made after the date that is one year (12 calendar months) after the date of the relevant Conference.

Travel arrangements and visas

Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. It is recommended that you check your visa requirements with your local embassy or consulate. We are unable to dispatch visa invitation letters to support your visa application prior to receipt of your registration form and full payment of registration fees.

Please apply for your visa in good time.



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Atelierstrasse 22 81671 Munich

www.adinahotels.com/en/apartments/munich/

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Motel One Munich-Haidhausen

Rosenheimerstraße 110 81669 Munich

www.motel-one.com/en/hotels/munich/hotel-munich-haidhausen

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Rosenheimer Strasse 15 81667 Munich

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Email: confs@int-bar.org www.ibanet.org

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The International Bar Association (IBA), established in 1947, is the world's leading organisation of international legal practitioners, bar associations, law firms and law societies.

The IBA influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession throughout the world. It has a membership of more than 80,000 individual lawyers and more than 190 bar associations and law societies spanning over 170 countries.

Inspired by the vision of the United Nations, the IBA was founded in the same spirit, just before the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was proclaimed in 1948.

The IBA covers all practice areas and professional interests, providing members with access to leading experts and up-to date information, enabling them to better represent their clients' interests.

Through its various committees, fora, and task forces, the IBA facilitates the exchange of information and views among its members as to laws, practices and professional responsibilities relating to the practice of law around the globe.

The European Regional Forum (ERF) Overview

The European Regional Forum (ERF) was established in 1989 and has over 8000 members.

The goals of the forum include addressing the current and long-term needs of professional organisations and individual members within the geographical reach of the forum, as well as increasing membership and participation in the IBA and integrating them within the organisation. The forum will also facilitate cross-border activity between lawyers and bars in different European countries. The forum has a particular focus on cross-disciplinary activities.

Statement of Purpose of the ERF:

- Support objectives of IBA and its members in Europe
- A forum to promote a strong/robust civil society in Europe in support of the Rule of Law, the legal professional and other public policy initiatives.
- Foster closer connection between lawyers in Europe particularly re professional development and networking opportunities

The ERF is split into 4 regions as follows:

- Northern
- Western
- Central
- Southeastern

Each region has its Chair and Vice-Chair who are ERF Officers. The Regional Groups aim to focus efforts in each region on mutual support and assistance amongst Council Members and to organise networking and professional development initiatives in their region.

For more information please visit the **European Regional Forum Committee home page**.