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HALF-DAY CONFERENCE

**CELEBRATING THE TEN YEARS OF THE
GLOBAL COMPETITION LAW CENTRE**

PRELIMINARY RULINGS IN EU ANTITRUST LAW

17 JANUARY 2014

COLLEGE OF EUROPE, BRUGES



AGENDA

13.30-14.00: **Registration and Welcome Coffee**

14.00-14.10: **Welcome Words, Presentation of the Conference**
Jacques Bourgeois, Professor, College of Europe; WilmerHale

14.10-14.30: **Keynote Speech by Vice-President **Joaquin Almunia**, introduced by Professor **Paul Demaret**, Former Rector of the College of Europe**

14.30-14.50: **INTRODUCTORY SESSION – SETTING THE SCENE**

Quantitative and Qualitative Overview of Preliminary Rulings since the Entry into force of Regulation 1/2003

Barry J. Rodger, Professor, University of Strathclyde

14.50-15.50: **SESSION 1 – PRELIMINARY RULINGS IN EU COMPETITION LAW: SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

Roundtable Discussion

Main Speaker: Allan Rosas, Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union

Comments by:

Sir Francis Jacob, Former Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Union; Professor, King's College London

Damien Geradin, Covington & Burling; Professor, George Mason University

Eric Gippini-Fournier, Legal Service, European Commission

Q&A Session

15.50-16.10: **Coffee break**

16.10-17.10: SESSION 2 – PRELIMINARY RULINGS IN EU COMPETITION LAW: INSTITUTIONAL AND PROCEDURAL LAW ISSUES

Roundtable Discussion

Main Speaker: Sir David Edwards, Former Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union

Comments by:

Denis Waelbroeck, Ashurst; Professor, College of Europe

Philip Marsden, BIICL; Professor, College of Europe

Jochen Burrichter, Hengeler Mueller [TBC]

Q&A Session

17.10-18.10: SESSION 3 – THE CONSEQUENCES OF PRELIMINARY RULINGS – REVIEW OF NATIONAL JUDGES

Roundtable Discussion

Main Speaker: Mercedes Pedraz Calvo, Audiencia Nacional

Comments by:

Michal Bobek, Professor, College of Europe

Luis Ortiz Blanco, Garrigues; Professor, College of Europe

Berend-Jan Drijber, Pelsrijcken

18.10-18.20: Concluding Remarks

Jörg Monar, Rector of the College of Europe [TBC]

18.20: End of Conference

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