



2nd CLIENT SEMINAR

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*The CIS Leading Counsel Network

Update: Doing Business in Russia and the other CIS countries – Keypoints, Chances and Risks –

7 June 2013, 3 p.m. in Berlin

Two years have passed since our first successful client seminar regarding investments in Russia and other CIS countries. In the meantime there have been many changes in the economic and political climate as well as the legal framework for investments in these countries. The Common Economic Space has been created between Belarus, Kazakhstan and Russia; Russia became a member of the World Trade Organization; reforms of Russian civil and corporate law are under way; new laws to improve the investment climate in Azerbaijan and Moldova have been passed and negotiations regarding the Association Agreement between the EU and Ukraine have been concluded, to name a few of the recent changes.

In light of these developments we cordially invite you to discuss the legal and operational challenges for investments in this region with representatives of leading law firms from Russia and other CIS countries.

The welcoming speech will be held by our guest of honor, **Dr. Ernst-Jörg v. Studnitz**, retired ambassador and chairman of the board of the Deutsch-Russisches Forum e.V.

Ernst-Jörg v. Studnitz was ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Moscow from 1995 through 2002, *i.e.* during the politically and economically decisive years for many CIS countries. Today he is dedicated to further develop the relationship between East and West within the scope of the Deutsch-Russisches Forum and can therefore give us an excellent introduction to the topic of the seminar.

Subsequently our speakers will address the following topics:

- **Azerbaijan:**
Application of “One-Stop Shop” concept as one of the major steps towards combating corruption.
Nariman Ramazanov, managing partner – FINA LLP
- **Belarus:**
Incorporation and registration of companies with special (beneficial) legal regime - free economic zones, rural areas, High Technologies Parks.
Tatiana Emelianova, partner – Vlasova Mikhel & Partners

- **Kazakhstan:**
Benefits for company registration in the regional financial center of Almaty.
Nurlan Sholanov, partner – Aequitas Law Firm
- **Moldova:**
Arbitration and enforcement of the foreign courts’ decisions.
Alexander Turcan, managing partner – Turcan Cazac
Octavian Cazac, partner – Turcan Cazac
- **Russia:**
Russia: What European investors should know. Update.
Dimitry Afanasiev, chairman – Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners
- **Turkmenistan:**
Current development in the anti-corruption legislation.
Vladimir Dolzhikov, managing partner – Ashgabat Consulting Team
Alexander Titov, partner – Ashgabat Consulting Team
- **Ukraine:**
Structuring M&A Deals with Ukrainian component: antitrust the biggest obstacle.
Irina Paliashvili, managing partner – RULG – Ukrainian Legal Group

About our speakers: All speakers are partners of leading law firms of their jurisdiction – members of the *CIS Leading Counsel Network (LCN)*. This network was founded in 2009 and brings together law firms from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Turkmenistan and Ukraine which are all market leaders in their respective jurisdictions.

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The seminar will take place on

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at the Humboldt Carré (in the Caroline & Wilhelm Room),
Behrenstraße 42, 10117 Berlin.

After the seminar we would like to invite you to a **reception** at our Berlin office in the same building.

The seminar will be chaired by **Dr. Oleg de Lousanoff** and mostly be held in **English**.



We look forward to receiving your registration. Please send an email to Olga Mikhaleva (seminar@hengeler.com) until **31 May 2013**. Your colleagues are also warmly welcomed to join our seminar.

When you register for the seminar you may additionally send us topics which are of particular interest to you in the respective jurisdictions. Our speakers will then be able to directly address your wishes and questions.