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**International CMR
Colloquium 2026**
**Celebrating 70 Years of CMR:
Challenges and Innovations**

Program

	Thursday 8th October 2026
Venue:	University of Bucharest, Bulevardul Mihail Kogalniceanu 36 - 46, Sector 5, 050107, Bucharest, Romania
Registration	(09.30-10.30)
Opening (10.30-11.00)	<i>Opening of the Colloquium and welcome address</i> Prof. Răzvan Dincă, Dean of Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest Mr. Radu Dinescu, President of the International Road Transport Union (IRU) Prof. Frank Smeele, Chair of the CMR-AC
First session (11.00-12.30)	Chair: Prof. Cecile Legros, Vice-chair of the CMR-AC
11.00-11.20	Dr. Olaf Hartenstein, <i>The relation between CMR and the Brussels Ibis Regulation</i>
11.20-11.40	Prof. Dr. Beate Czerwenka, <i>The NCD Convention and the CMR</i>
11.40-12.00	Mrs. Ulla Fabricius, <i>Liability of the CMR-carrier for loss/damage outside CMR's scope of application</i>
12.00-12.30	Questions from and discussion with the audience
Lunch break 12.30-13.30	



Second session

(13.30-15.00)

Chair: Prof. Nikoleta Radionov Karlović

13.30-13.50

Prof. Daniel Dąbrowski, *Are excise duties recoverable under Article 23 (4) CMR?*

13.50-14.10

Otmar J. Tuma, *Fake carriers*, part I

14.10-14.30

Dr. Papis Seck, *Fake carriers*, part II

14.30-15.00

Questions from and discussion with the audience

Tea break

15.00-15.30

Third session

(15.30-18.10)

Chair: Prof. Tobias Eckardt

15.30-15.50

Dr. Alice Kubová Bártková, *Review of recent CMR-related case law in the Czech Republic*

15.50-16.10

Dr. Diana Marinova, *Liability for non-performance under the CMR. Problems and challenges to application of the Convention in the Republic of Bulgaria*

16.10-16.30

Dr. Andreea-Teodora Stănescu, *Overview of CMR-related case law in Romania, Part I*

Dr. Șerban–Alexandru Stănescu, *Overview of CMR-related case law in Romania, Part II*

16.30-16.50

Prof. Nikoleta Radionov Karlović, *New Montenegrin legal framework on the contract of carriage of goods by road in the digitalized context*

16.50-17.10

Overview of CMR-related case law in Moldova (to be confirmed)

17.10-18.10

Round Table with *Romanian carriers and forwarders*

Moderators: Dr. Andreea-Teodora Stănescu and Dr. Șerban–Alexandru Stănescu

Closing Drinks and Refreshments

(18.10-19.00)



Friday 9th October 2026

Venue: University of Bucharest, Bulevardul Mihail Kogalniceanu 36 - 46,
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Fourth session

(09.00-10.30)

Chair: Prof. Johan Schelin

09.00-09.20

Prof. Frank Smeele, *Introducing the CMR AC's Opinion 1 on art. 2 (1) CMR*

09.20-09.40

Prof. Federico Franchina, *Trends in breaking the CMR limits in CMR Contracting states*

09.40-10.00

Prof. Achim Puetz, *Forum Shopping under the CMR*

10.00-10.30

Questions from and discussion with the audience

Coffee break

10.30-11.00

Fifth session

(11.00-12.30)

Chair: Prof. Achim Puetz

11.00-11.20

Prof. Johan Schelin, *Time bar issues under the CMR*

11.20-11.40

Prof. Gheorghe Piperea, *EU regulations in the area of road transport*

11.40-12.00

Dr. Marta Kolacz, *The role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in CMR adjudication*

12.00-12.30

Questions from and discussion with the audience

Lunch break

12.30-13.30

Sixth session

(13.30-15.30)

Chair: Prof. Daniel Dąbrowski

13.30-13.50

Dr. Guido Belger, *The eCMR and related aspects*

13.50-14.10

Dr. David Saive, *The eFTI and related aspects*

14.10-14.30

Dr. Iolande Viricel, *Automated Road Freight Transport and the CMR Convention: Cross-Border Circulation and the Reconfiguration of Liability*

14.30-15.00

Questions from and discussion with the audience

Closure

15.20-15.30

Prof. Frank Smeele, Concluding remarks and closure of the Colloquium

