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# TELFA Fall Conference

Belgrade 7-9 November

# WELCOME TO BELGRADE

Belgrade is seriously old city,  
and it's seen a few things...



Belgrade is the capital and the largest city of Serbia. It is located at the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers, where the Pannonian Plain meets the Balkans. Due to its position it was rightfully named “Gates of the Balkans” and the “Doors of Middle Europe”.

Its name translates to White city. It was called Belgrad, Bello Grado, Alba Urbs, Alba Graeca, Griechisch Weissenburg, Nándor Fehérvár, Nándor Alba, Castelbianco. All these names are translations of the Slavic word Beograd.

Situated at the historic borders of eastern and western empires, Belgrade has been shaped by its history, each leaving traces as new generations continue to build and fight over this highly prized city. Unraveling the mystery and attraction of Belgrade means looking at this history, while enjoying and getting caught up in its passionate demeanor.





# 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT BELGRADE and SERBIA

## HOSPITALITY

Serbs are renowned for being intense, passionate, patriotic and above all else, extremely welcoming.

## FOOD

Thanks to its original mix of eastern and western culture, Serbs can only be grateful for their great cuisine. Serbian cuisine is based on meat, but fear not vegetarians, there are plenty of great restaurants in Belgrade for you as well.

## COFFEE

Coffee is a BIG deal here. Whether it's *domaća* or *turska kafa*, espresso or “Nescafe”, Serbs are hooked on coffee! Coffee is for Serbia what tea is for England. The city was put on the drip after the Ottomans brought their brew with them in the 16th century, which explains why ‘domestic’ coffee, or *kafa*, bears a strong resemblance to what many people know as Turkish. The story goes that the very next year the first *kafana* (coffeehouse) was opened in Belgrade, in 1522.

## RAKIJA

Apart from coffee which is the favorite daytime beverage in Serbia, there is the famous rakija. *Rakija*, is a **fruit brandy** made usually from quince, pear, apricot, or peaches. In fact, Serbia's national drink is *Šljivovica* which is made from plums.

## PARTY

People in Belgrade like to have a good time. Cafés and bars are heaving day and night, and the terraces that crowd the pavements remind you that Italy and Greece are not so far away in terms of distance and culture. Belgrade has the Mediterranean lifestyle without the coastline. When it comes to the night-life the only thing you have to choose is whether you want to have the time of your life in a bar, café, pub, club, *splav* (river party barges) or in the famous *kafana*. There is a reason why Belgrade is considered one of the nightlife capitals of Europe.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in our city!





# ABOUT THE HOST

Vukovic & Partners Law Firm was founded in 2007, by Dejan Vukovic, who is still a managing partner. Since foundation, the firm has recorded significant growth not only in the number of team members, clients, cases and annual income, but in terms of practice areas as well. Vukovic & Partners Law firm now has 40 highly skilled team members: partners, attorneys at law, associates and supporting staff.

Our Law firm is reliable partner of middle and high market businesses, public authorities and non-profit organizations in their various fields of action. We provide legal service to all types of businesses, as from start-ups to large international business ventures. Our approach is solution-oriented in reference to client's need for legal support; therefore, we always tend to diligently provide a solution which enables the clients to receive quality in legal service, sense of surety and achievement of the business goal.

We are proud to state that, by all parameters, our law firm stands in top 10 commercial law firms in Serbia.

We have joined TELFA in November 2017.



# TELFA FALL CONFERENCE 7 – 9th November 2019

## THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER

7.00pm – 8.00pm	Welcome drinks in the Crown Plaza Hotel
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## FRIDAY 8th NOVEMBER

9.00am – 11.00am	TELFA Board Meeting
11.00am – 11.30pm	TELFA Board + Membership Committee (report of activities + tasks & missions)
11.30am – 12.00am	TELFA Board + Program Committee report of activities + tasks & missions)
12.30pm - 1.45pm	Lunch at hotel
2.00pm – 4.00pm	Panel discussion - NPL, account receivables and distressed assets – ideas and know how on approach and treatment – Moderating the discussion: <b>Mr. Vukovic Dejan</b> , Managing partner at Vukovic and partners Law Firm, panellists: <b>Mr. Peteris Kadiss</b> , Managing Director, LynxCap Group AG; <b>Mr. Marko Mićanović</b> , Head of Restructuring SBERbank; <b>Mr. Zarić Aleksandar</b> , Business Environment Director, USAID Cooperation for Growth Project; guests: <b>Mr. Marin Gligo</b> , Managing Director, ODM Collesctions and <b>Mr. Nenad Vidic</b> , CEO, Ocean ThinkIT doo.  <i>(in congress center Sava Center – Sala 2, connected to Crown Plaza hotel with passage – 3-minute walk)</i>
2.00pm – 4.00pm	Marketing Representatives meeting
4.30pm – 7.30pm	Tourist tour around Belgrade ( <i>Bus + Walking tour around the city</i> )
8.00pm – 10.00pm	Cocktail dinner in the Vukovic & Partners Law Firm; dress code - business casual

## SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER

10.00am – 12.30pm	TELFA meeting of all attendees: Design Think session / reports from the Board
10.00am – 12.30pm	Spouse activity: Guided tour (Nikola Tesla museum or Visit to Royal palaces)
12.30pm – 2.00pm	Lunch at the hotel
2.00pm – 2.30pm	Key note speaker from Serbia: Stories from Serbia (cultural, historical, financial...)
2.30pm – 4.00pm	Panel Discussion: “Young and in law” - in order to present lawyers’ profession in different countries to the law students and legal trainees in Serbia; panellists: <b>Mr. Richard Isham</b> , Wedlake bell, Great Britain; <b>Ms. Lina Šikšniūtė-Vaitiekūnienė</b> , LEXTAL, Lithuania; <b>Mr. Tom Eivind Haug</b> , Advokatfirmaet Sverdrup DA, Norway; <b>Mr. Dejan Vuković</b> , Vuković & Partners, Serbia
4.00pm – 6.00pm	Practice Group meetings
8.00pm	Gala dinner and party – Restaurant “Top of the Hub”; dress code - business casual (10-minute walk or short taxi ride from the Crown Plaza hotel)



# MAIN VENUE

# CROWN PLAZA HOTEL

The stylish Crowne Plaza Belgrade is a 4-star venue in Belgrade, with conference facilities and ideally located in the central business district of New Belgrade. The property is set only 13 km from the International Belgrade Airport Nikola Tesla.

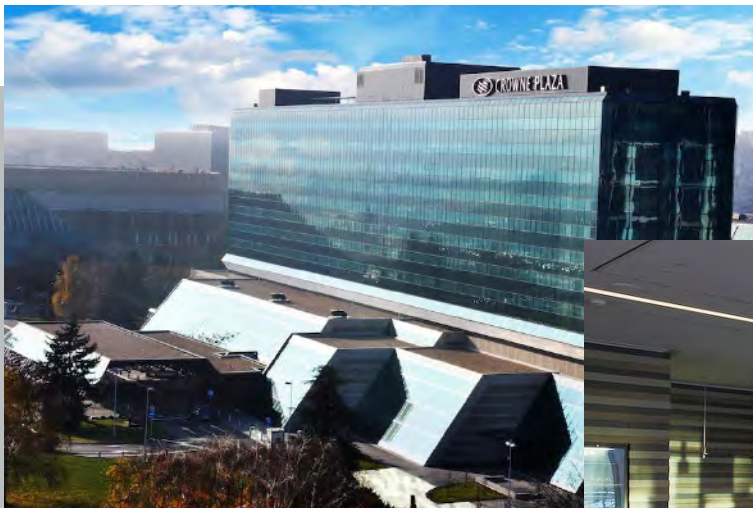
The city center can be reached in a 5-minute drive or a half an hour walk to the National museum, National Theatre, Kalemegdan Fortress, etc. The Nikola Tesla Museum is just 3km away.

Crowne Plaza Belgrade is the ideal venue for convention guests, as the hotel connects directly into Sava Centre, the biggest congress center in Belgrade. The hotel itself features the largest meeting and banquet hall in the country.

What they say about themselves:

*“We’re all business, mostly. At Crowne Plaza® Hotels & Resorts, life doesn’t stop when business begins. We want you to have it all — to boost your productivity, to energize your body and to feel inspired, helping you enhance your downtime and worktime. Sometimes the mojito is as important as the meeting.”*

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# DINING

## Friday, 8th of November

On the evening of 8th of November we will welcome you for the cocktail dinner party in the Vukovic & Partners Law Firm offices.

We have moved recently so we are looking forward to welcome you in our “new home”.

## Saturday, 9th of November

On the evening of 9th of November we will take you to the Top of the Hub restaurant located at the 25th floor of the business center Usce. Along with the great cuisine the restaurant offers fantastic and unique sight of the Belgrade city, as well as the confluence of Sava and Danube rivers.





# TOURIST TOUR

Walking tour around the old part of the city ending in the bohemian quarter Skadarlija.

## BELGRADE FORTRESS

The Belgrade Fortress changed and developed throughout the centuries, it saw many armies, was the field of many battles, it witnessed the brutality of the conquerors and the courage of the tireless defenders of the city. It was the place where Belgrade started to develop.

The Fortress was built in stages, during the lengthy period between the 1st and 18th century, from a Roman castrum, through a Byzantine castle and the remains of the medieval capital of the Serb Despotate, all the way to an Austrian-Ottoman artillery fortification.

The Belgrade Fortress offers an exciting view of the confluence of Sava and Danube, of New Belgrade and Zemun.



## SABORNA CRKVA

It is a symbol of great sufferings, victories, faith, love and of the time when Belgrade, after several centuries of occupation, became a free city again. The Church of St. Michael the Archangel stands on the spot where once stood an old church from the 18th century. This is the place where centuries long battles took place, during which this church was burned, plundered and demolished several times.

Despite all this, the desire to preserve the holy place remained and a decision to build a new church was made. The construction began in 1837. By the order of Prince Miloš Obrenović the church was dedicated to St. Michael the Archangel, who was also his patron saint. The construction of the church lasted almost nine years. It was finished in November 1845. The church was done in style of classicism and late baroque and today it represents an important historical monument.



## RESIDENCE OF PRINCES LJUBICA

Located in the very heart of Belgrade, on Kosančićev Venac. The Residence of Princess Ljubica was erected on orders by Prince Miloš Obrenović in 1831, as the private residence of his wife, the Princess Ljubica. The architecture and placement of rooms represent an example of the Balkans style, with a number of western baroque elements.



## RESTAURANT QUESTION MARK

The oldest of Belgrade inns, The Question mark, is located in Kralja Petra Street 6 and is one of the symbols of Belgrade.

Erected in 1823 as the property of Prince Miloš Obrenović, it was built by “masters from Grezia” in the Balkans style. It had changed owners and names since 1878. First it was called “At the Shepherd’s” in 1878, then in 1892 “At the Cathedral Church” but church authorities protested so the owner put the question mark sign at the door as a temporary solution and it remained there to this day. It housed the first billiards game in Belgrade in 1834 and was the first reading room for the “Serbian Papers” from the same year.

## SKADARLIJA

There is a saying that if you haven’t visited Skadarlija you haven’t truly experienced Belgrade. Skadarlija is a vintage street in the capital of Serbia and it is considered the main bohemian quarter of Belgrade, similar to Paris’ Montmartre.

It is located in the heart of Belgrade, the old, romantic and bohemian, known in history and legend, and it lives more than a century in many songs, interesting stories and anecdotes as well as in many literary and journalistic writings.

This magical part of Belgrade, beloved corner of poetry and romantic history, where famous writers, journalists, actors, singers, painters and other merry-makers spent many pleasant evenings. Skadarlija remains inscribed in golden letters in the history of Belgrade.

