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PROGRAMME

4th Central and Eastern Europe & Central Asia Summer Academy on Business and Human Rights

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The Academy program is scheduled over five days, from **September 23 to 29, 2026**, with a two-day break on September 26 and 27 (Saturday and Sunday).

Meetings will take place from **9:00 to 16:30¹**, including a one-hour lunch break and two short breaks (10 – 30 min.) in the morning and afternoon.

To participate in the Core Programme, participants will have to complete a **Self-Learning Component** of approx. **12 hours** (forming first part of the Summer Academy) and pass a short online test.

No.	Expert	Session Title
1.	Prof. dr Nadia Bernaz Professor of Law & Corporate Justice, Wageningen University	<i>Implementing the UNGPs: Global Trends & Current Challenges</i>
2.	Dr Chiara Macchi Assistant Professor of Law, Coordinator of Education, Wageningen University & Research – Law Group	<i>BHR & Environment. New dimensions and challenges</i>
3.	Marian Ingrams Director, OECD Watch	<i>OECD Guidelines and Responsible Business Conduct (RBC)</i>
4.	Dr Jacqueline Kacprzak Director, Human Rights Centre, Civitas University	<i>UNGPs Pillar I – State duty to protect</i>
5.	Beata Faracik, LL.M. Co-founder and President of the Board, Polish Institute for Human Rights and Business (PIHRB)	<i>UNGPs Pillar II - (CR2R) Human Rights Policy</i>
6.	Julie Schindall Director of Responsible Sourcing and Responsible Investment, Levin Sources	<i>Pillar II - Corporate responsibility to respect human rights, with focus on the human rights due diligence in the value chain</i>
7.	Gabriela Factor Chief Advisor on Human Rights and Business, Danish Institute for Human Rights	<i>Human Rights Impact Assessment – deep dive and Integrating Human Rights into other types of impact assessments</i>
8.	Dr hab. Robert Sroka Partner and Head of ESG, Abris Capital Partners	<i>The role of investors in UNGPs embedding by companies</i>
9.	Dr Claire Bright Associate Professor and Founder & Director, NOVA Centre on Business, Human Rights and the Environment (NOVA BHRE) at NOVA Law School in Lisbon; Senior Legal Advisor, Global Rights Compliance (GRC)	<i>Pillar III - Access to remedy</i>

¹ All times CEST (Warsaw)

10.	Dr Samentha Goethals Associate Professor in Business & Society, SKEMA Business School, France	<i>Meaningful stakeholder engagement</i>
11.	Aleksandra Anna Lasota Migration, Business and Human Rights Advisor	<i>Beyond the Margins: Why Migrant Workers Matter for HRDD, Compliance, and Responsible Business Conduct</i>
12.	Ron Popper Chief Executive Officer, The Global Business Initiative on Human Rights	<i>Being a business practitioner</i>
13.	Céline Da Graca Pires Business and Human Rights Specialist	<i>Community engagement in the context of meaningful stakeholder engagement</i>
14.	Dr Olena Uvarova Associate Professor, Head of the International Lab on BHR, Y. Mudryi National Law University; BHR Specialist, UNDP & Dr Siniša Milatović Business, Human Rights and Peace Specialist, UNDP HQ	<i>BHR in challenging contexts. Heightened HRDD</i>
15.	Ron Popper Chief Executive Officer, The Global Business Initiative on Human Rights & Andrea Shemberg Business and Human Rights Advisor	<i>GBI Workshop - BHR in practice Part I - Due diligence: entering a new business venture (Case studies)</i> and <i>GBI Workshop - BHR in practice Part II - Doing business in high-risk areas (Case studies)</i>
16.	Lyra Jakulevičienė Member of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights; Professor of Law, Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania	<i>AI and Human rights</i>
17.	Lyra Jakulevičienė (TBC) Member of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights; Professor of Law, Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania & Mark Wielga (TBC) Director, NomoGaia	<i>Panel discussion</i>

**After the end of the Summer Academy participants
will have at the minimum 36 hours to complete the knowledge test
to obtain a Certificate of the Summer Academy**

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