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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) *Opening of the Colloquium and welcome address*
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, *The relation between CMR and the Brussels Ibis Regulation*

11.20-11.40 Prof. Dr. Beate Czerwenka, *The NCD Convention and the CMR*

11.40-12.00 Mrs. Ulla Fabricius, *Liability of the CMR-carrier for loss/damage outside CMR's scope of application*

12.00-12.30 Questions from and discussion with the audience

Lunch break sponsored by the National Union of Road hauliers in Romania (UNTRR)
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

Ms. Elena Bajurea-Ostrofeț, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova - Secretary within the Multilateral Treaties Directorate/General Directorate for International Law.
Overview of CMR-related case law in the Republic of Moldova

17.10-18.10

1st Round Table with *Romanian carriers and forwarders*

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

(19.10-21.00)

Gala cocktail party and dinner sponsored by the International Road Transport Union (IRU)

Friday 9th October 2026

Venue:	University of Bucharest, Bulevardul Mihail Kogalniceanu 36 - 46, Sector 5, 050107, Bucharest, Romania
Fourth session	(09.00-10.30) Chair: Prof. Johan Schelin
09.00-09.20	Prof. Frank Smeele, <i>Introducing the CMR AC's Opinion 1 on art. 2.1 CMR</i>
09.20-09.40	Prof. Federico Franchina, <i>Trends in breaking the CMR limits in CMR Contracting states</i>
09.40-10.00	Prof. Achim Puetz, <i>Forum Shopping under the CMR</i>
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, <i>Time bar issues under the CMR</i>
11.20-11.40	Prof. Gheorghe Piperea, <i>EU regulations in the area of road transport</i>
11.40-12.00	Dr. Marta Kolacz, <i>The role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in CMR adjudication</i>
12.00-12.30	Questions from and discussion with the audience
Lunch break	12.30-13.30
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Sixth session	(13.30-15.30) Chair: Prof. Daniel Dąbrowski
13.30-13.50	Dr. Guido Belger, <i>The eCMR and related aspects</i>
13.50-14.10	Dr. David Saive, <i>The eFTI and related aspects</i>
14.10-14.30	Dr. Iolande Viricel, <i>Automated Road Freight Transport and the CMR Convention: Cross-Border Circulation and the Reconfiguration of Liability</i>
14.30-15.00	Questions from and discussion with the audience
15.10-16.10	2 nd Round Table with <i>Romanian carriers and forwarders</i> Moderators: Dr. Andreea-Teodora Stănescu and Dr. Șerban-Alexandru Stănescu
Closure	
15.20-15.30	Prof. Frank Smeele, Concluding remarks and closure of the Colloquium