

The Investment Migration Forum
5 - 7 June 2017, Grand Hotel Kempinski, Geneva

The must-attend trendsetting forum for the global investment migration industry, where all leading players unite to unveil the latest thinking, new developments and upcoming programs. Be part of this unique forum and experience first-hand information and excellent networking with key professionals, government officials, academics and thought leaders.

Key Speakers

The Hon. Allen Chastanet
Prime Minister of St Lucia

The Hon. Dr Owen Bonnici
Minister for Justice, Malta

The Hon. Boriss Cilevičs MP
Citizenship and Human Rights Advocate,
Member of Parliament, Riga

Dr Michael Frendo IMCM
Former Minister of Foreign & EU Affairs, Malta,
Member of the European Commission for
Democracy through Law (Venice Commission),
Valletta

Frederic Leger
Director, Airport, Passenger, Cargo and Security,
International Air Transport Association IATA,
Geneva

Peter Vincent
Assistant Director General for International Policy
at BORDERPOL and General Counsel at Thomson
Reuters Special Services, LLC, Virginia

Pruet Boobphakam
President, Thailand Elite Residence Program
Government of Thailand, Bangkok

Dr Juerg P Steffen IMCM
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Henley & Partners, Vienna

Prof Andrés Solimano
President, International Center for Globalization
and Development, Santiago

Alberto Alemán,
Director, Proinvex Panama, Ministry of Commerce
and Industry, Republic of Panama

Dr Diego Acosta
Senior Lecturer & Expert on South American
Immigration Law, University of Bristol

Prof. Madeleine Sumption
Director, Migration Observatory
University of Oxford

Prof. Dr Dimitry Kochenov
Chairman of the Board, Chain in EU Constitutional
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Princeton and Professor of Politics at SOAS
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Miklos Ligeti
Head of Legal Affairs
Transparency International Hungary, Budapest

Programme Highlights

Travel Bans, Citizenship and Visa Policy

UK Immigration Policy after Brexit

How the Refugee Crisis is Shaping the Future of the EU Visa Policy

The US EB-5 Programme in the Age of Trump

Challenges of Abuse in Investment Migration Program Design

Walls and Fences in the Modern World

Thailand and Other Important Developments

Risks of Citizenship-by-Investment Programmes

Plus Key Developments from Key Jurisdictions Italy, Spain, Russia, Greece, Malta and Panama

Monday, 5 June

09h00 The Investment Migration Forum's Academic Day

Special registration and prior submission of discussion paper required
Grand Hotel Kempinski, Geneva

19h00 Cocktail Reception

Foyer, Grand Hotel Kempinski, Geneva

19h30 Welcome Note

Bruno L'ecuyer, Chief Executive, Investment Migration Council, Geneva

Travel Bans, Citizenship and Visa Policy

Christian Joppke, Director of Institute of Sociology, Chair in General Sociology, University of Bern

21h00 End of Cocktail Reception

Tuesday, 6 June

Grand Hotel Kempinski

09h00 Opening Address

Dimitry Kochenov, Chairman, Investment Migration Council, Geneva

09h15 How the Refugee Crisis is Shaping the Future of the EU Visa Policy

Christian Joppke, Director of Institute of Sociology, Chair in General Sociology, University of Bern

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09h45 Panel Session: Walls and Fences in the Modern World

Boriss Cilevičs IMCM, Citizenship and Human Rights Advocate, Member of Parliament, Riga
Madeleine Sumption, Director, Migration Observatory, University of Oxford
Kristin Surak, Member of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton and Professor of Politics at SOAS, University of London
Dimitry Kochenov, Chairman of the Board, Chair in EU Constitutional and Citizenship Law, University of Groningen

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10h45 Refreshments

11h05 UK Immigration Policy after Brexit

Michael Frendo IMCM, Managing Director, Frendo Advisory, Valletta
Maria Patsalos, Partner, Mishcon de Reya LLP, London
Adrian Berry, Barrister, Garden Court Chambers, Chairman, Immigration Law Practitioners Association (ILPA), London

- Mirror Image ? EU-UK Brexit Settlement on Immigration
- Day After Tomorrow -Campaign in Poetry, Govern in Prose

11h35 Investment Migration around the World: The Perspective from the Investment Migration Representative Offices

Europe & UK: Nadine Goldfoot IMCM, Partner, Fragomen Worldwide, London
USA: Ronald H. Klasko IMCM, Managing Partner, Klasko Immigration Law Partners, LLP, New York

Caribbean: Barry Collymore, Grenada

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12h30 Chinese Investors: Their Expectations, Frustrations and Confusions

Anna Chen, Managing director, CIBA, Beijing

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13h00 Lunch

13h30 Special 30-Minute Roundtable Discussions:

All briefings take place in the main plenary room

Panama

Fragomen

H&P

Thailand

St Lucia

IIUSA

14h30 Welcome Back by Forum Co-Chair

Bruno L'ecuyer, CEO, Investment Migration Council, Geneva

14h35 Ideal Places of Settlement and Tax Residence for Russian HNWIs-

Ekaterina Mavrenkova IMCM, Managing Partner, Henley & Partners, Zurich

- The Reality of Common Reporting Standards working for Russian Citizens and Russian Tax Residents

- Currency Control Considerations and Legislation Planned Changes for Russian Residents

15h05 Challenges and Abuse in Investment Migration Programme Design: A Spotlight on Hungary

Miklos Ligeti, Head of Legal Director, Transparency International Hungary, Budapest
 Boldizsár Nagy, Associate Professor, Central European University and Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest

Tamás Wiedemann, Journalist with Political Daily 'Magyar Nemzet', Budapest

- The structure of the Hungarian Residency Bond Program: How not to do it
- Offshore Companies and Political Connections: not Beneficial for the Hungarian State

15h45 Refreshments

16h15 Role of the Aviation Industry in Global Mobility

Frederic Leger, Director, Airport, Passenger, Cargo and Security, International Air Transport, Association (IATA), Geneva

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16h35 A Closer look at the Greek Residence Programme

Angela Michalopoulou, Head of Investment Promotion, Enterprise Greece SA, Athens

Alexander Varnavas, Lawyer LL.M, Varnavas Law Firm

- Legal Aspects of the Real Estate Acquisition
- Property Acquisition and the Residency Process

16h55 US EB-5 Programme in the Age of Trump

Edward C. Beshara IMCM, Attorney at Law/Managing Partner, Beshara Professional Association, Orlando

Peter D. Joseph IMCM, Executive Director, Invest in the USA (IIUSA), Washington D.C.

Peyman Kiaras-Attari, President & CEO, AISA, Kentucky

Carmen Arce IMCM, Former Chair of the Florida Bar Board Certification Committee for Immigration, Arce Immigration Law, Miami

Dan Fulop, Related EB5

- EB-5 Regulation and/or New EB-5 Legislation, which is better?
- Immediate Entry for Foreign National while U.S.C.I.S. Adjudicates EB-5 Petitions

17h45 End of Plenary Sessions

Exhibition Space remains open until 18h00

19h15 Steamboat Cruise and Dinner on Lake Geneva

Meeting point: Hotel reception

The 'Simplon' steamboat departs from the Geneva Paquis Rotonde which is the pier right across from the Grand Hotel Kempinski, and returns to the same pier by 22h45.

22h40 End of Day 1

Wednesday, 7 June

09h00 Opening Remarks by Forum Co-Chair

Dimitry Kochenov, Chairman, Investment Migration Council, Geneva

09h10 The Necessary Evolution of the Investment Migration Due Diligence Model

Chisanga Chekwe, Senior Adviser, Pace Law Firm, Toronto

James Swenson, Global Head of Proposition, Customer Screening and Enhanced Due Diligence, Thomson Reuters, London

Laura Austin IMCM, Head of Investor Immigration Due Diligence, BDO USA, LLP, New York

Kim Marsh, President, IPSA International, Vancouver

- Developments in Fraud Prevention Tools
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09h45 World of Migration Trends at a Crossroads

Austin Fragomen IMCM, Partner, Fragomen Worldwide LLP, New York

- **Striking the Balance of Labour Market Protection and Migration**
- **Is There a Strong Case for Investment Migration?**

10h05 The Italian Lump Sum Taxation Regime demystified

Italian Minister

Marco Cerrato

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10h25 Refreshments

10h45 The Russian Government's Appetite for Extradition Requests Aimed at HNWI

Victoria Pigott, Partner, Mishcon De Rey LLP, London

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11h05 The Risks of Citizenship-by-Investment Programs

Peter Vincent, Assistant Director General for International Policy at BORDERPOL and General Counsel at Thomson Reuters Special Services, LLC, Virginia

- How CIP Programs are Viewed by Security Experts
- Working Together to Close the Perceived Security Gaps

11h30 Rising Trends in Asia

Dominic Volek IMCM, Managing Partner, Henley & Partners, Singapore

Pruet Boobphakam, President, Thailand Elite Residence Program, Government of Thailand, Bangkok

HE Kobkarn Wattanavrangkul, Minister of Tourism, Kingdom of Thailand, Bangkok

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12h15 Residence and Citizenship in Malta

Juerg P. Steffen IMCM, Group Chief Operating Officer, Henley & Partners, Vienna

Hon. Owen Bonnici, Minister of Justice, Malta

Roderick Cutajar, Executive Chairman, Malta Residence Visa Agency, Valletta

Jean Philippe Chetcuti, Managing Partner, Head of Residency and Citizenship, Chetcuti Cauchi Advocates, Valletta

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12h40 Malta Through the Eyes of an Entrepreneur, Investor and Philanthropist

- Mark Weingard, Founder, Iniala Group, Valletta
- Big Fishes and Small Ponds
- The Malta Advantage

13h00 Lunch

13h00 Book Presentation and Signing in the Forum Foyer

Dimitry Kochenov, Chairman, Investment Migration Council, Geneva
EU Citizenship and Federalism, The Role of Rights

13h30 Special 30-minute Roundtable Briefings: Citizenship & Residency Programs in Europe All briefings take place in the main plenary room

Malta: Roderick Cutajar, Executive Chairman, Malta Residence Visa Agency, Valletta
Cyprus: Charles Savva, Chetcuti Cauchi Partners, Nicosia

Spain:

Italy:

Greece:

14h25 Welcome back by Forum Co-Chair

Nadine Goldfoot IMCM, Partner, Fragomen Worldwide, London

14h30 Latin America Focus, Part 1

Diego Acosta, Senior Lecturer, Senior Lecturer & Expert on South American Immigration Law, University of Bristol

Andrés Solimano, President, International Center for Globalization and Development, Santiago

- Investment Migration, Talent Mobility and De-Globalization Trends (AS)
- Present Rules Access to Investment Residence in South America (DA)

14h50 Latin America Focus, Part 2

Francisco Alvarez De Soto, Managing Partner, Alves & Co. Attorneys at Law, Panama City
Alberto Alemán, Director, Proinvex Panama, Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Panama, Panama City

- Panama's Friendly Nations Permanent Residency Program Explained
- The Reality of Doing Business in Panama as a Resident

15h10 Special announcement from St Lucia

Prime Minister Allen Chastenet, Prime Minister of St Lucia

15h20 Avoiding the Effects of Travel Bans

Carmen Arce IMCM, Former Chair of the Florida Bar Board Certification Committee for Immigration & Nationality Law Board Certified Immigration Attorney, Arce Immigration Law, P.A, Miami

Tammy Fox-Isicoff, Partner, Rifkin & Fox-Isicoff, P.A., Miami

- The President Trump Travel Ban
- Considerations to be Aware of With Second Passports

15h45 Refreshments

16h05 Citizenship-by-Investment in Cyprus: Quo Vadis?

Natasa Pilides, DG, CIPA

Charles Savva, Partner, Chetcuti Cauchi Advocates, Nicosia

Savvas Poyiadjis, Managing Director, Fidescorp Chartered Accountants, Nicosia

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16h30 Border Security and Visa Policy

Austin Fragomen, Partner, Fragomen Worldwide, New York
Peter Vincent, Assistant Director General for International Policy at BORDERPOL and
General Counsel at Thomson Reuters Special Services, LLC, Virginia

**Rufus Ferdinand - Deputy Chief of Operations - Border Security, Joint Regional
Communications Centre, Caribbean**

- A Trend Towards Tightening Borders
- What Review and Screening Mechanisms are Minimally Necessary

17h00 Citizenship-by-Investment, Looking at the Year Ahead: Expert Roundtable

Bruno L'ecuyer, Chief Executive, Investment Migration Council, Geneva

Mark Stannard, Managing Director, Hudson Troy, London

Kristin Surak IMCM, SOAS University of London

Chad Ellsworth, Partner, Fragomen Worldwide, New York

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17h20 Closing Remarks by Forum Co-Chairs

Nadine Goldfoot, Partner, Fragomen Worldwide, London

Dimitry Kochenov, Chairman, Investment Migration Council, Geneva

17h45 End of the Investment Migration Forum 2017

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Ryan Devaux, Chairman of St Lucia CIP

Lt. Col. Edward J. Croft From Antigua and Barbuda