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## **SPEAKERS**

Nabi Abdullaev, Control Risks, Moscow

Karen Walter, Allianz SE, Munich

Dr. Gerd Schwendinger, GvW Graf von Westphalen, Hamburg and Brussels

## **TOPIC**

US Sanctions against Russia and Impacts on Companies in Europe - legal and political insights (in English)

## **DATE**

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

## **TIME**

17:30 pm – approx. 21:00 pm

## **LOCATION**

GvW Graf von Westphalen  
Sophienstraße 26  
80333 Munich



## **INFORMATION**

On August 2, 2017 U.S. President Trump grudgingly signed into law new sanctions against Russia, a move Moscow said amounted to a full-scale trade war. The new round of sanctions has been driven by the United States Congress, which is intent on punishing Russia for its meddling in last year's presidential election. The European Union's reaction was angry, arguing America first cannot mean that Europe's interests come last. "The U.S. bill could have unintended unilateral effects that impact the EU's energy security interests," E.U. Commission president Juncker said. However, other industries could be hit too.

In our upcoming Expert Briefing, we would like to give you an update on these new U.S. sanctions against Russia and on present E.U. sanctions. Also, we will explain which industries in Europe will be effected and to what extend. Furthermore, we want to address possible Russian reactions and their impact on companies in Europe and discuss practical problems your company might face.

## **COSTS**

Members: € 45 | Non-Members: € 65  
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### AGENDA

17.30	Registration & Reception
17.50	Welcome remarks
18.00	Presentations <b>Nabi Abdullaev</b> , Associate Director for Russia & CIS, Political Risk Analyst, Control Risks, Moscow <b>Karen Walter</b> , JD, Director, Head of Economic Sanctions Unit, Group Compliance, Allianz SE, Munich <b>Dr. Gerd Schwendinger</b> , Attorney-at-law & Partner, GvW Graf von Westphalen, Hamburg and Brussels
19.30	Discussion
20.00	Networking Dinner Buffet
21.00	End (approx.)

### SPEAKERS



#### **Nabi Abdullaev**

Associate Director, Control Risks, Moscow

As an Associate Director for Russia & CIS, Nabi contributes to the wide-range Control Risks' analysis of processes and actors influencing political, operational and security environments in Russia and the country's relations with its neighbours and key global players. A specialist in policy analysis and communications, Nabi speaks at policy and academic forums and writes on behalf of the company in the international media and academic publications.

Nabi also contributes to clients' projects related to Russia & CIS and supports Control Risks' research and marketing initiatives.

Prior to joining Control Risks, Nabi was the chief editor of The Moscow Times, an English-language daily newspaper in Russia, where he was a political and security writer for many years. He also headed the Foreign-Language Information Service at Russia's major RIA Novosti news agency.

Nabi has a Master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government where he studied negotiation and conflict resolution. A native Russian speaker, he also has a degree in construction engineering from a Russian university.

#### **Karen Walter**

Director, Head of Economic Sanctions Unit, Group Compliance, Allianz SE, Munich



Karen Walter is Head of the Economics Sanctions Unit at Allianz SE in Munich. Before joining Allianz, Karen worked as Senior Legal Counsel at Siemens and Legal Counsel at Hapag-Lloyd.

She holds a Doctor of Law from New York Law School and speaks English, German and French.

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**Dr. Gerd Schwendinger, LL.M.**

Attorney-at-law & Partner, GvW Graf von Westphalen, Hamburg and Brussels

Dr. Schwendinger, is a partner at the Hamburg and Brussels offices of the law firm GvW Graf von Westphalen. He is Co-Head of the GvW U.S. Desk and a member of the firm's International Trade & Customs Practice Group. His main area of expertise focuses on various subjects related to EU Law. In particular, he advises and represents companies of all kinds on foreign trade law, export controls and sanctions law, customs law, EU market regulation, anti-dumping/anti-subsidy law, WTO law and excise tax law. He has extensive litigation experience and represents clients in front of national courts and EU courts in Luxembourg, as well as the European Commission and state authorities. The JUVE Handbook German Commercial Law Firms 2017, which lists GvW as "a leading firm in customs and trade", names Dr. Schwendinger as a recommended lawyer in this field.

Before joining GvW, he worked with an U.S. law firm and then was a judge both at the administrative court and at the district court in Hamburg. He is a member of the European Forum for Foreign Trade, Customs and Excise (EFA), and is a lecturer on export control, sanctions and customs law, amongst others at the Hamburg Customs Academy as well as at the Bucerius Law School in Hamburg.

Dr. Schwendinger is a frequent speaker at conferences and symposiums and is an author of numerous articles in legal journals, commentaries, and handbooks, e.g. he contributed to the International Contract Manual (Thomson Reuters), Dorsch – Kommentar zum Zollrecht (Stollfuß Verlag), Hamburger Handbuch des Exportrechts (Verlag C.H. Beck) and Praxishandbuch Export- und Zollmanagement (Bundesanzeiger Verlag).

He holds a Doctor in EU Law of the University of Gießen as well as a Master's degree of the European University Institute in Florence and speaks German, English, French and Italian.

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