

Conference on the “Modernisation of European Company Law”

Wednesday 27 November / 9.00 - 16.30

Salle des audiences solennelles, Cour d’appel de Bruxelles, Place Poelaert 1, Brussels

8.30 – 9.00 – Welcome and registration

9.00 – 9.30 – Welcome speeches and opening remarks

- *José de Freitas*, President of the CCBE
- *Michel Forges*, President of the French-speaking Bar of Brussels
- *Peter Callens*, President of the Dutch-speaking Bar of Brussels

9.30 – 9.50 – Keynote Speech

- **The new Belgian Company Code in light of European Company Law** - *Koen Geens*, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice, Belgium

9.50 – 12.30 – Panel Session I, followed by an open discussion

Recent Legislative Achievements in European Company Law

Chair: *Hans Jürgen Hellwig*, Partner, Hengeler Mueller, Frankfurt;
Honorary Professor in European Company Law, University of Heidelberg

- **Cross border divisions in practice** - *Vanessa Knapp* OBE, Independent Consultant; Member of the former EU Informal Expert Group on Company Law; Visiting Professor, Queen Mary University of London
- **Cross border mergers after the company law package** - *Prof. Pierre-Henri Conac*, University of Luxembourg
- **The experience of digital company law in Estonia and a critical assessment of the recent directive on the digitalization of company law** - *Kai Härmand*, Deputy Secretary General on Legal Policy, Ministry of Justice, Estonia

11:00 – 11.20 – Coffee break

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- **Shareholders' Protection in cross-border mobility of companies, and harmonised rules after the company law package** - *Gabriela Fierbinteanu*, Company Law Attachée, Permanent Representation of Romania to the EU, former Chair of the Council of the EU Working Party on Company Law, Assistant Professor in Commercial and Civil Law, Nicolae Titulescu University, Faculty of Law, Bucharest
- **Loyalty voting and liquidity tests: national reforms challenging the traditional approach in EU Company Law?** - *Prof. Dr. Hans de Wulf*, Law School, Gent University

12.30 – 13.30 – Lunch break

13.30 – 16.30 – Panel Session II, followed by an open discussion

The Future of European Company Law

Chair: Bart De Moor, Vice-President of the Dutch-speaking Bar of Brussels

- **New Commission mandate – what is in the air in company law and corporate governance?** *Maija Laurila*, Head of the Company Law Unit, European Commission, DG for Justice and Consumers
- **Future Proposals for directors' duties** - *Béatrice Richez-Baum*, Director General, ecoDa
- **Sustainable corporate governance** - *Dr. Birgit Spießhofer M.C.J. (NYU)*, Of Counsel, Dentons, Berlin; Adjunct Professor for International Economic Law and Business Ethics, University of Bremen
- **Group corporate governance** - *Karsten Engsig Sørensen*, Professor, Law Department, School of Business and Social Sciences, Aarhus University
- **The prospects of corporate governance in Europe** - *Christophe Clerc*, Lawyer, Descartes; Professor, Sciences Po, Paris
- **Letter Box Companies: Abuse of companies and freedom of movement in European Company Law** - *Dr. Antigoni Alexandropoulou*, Chair of the CCBE Company Law Committee; Assistant Professor, European University Cyprus; Lawyer (Greece)

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