



PROGRAMME

8.30 - 9.00 Registration

9.00- 9.15 Welcome

- **Domenico De Simone**, ECTA First Vice President, IT
- **Martins Lazdovskis**, State Secretary of the Ministry of Justice, LV
- **Peter Lawrence**, Vice President of OHIM, ES

9.15- 11.00 Chair: **Ruta Olmane**, Trade Mark Attorney, Agency Tria Robit, ECTA Council Member and Secretary of the ECTA Professional Affairs Committee, LV

Impact of the Community Trade Mark on the Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian Trade Mark Office's activities and the daily work of the profession. What do they expect from the Study?

- **Raul Kartus**, Advisor of Legal Department, Estonian Patent Office, EST
- **Arūnas Želvys**, Head of Law and International Affairs Division, Lithuanian State Patent Bureau, LT
- **Dace Liberte**, Trade Mark and Design Department Director, Latvian Patent Office, LV
- **Almar Sehver**, Trade Mark Attorney, AAA Legal Services, Member of ECTA Professional Affairs Committee, EST

What does OHIM expect from the Study?

- **Peter Lawrence**, Vice President of OHIM, ES

Trade mark strategies - Advantages and Disadvantages of using the national, Community or International route – An industry point of view on the way forward

- **Kaspars Pubulis**, Head of the Patent and Trade Mark Division, A/S Grindeks, LV

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee Break – kindly provided by Agency Tria Robit

11.15 – 12.45 Chair: **Jevgenijs Fortuna**, Patent Attorney, Foral Patent Law Office, ECTA Member, LV

Are the CTM and the Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian systems harmonized from a Procedural and Substantive legal points of view? Are the differences justified? What should be further harmonized?

- **Vincent O'Reilly**, Director for the Department for IP Policy, OHIM, ES
- **Arūnas Želvys**, Head of Law and International Affairs Division, Lithuanian State Patent Bureau, LT
- **Dace Liberte**, Trade Mark and Design Department Director, Latvian Patent Office, LV
- **Raul Kartus**, Advisor of Legal Department, Estonian Patent Office, EST
- **Kristina Vilkienė**, Lawyer, Metida Law Firm, LT

12.45 – 13.15 Debate – Moderator: **Agris Bitans**, Attorney at Law, Eversheds Bitāns Law Office, LV