

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

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

Key Speakers

The Hon. Allen Michael Chastanet
Prime Minister of Saint Lucia

Boriss Cilevičs IMCM
Citizenship and Human Rights Advocate,
Member of Parliament, Riga

Michael Frendo IMCM
Former Minister of Foreign & EU Affairs, Malta,
Member of the European Commission for
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Valletta

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

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President, Thailand Elite Residence Program
Government of Thailand, Bangkok

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Group Chief Operating Officer
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

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

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Director of Institute of Sociology, Chair in General
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Madeleine Sumption
Director, Migration Observatory
University of Oxford

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Miklos Ligeti
Head of Legal Affairs
Transparency International Hungary, Budapest

James Swenson
Global Head of Proposition, Customer Screening
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Thomson Reuters
London

Mikki Canton
Managing Director
City of Miami EB-5 Regional Center, Miami

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

Grand Hotel Kempinski

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

Dimitry Kochenov IMCM, Chairman, Investment Migration Council, Geneva

21h00 End of Cocktail Reception

Tuesday, 6 June

Grand Hotel Kempinski

09h00 Opening Address

Dimitry Kochenov IMCM, Chairman, Investment Migration Council, Geneva

09h15 UK Immigration Policy after Brexit - Panacea or Minimal Change?

- Michael Frendo IMCM, Managing Director, Frendo Advisory, Valletta
- Maria Patsalos IMCM, Partner, Mishcon de Reya LLP, London
 - Mirror Image ? EU-UK Brexit Settlement on Immigration
 - Day After Tomorrow -Campaign in Poetry, Govern in Prose

09h45 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 IMCM**, Member of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton and Professor of Politics at SOAS, University of London
- **Dimitry Kochenov IMCM**, Chairman of the Board, Chair in EU Constitutional and Citizenship Law, University of Groningen
 - Globalization: Less Hurdles for Free Movement and Citizenship
 - Still, Closing Borders Inspired by Nationalism and Security Considerations

10h25 Refreshments Served in the Networking Foyer in Association with Klasko Immigration Law Partners LLP

10h45 The Italian Lump Sum Taxation Regime Demystified

Stefano Firpo, Director General, Ministry of Economic Development, Rome

Marco Cerrato, Lawyer, Maisto e Associati, Milan

- General Overview: Features, Conditions and Exclusions
- Global Mobility and Tax Planning Opportunities

11h05 Legal Considerations for Investors Pre & Post-Immigration

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

- Tax & Estate Planning
- Family, Asset and Business Structuring

11h20 State of Affairs - Perspectives 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, Director, Savvy Grenada, Grenada
 - The Importance of Standards and Due Diligence for the Survival of the Caribbean CBI Program and the Potential Role of the IMC in Assisting with a Solution to these Issues
 - The Need for a More Coordinated Regional Approach to Assist in Banking and Compliance Issues

11h50 Spain - Make It Your Global Platform for International Business and Investment

- **José Carlos García de Quevedo**, Executive Director, Invest in Spain - ICEX; Spain Exports and Investment, Madrid
- **Iñigo Lecanda Crooke IMCM**, Attorney at Law, Lecanda Immigration & Nationality Law, Correspondent Academician of the Spanish Royal Academy of Jurisprudence and Legislation, Madrid
 - Investment and Business Climate in Spain
 - Fast Track Regime for Foreign Investors and Executives Residence and Working Authorization

12h10 The All-Mighty China Market - What has Changed Over the Last Few Years?

- **Anna Chen IMCM**, Managing Director, CIBA, Beijing
 - Challenges in Preparing a Successful Immigration Petition for Chinese Investors?
 - What Kind of Programs are More Attractive in Chinese Market?
- **Larry Wang**, President, Well Trend United Inc., Beijing
 - Infinite or Tapering Demand?
 - Are There too Many Agents?

12h30 Lunch Served in the Networking Foyer in Association with KPMG

13h00 Wrap-around the World - Roundtable Discussions

(All lunch briefings take place in the plenary room)

- **Fragomen Worldwide:** Nadine Goldfoot IMCM, Partner, Fragomen Worldwide
- **Henley & Partners:** Juerg Steffen IMCM, Chief Operating Officer, Vienna
- **Antigua & Barbuda:** Charmaine Quinland-Donovan, CEO, Citizenship by Investment Unit
- **IIUSA:** Peter D. Joseph IMCM, Executive Director, IIUSA, Washington DC
- **Italy:** Marco Cerrato, Lawyer, Maisto e Associati, Milan and Stefano Firpo, Director General, Italian Ministry of Economic Development, Rome

14h10 Welcome Back by Forum Co-Chair

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

14h15 What's Hot and What's Not - Settlement and Tax Residence for Russian HNWI's

- **Ekaterina Mavrenkova IMCM**, Managing Partner, Henley & Partners, Zurich
 - The Reality of Common Reporting Standards for Russian Citizens and Tax Residents
 - Currency Control Considerations and Up-Coming Legislation Changes

14h30 To Whose Benefit? - A Spotlight on Hungary's Residence Programme

- **Miklos Ligeti**, Head of Legal Director, Transparency International Hungary
- **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

15h00 More than a Schengen Card - A Closer look at the Greek Residence Programme

- **Demetra Pragalou**, Investment Promotion Executive, Enterprise Greece SA, Athens
- **Alexander Varnavas IMCM**, Lawyer LL.M, Varnavas Law Firm, Athens
- **Pantazis Therianos**, Managing Partner, Euroterra Capital, London
 - Legal Aspects of Real Estate Acquisition
 - Property Acquisition and the Residency Process

15h30 Refreshments Served in the Networking Foyer in Association with Klasko Immigration Law Partners LLP

16h00 United States 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
- **Mikki Canton**, Managing Director, City of Miami EB-5 Regional Center, Miami
- **Dan Fulop**, Managing Director, Related EB-5, New York
 - 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

17h00 End of Plenary Sessions

Exhibition Space Remains Open until 18h00

19h15 Steamboat Cruise and Dinner on Lake Geneva in Association with Thomson Reuters

Meeting Point: Hotel Reception

The 'Simplon' Steamboat Departs from the Geneva Paquis Rotonde across from the Grand Hotel Kempinski.

22h45 Return of boat and end of Day

Wednesday, 7 June
Grand Hotel Kempinski

09h00 Opening Remarks by Forum Co-Chair

- **Dimitry Kochenov IMCM**, Chairman, Investment Migration Council, Geneva

09h05 The 3Ds of CIPs: Due Diligence or Die! Sustainability Through Vetting Enhancements

- **Chisanga Chekwe**, Senior Adviser, Pace Law Firm, Toronto
- **James Swenson**, Global Head of Proposition, Customer Screening and Enhanced Due Diligence, Thomson Reuters, London
 - Lessons Learned from Due Diligence Best Practices
 - On-Going Monitoring of Customer Relationships
- **Laura Austin IMCM**, Head of Investor Immigration Due Diligence, BDO USA, LLP, New York
- **Kim Marsh**, Vice Chairman, Global Head of the Immigration, Citizenship and Visa (ICV) Practice, Exiger Diligence, Vancouver
 - The Increasing Need to Scrutinize Politically Exposed Persons

09h45 Global Migration Trends at a Crossroad

- **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 Growth of State-Sponsored Prosecution

- **Victoria Pigott IMCM**, Partner, Mishcon De Rey LLP, London
 - HNWIs - Are they the New Target?
 - Prosecution to Order and Extradition: Tools and Tactics

10h30 Refreshments Served in the Networking Foyer in Association with Henley & Partners

10h50 The Good, The Bad and The Ugly - 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

11h10 Rising Trends in Asia

- **Dominic Volek IMCM**, Managing Partner, Henley & Partners, Head Southeast Asia
- **Pruet Boobphakam**, President, Thailand Privilege Card Company Ltd., Government of Thailand, Bangkok
 - Trends in Residence Program in Asia
 - Thailand Elite Residence Visa Program

11h35 Residence and Citizenship in Malta

- **Juerg P. Steffen IMCM**, Group Chief Operating Officer, Henley & Partners, Vienna
- **Roderick Cutajar**, Executive Chairman, Malta Residence Visa Agency, Valletta
- **Jean Philippe Chetcuti**, Managing Partner, Head of Residency and Citizenship, Chetcuti Cauchi Advocates, Valletta

12h10 Malta Through the Eyes of an Entrepreneur, Investor and Philanthropist

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

12h30 Lunch Served in the Networking Foyer in Association with KPMG

13h00 Book Presentation and Signing in the Forum Foyer

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

13h30 Wrap-around the World - Roundtable Discussions

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- **Cyprus:** Charlie Savva, Partner, Tax, Residency and Citizenship, Chetcuti Cauchi Partners, Nicosia
- **Spain:** Iñigo Lecanda Crooke IMCM, Attorney at Law, Lecanda Immigration & Nationality Law, Madrid
- **Greece:** Demetra Pragalou, Investment Promotion Executive, Enterprise Greece SA, Athens
- **Thailand:** Pruet Boobphakam, President, Thailand Privilege Card Co.,Ltd, Bangkok
- **Panama:** Francisco Alvarez De Soto IMCM, Managing Partner, Alves & Co. Attorneys at Law, Panama City
- **Saint Lucia:** Hon. Allen Michael Chastanet, Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, and Ryan Devaux, Chairman, Citizenship by Investment Unit, Saint Lucia

14h00 Welcome back by Forum Co-Chair

- **Nadine Goldfoot IMCM**, Partner, Fragomen Worldwide, London

14h05 Focus on Latin America - 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
 - Present Rules Access to Investment Residence in South America

14h35 Focus on Latin America - Part 2

- **Francisco Alvarez De Soto IMCM**, 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

15h00 Special Announcement from the Government of Saint Lucia

- **Hon. Allen Michael Chastanet**, Prime Minister of Saint Lucia

15h15 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 IMCM**, Partner, Rifkin & Fox-Isicoff, P.A., Miami

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

15h35 Refreshments Served in the Networking Foyer in Association with Henley & Partners

16h00 Citizenship-by-Investment in Cyprus: Quo Vadis?

- **Charlie Savva**, Partner, Tax, Residency and Citizenship, Chetcuti Cauchi Partners, Nicosia
- **Savvas Poyiadjis IMCM**, Managing Director, Fidescorp Chartered Accountants, Nicosia
 - Results of Program-to-date and the Challenges Faced
 - Way Forward for the Cyprus CBI Program

16h25 Cyprus - Beyond Citizenship

- **Natasa Pilides**, Director General, Invest Cyprus, Nicosia
 - Recent Developments Outlook
 - Drivers of the Cypriot Economy

16h40 Border Security and Visa Policy

- **Austin Fragomen IMCM**, 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
 - 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
- **Charmaine Quinland-Donovan IMCM**, CEO, Citizenship by Investment Unit, Antigua & Barbuda
- **Mark Stannard IMCM**, Managing Director, Hudson Troy, London
- **Kristin Surak IMCM**, SOAS University of London
- **Chad Ellsworth IMCM**, Partner, Fragomen Worldwide, New York
- **Ryan Devaux**, Chairman, Citizenship by Investment Unit, Saint Lucia

17h45 Closing Remarks by Forum Co-Chairs

- **Nadine Goldfoot IMCM**, Partner, Fragomen Worldwide, London
- **Dimitry Kochenov IMCM**, Chairman, Investment Migration Council, Geneva

18h00 End of the Investment Migration Forum 2017