

**INFORMATION ON CZECH-TURKISH  
BUSINESS FORUM AND ARBITRATION  
CONFERENCE**

on 7 – 8 March 2024  
in Istanbul / Turkey

**organized by:**  
**PRIAC (International Arbitration Court of the Czech Commodity  
Exchange)**  
**and**  
**ITOTAM (Arbitration and Mediation Centre of the Istanbul  
Chamber of Commerce)**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Business forum with a platform for B2B meetings</b>  <i>and at the same time</i>  <b>Conference on law, arbitration, the enforcement of claims and support and protection of investments in the Czech Republic and in Turkey</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Istanbul / Turkey</b> <b>Conference Centre of the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce</b>

**“A TWO TRAMS CONFERENCE AND FORUM”**

[The “working title” chosen by the organisers, “**Two Trams Conference**”, is – admittedly – somewhat unusual. The origin of the title goes back to the initial working meetings, during which *someone suddenly pointed out* that both cities – Istanbul and Prague – are renowned for various symbols, such as a thousand minarets and a thousand towers, as well as, for example, historical trams with a long-standing history in both metropolises. Moreover, the “old” trams of Prague and Istanbul are masterpieces of the transportation technology of their times and still continue to *attract* visitors to those cities; similar trams were indeed used in both cities during the given historical periods. This is the reason why the organisers initially adopted the

<p>working title “Two Trams Conference” / “Two Trams Forum” in their mutual communication, but then decided that there was no reason not to use the title in the official name of the event. And so they did. In any case, the organisers understand that the title deserves an <i>explanation</i>.]</p>	
<p><b>Organisers</b></p>	<p><b>PRIAC – International Arbitration Court of the Czech Commodity Exchange (www.priac.eu)</b></p> <p>in cooperation with</p> <p><b>Arbitration and Mediation Centre of the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce &amp; Istanbul Chamber of Commerce (https://www.itotam.com)</b></p>
<p><b>Supported by</b></p>	<p>Business Mission and the Consulate General of the Czech Republic in Istanbul Embassy of Turkey in Prague and other institutions and authorities from the Czech Republic and Turkey</p>
<p><b>Date</b></p>	<p><b>7 and 8 March 2024</b></p>
<p><b>Venue</b></p>	<p><b>Istanbul / Turkey</b> <b>Conference Centre of the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce</b></p>
<p><b>Language of the event</b></p>	<p>English</p> <p>The B2B platform (direct meetings of businesses from the Czech Republic and from Turkey) will also be attended by employees of the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce with sufficient knowledge of English, who will provide any necessary support to facilitate individual discussions between businesses / entrepreneurs from the two countries.</p>
<p><b>More information and contact details</b></p>	<p>More information will be uploaded from time to time to <a href="http://www.priac.eu">www.priac.eu</a> and <a href="https://www.itotam.com">https://www.itotam.com</a>; individual inquiries should be directed at: <b>istanbul2024@priac.eu</b>, or sent to <b>info@priac.eu</b>, or also <b>office@ablegal.cz</b></p> <p><b>Contact person for PRIAC: Prof. Dr. Alexander Bělohlávek, Vice-Chairman of the Board for International Relations.</b> <b>Telephone: +420 / 224 314 293</b> <b>Telephone: +420 / 602 / 224 314 293</b></p>
<p><b>Target</b></p>	<p>Practicing lawyers (attorneys as well as legal departments of businesses)</p>

<b>audience</b>	<p>and companies engaged in export and foreign investment, as well as businesses and companies wishing to expand their business abroad), or the general public from various fields of law interested in arbitration, international trade and support and protection of investments, and</p> <p>Czech businesses interested in export to the Middle East and Turkish businesses interested in export to Central and Eastern Europe.</p> <p>The two <i>branches</i> of the combined programme, i.e. the economic branch and the parallel and purely legal branch, signify that the event is <b>intended</b> for both <b>(i) the legal public</b> and <b>(ii) businesses (economy-oriented entities)</b>, as well as representatives of undertakings focused on foreign trade.</p>
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**The PRIAC – International Arbitration Court of the Czech Commodity Exchange**, with the diplomatic support of the Czech Republic and Turkey and in cooperation with its contract partner, one of the major Turkish arbitral centres – **ITOTAM (Arbitration and Mediation Centre of the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce)**, organises the following event on

**7 and 8 March 2024**

**in Istanbul (Turkey):**

A combined event to support business exchange and investments, as well as protection of investments and protection of business interests by way of the enforcement of contracts.

The event will consist of

**two parallel branches,**

namely:

- **Business forum organised as a B2B platform (*business-to-business meetings*)**
- and at the same time**
- **Conference on enforcement of the law in both countries, arbitration, support and protection of investments.**

The programme is therefore intended for **(i) lawyers** specialised in the given field (territorial and professional), **as well as and simultaneously (ii) representatives of the business / economic sector (businesses)** that engage in export and foreign trade.

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This event, to be held in Turkey on the designated dates, is a pilot project for a series of similar events that the PRIAC intends to organise in future in cooperation with its strategic foreign partners. Turkey is currently a very important territory, with mutual business and investment activities between the two countries rapidly increasing and intensifying. In this regard, Turkey will present itself as a “gateway” to the Middle East, and the Czech Republic analogously as an entry point to Central and Eastern Europe. The exchange of mutual potential in this greater region is also incorporated in the strategic cooperation agreement between these two permanent arbitral institutions, i.e. the Czech PRIAC and the Turkish ITOTAM, entered into in 2022.

Based on the recommendation of the Czech trade mission and the Consulate General in Istanbul, the target sectors for the **business forum**, including the B2B platform, are

**the below business, economic and industrial areas:**

- Energy sector, renewable energy sources, including engineering and building industry in the energy sector
- Building and engineering
- Mining industry
- Logistics
- Healthcare and healthcare infrastructure
- Science, research, innovation and innovative technologies, including nanotechnologies
- Automotive and e-mobility
- Tool-making industry
- Commodities
- Glass manufacturing and glass industry

The participants (businesses / entrepreneurs) from one country will receive information about the participants (businesses) from the other country prior to the event so that they are able to schedule meetings with suitable businesses and entrepreneurs from the other country attending the event.

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**The objective**

**of the professional conference organised in parallel with the business forum and at the same venue**

consists in the provision of comprehensive information about the **law and practice of arbitration and the enforcement of claims** in proceedings conducted in both respective countries, extending the Middle East (the Turkish side) and the entire region of Central and

Eastern Europe (the Czech side). Other topics covered by the conference will also include the **recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards and protection of investments** – including overlaps in business and economic law in general. After all, such **extension to the broader regions** is an integral part of the strategic cooperation between the ITOTAM and PRIAC. In other words, the cooperation is not limited to Czech-Turkish relationships, although such relationships are naturally the focal point of both these established international arbitral institutions.

The organisation and preparation of the conference and the entire event on behalf of the PRIAC was entrusted to **Professor Dr. Alexander J. Bělohlávek**, Vice-Chairman of the International Arbitration Court of the Czech Commodity Exchange (PRIAC) and also the Managing partner of our law firm.

