

European Commission: DG Internal Market and Services

Conference on European Company Law: The way forward

Charlemagne building, Brussels

16 and 17 May 2011

Programme

Monday, 16 May 2011

- 14.00-15.00 Registration and Coffee
- 15.00-15.20 **Michel Barnier**, European Commissioner for Internal Market and Services:
Opening Speech
- 15.20-15.40 **Dr. Róbert Répássy**, Hungarian Minister of State for Justice:
Address from the Hungarian Presidency
- 15.40-16.00 **Klaus-Heiner Lehne**, Chairman of the EP Legal Affairs Committee:
The European Parliament perspective
- 16.00-17.30 **Panel discussion: "Purpose and tools of European Company Law"**
- Moderator: - Noëlle Lenoir, Partner at JeantetAssociés AARPI Law Firm (Paris), Former Minister & Former Member of the French Constitutional Council
- Speakers: - Prof. Luca Enriques, ECGI, University of Bologna and Consob
- Prof. Dr. Harm-Jan de Kluiver, Professor of Law, University of Amsterdam, Partner at De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek
- Professor dr. Stanisław Sołtysiński, Sołtysiński Kawecki & Szlęzak
- Dr. Joëlle Simon, Chairperson, Legal Affairs Committee, BusinessEurope; Director for Legal Affairs, MEDEF
- dr. Robbert H. van het Kaar, Assistant Professor, Hugo Sinzheimer Institute, University of Amsterdam

Tuesday, 17 May 2011

- 09.00-10.45 **Panel discussion: "Corporate mobility and European Company Law"**
- Moderator: - Pierre Delsaux, Director for Capital and companies, DG Internal Market and Services, European Commission
- Speakers: - András I. Hanák, Attorney at Law, András Hanák Law Offices
- Jesper Lau Hansen, Professor, University of Copenhagen
- Antonio Perdiges Huetos, Chaired Professor of Commercial Law, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
- Didier Kling, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer of the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Dr. Sigurt Vitols, Senior Researcher, European Trade Union Institute
- 10.45-11.15 Coffee break
- 11.15-12.00 **Presentation of the European Model Company Act (EMCA) and introduction of the chapter on the choice of the board structure**
- Speakers: - Paul Krüger Andersen, Professor dr. jur., dr. h.c., Department of Law, Aarhus School of Business and Social Sciences, Aarhus University
- Paul Davies, Allen & Overy Professor Corporate Law, University of Oxford and ECGI
- 12.00-13.00 **Parallel break-out sessions:**
- Panel 1: Services and Company Law**
- Moderator: - Pamela Brumter-Coret, Head of Unit for Business-to-consumer services, DG Internal Market and Services, European Commission
- Speakers: - Mark Stobbs, Director of Legal Policy, Law Society of England and Wales
- Miguel Fernández Díez, Head of Unit Economic Legal Framework, DG Economic Policy, Ministry of Economy and Finance of Spain

Panel 2: Workers' participation

- Moderator: - Armindo Silva, Director for Employment and Social Legislation, Social Dialogue, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- Speakers: - Martin Henssler, Prof. Dr. jur, Director of the Institute of labour and economic law, University of Köln, President of the Germany Law Association
- Jonas Malmberg, Professor of private law, particularly labour law, Uppsala University

Panel 3: Tax and Company Law

- Moderator: - Philip Kermode, Director for Direct taxation, Tax coordination, Economic analysis and evaluation, DG Taxation and Customs Union, European Commission
- Speakers: - Olivier Boutellis-Taft, CEO, Federation of European Accountants – FEE
- Georg Geberth, Director Tax Policy, Siemens

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-14.45 Reporting back from break-out sessions and discussion

- Moderator: - Eddy Wymeersch, Chairman of the European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI), Professor at the University of Gent

14.45-15.15 Coffee break

15.15-16.45 Panel discussion: "Groups of companies and the current European Company Law framework"

- Moderator: - Theodor Baums, Professor of Law, Director, Institute for Law and Finance, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt
- Speakers: - Professor Blanaid Clarke, School of Law, University College Dublin
- Leena Linnainmaa, Deputy Director General, Finland Chamber of Commerce
- Pierre-Henri Conac, Professor of Commercial and Company law, University of Luxembourg, ECGI Research Associate
- Vanessa Knapp OBE, Principal consultant, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
- Francesco Chiappetta, Pirelli Group General Counsel and Chairman of BusinessEurope Company Law Working Group

16.45-17.00 **Jonathan Faull**, Director General for Internal Market and Services, European Commission: Closing remarks