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**International Conference**

# **THE NICOSIA CONVENTION: A CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSE TO OFFENCES RELATING TO CULTURAL PROPERTY**

National Library,  
15 - 16 June  
Riga, Latvia

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**PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

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## 1. DATE AND VENUE

The Regional Conference entitled *"The Nicosia Convention: a criminal justice response to offences relating to cultural property"*, will take place in **The National Library of Latvia**, Riga.

- Date: **15 and 16 June 2023**.
- Venue Address: 3 Mūkusalas iela, Riga, LV-1423, Latvia Riga (Latvia).
- **The National Library of Latvia** moved to the new building poetically called Castle of Light in 2014 where optimal conditions for the safekeeping of most of the library's vast collections of 4,5 million units are ensured. In Castle of Light, everyone can access collections through reading rooms, exhibition spaces, different programmes and innovative digital tools in line with libraries mission to promote the free and inventive usage of Latvia's cultural and scientific heritage so as to foster education, research, the development of knowledge and the quality of life.
- Almost 31 thousand square meters large **Museum Storage Facility** was opened in 2019 and since then is the largest deposit of Latvian historical heritage. The Facility is a unique building in regional context that adheres to the highest standards of security for preservation of more than two million units of the National Museum collection belonging to the National History Museum of Latvia, Museum of Literature and Music, and the Latvian Academy of Culture Riga Film Museum. For public access besides reading rooms, there are also exhibition and event spaces.  
Location: 8 Pulka iela, Riga, LV-1007, Latvia

## 2. WORKING LANGUAGES

The working languages of the Conference will be English and Latvian with simultaneous interpretation.

## 3. DOCUMENTATION

All the relevant documents of the Conference will be available on the following websites which will be updated regularly:

- Latvian Ministry of Justice: [Here](#)
- Registration: <https://www.mittoevents.com/nikosijas-konvencija/registration>
- [www.coe.int/nicosia](http://www.coe.int/nicosia) and [conference website](#)

## 4. INTERPRETATION

The working languages of the conference will be Latvian and English. Interpretation will be provided in both languages.

## 5. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

A social event is scheduled on Thursday 15 June 2023. Participation in the social programme **must be confirmed** at the registration.

<https://www.mittoevents.com/nikosijas-konvencija/registration>

**Social events are free of charge, transportation will be provided to all participants.**

## 6. ACCOMMODATION

Every participant will take care of its own accommodation.

A special corporate price for the participants of this conference, breakfast included, has been negotiated in the following centrally located hotels (promotional code "PRES2023"):

- **Grand Poet by Semarah**, Raiņa bulvāris 5/6, Riga ([www.semarahhotels.com](http://www.semarahhotels.com))  
20 % discount for reservation **with code PRES2023**  
(price depending on occupancy, booking with the promotional code via the hotel webpage: [www.semarahhotels.com](http://www.semarahhotels.com))
- **Pullman Riga Old Town**, Jēkaba iela 24, Riga (<https://pullmanriga.lv>)  
(with code **PRES2023**) price for single room 95 EUR per night (breakfast included).  
Booking by e-mail to [inga.gravite@accorhotel.lv](mailto:inga.gravite@accorhotel.lv), referencing the discount code

## 7. MEALS

During the conference, three coffee breaks, two lunches and one dinner will be provided.

## 8. TRAVEL TO LATVIA

Travel expenses to/from Latvia will be borne by each participant.

## 9. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

- **From Riga International Airport (RIX) to the hotel (city or vice-versa)**
  - Bus No. 22 (*Lidosta-Abrenes iela*). For convenience you can buy (**only on this route of transport!**) a ticket from the driver for 2€, f
  - Ticket vending machine or booth.
  - Download mobile app "**Mobilly**"
  - Taxi:
    - **Baltic Taxi** (20 008 500).
    - **Bolt** (*it is possible to hire a taxi trough "Bolt" mobile app*)

- **From the Hotel to the Conference venue**

- The base price and time limit ticket for any type of public transportation is priced 1.50€ for 90 min. It should be noted that there are schedules for working days and weekends, so departure and arrival time will vary.
- As for buying transportation ticket, download mobile app “**Mobilly**” or go to any booth “**Narvesen**”, grocery stores “**Rimi**” or “**Maxima**” etc. (ticket trade outlets can be found [here](#)).
- If you use “Mobilly”, you can scan the QR code, which is found in any public transport, or manually write the digits, which are written under the code.

## 10. TAXI COMPANIES:

The taxi companies will be borne by each participant.

- **Bolt** (*it is possible to hire a taxi trough “Bolt” mobile app*)
- **Baltic Taxi** (20 008 500).

## 11. CONTACTS

For more information regarding the Conference, please contact:

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