



Global Competition Law Centre



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 Jacobs, 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 Edward, 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

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 Massimo Merola, Professor, College of Europe

18.20: End of Conference

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FURTHER INQUIRIES

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