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The ERA European Traffic Law Congress will provide participants with an opportunity to obtain a comprehensive overview of and a forum for discussion on current developments in European traffic law relevant to daily practice.

Experts in the field, academics, stakeholders and practising lawyers dealing with cross-border traffic cases will focus on:

- The European Road Safety Action Programme 2011-2020;
- Cross-border traffic accidents as a merging point of civil, criminal, public and insurance law on national and EU level;
- The proposal for a new Regulation on bus and coach passengers rights.

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## Speakers

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**Pieter De Meyer**, Transport Attaché, Permanent Representation of Belgium to the EU, Brussels

**Keir Fitch**, Deputy Head of Vice President Kallas' Cabinet, European Commission, Brussels

**Kathrin Hoppe**, Policy Advisor, Non-Life Insurance, CEA, Brussels

**Christopher Irwin**, Vice-President, European Passengers Federation, Ghent

**Dr Katarzyna Ludwichowska**, Assistant Professor, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Torun

**Philip Mead**, Barrister, Old Square Chambers, London

**Prof Ken Oliphant**, Director, Institute for European Tort Law (ETL), Vienna

**Jean Pechinot**, Vice-Director, FFSA, Paris

**Eelke Postema**, Insurance and Pensions, DG Internal Market, European Commission, Brussels

**Prof Ansgar Staudinger**, University of Bielefeld

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## EUROPEAN TRAFFIC LAW CONGRESS 2010

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Kassiani Christodoulou, ERA

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## Thursday, 27 May 2010

- 08:45 Arrival and registration of participants
- 09:00 **Welcome**
- I. Increasing Road Safety in Europe**
- 09:15 **Opening speech: Towards a sustainable future for transport**  
*Keir Fitch*
- 09:45 **The new European Road Safety Action Programme 2011-2020**
- Focus on the vulnerable user: pedestrians, motorcyclists, children, elderly, disabled
  - Focus on technology: Intelligent Transport Systems, applications and challenges for the future
- 10:45 Discussion
- 11:15 Coffee break
- II. Cross-border traffic accidents – a merging point of civil, criminal, public and insurance law: private law aspects**
- 11:45 **Rome II Regulation:**
- first experiences following its application
  - interrelation with Brussels I Regulation
  - the way forward
- Ansgar Staudinger*

- 12:45 Discussion
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:15 **Meeting points and discrepancies in national legal systems: a comparative approach**  
*Ken Oliphant*
- 14:45 **Panel discussion: experiences from Member States**
- conflict of laws rules
  - procedural rights
  - establishing liability
  - questions of compensation
- Chair: *Eelke Postema*  
*Philip Mead (United Kingdom)*  
*Katarzyna Ludwichowska (Poland)*  
*Michael Bücken (Germany)*
- 16:15 Discussion
- 16:45 Coffee break
- 17:15 **The role of the insurer: direct settlement, a solution of internal and cross border conflicts**  
*Jean Pechinot*
- 18:00 Discussion
- 18:15 End of the first day

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## Friday, 28 May 2010

- III. Cross-border traffic accidents – a merging point of civil, criminal, public and insurance law: aspects of criminal and public law**
- 09:00 **Ensuring procedural rights in criminal proceedings**
- 09:30 Discussion
- 09:45 **Panel discussion: cross-border enforcement of sanctions**
- implementation of the 2005 Framework Decision in the Member States
  - the proposal for an enforcement Directive in the light of the Lisbon Treaty
  - further implications: identifying the liable person
- Pieter De Meyer*  
*Michael Bücken*
- 11:15 Discussion
- 11:45 Coffee break
- IV. Bus and coach passengers rights**
- 12:15 **Proposal for a new Regulation: main elements, state of play, critical assessment**  
Chair: *Pieter De Meyer*  
*Kathrin Hoppe*  
*Christopher Irwin*
- 13:15 Discussion
- 13:30 End of the congress