

Objective

This annual conference will meet the requirements of company law specialists to stay informed on the latest developments in legislation, non-legislative initiatives, jurisprudence and best practice in this field.

Key topics

- The European Commission's action plan on European company law and corporate governance
- Disclosure of non-financial and diversity information by certain large companies and groups
- Shareholder engagement and activism
- Corporate governance
- Diversity at board level
- Remuneration policy
- Cross-border establishment and structural changes of companies

Who should attend?

Lawyers in private practice and in-house counsel.

Travel to Trier:

Shuttle services from Luxembourg airport to the ERA Conference Centre can be booked at special rates at: www.taxi-franken.de/era

Speakers

Mr Maurice Bauer, Vice-President, Head of Legal and Compliance, Luxembourg Stock Exchange, Luxembourg

Professor Blanaid Clarke, McCann Fitzgerald Chair of Corporate Law, Trinity College, Dublin

Dr Friedrich Jergitsch, Managing Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Vienna

Mr Howard M. Liebman, Partner, Jones Day, Brussels

Mr Ward Möhlmann, Policy Officer, DG MARKT, European Commission, Brussels

Professor Christoph Van der Elst, Professor of Business Law and Economics, Law School, University of Tilburg

Dr Peter Wand, International Counsel, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, Frankfurt

Professor Jaap W. Winter, Partner, De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek N.V., Amsterdam

Professor Jan Wouters, Professor of International Law and International Organizations, Director of the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, University of Leuven

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- LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
- SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS
- CROSS-BORDER ESTABLISHMENT AND STRUCTURAL CHANGES OF COMPANIES IN THE EU

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Thursday, 26 September 2013

- 08:45 Arrival and registration of participants
- 09:10 **Welcome and introduction**
Ewa Herman
- I. EUROPEAN COMPANY LAW – WHAT'S NEXT?**
- 09:15 **Overview of the European Commission's action plan on European company law and corporate governance**
Ward Möhlmann
- 10:00 Discussion
- 10:15 **Disclosure of non-financial and diversity information by certain large companies and groups: the European Commission's proposal to amend the Accounting Directives**
Howard Liebman
- 11:00 Discussion
- 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:45 **Comply or explain: Improving the quality of corporate governance reports provided by companies**
Maurice Bauer
- 12:30 Discussion
- 12:45 Lunch

- 14:15 **Gender diversity on European company boards**
Blanaid Clarke

14:45 Discussion

II. SHAREHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- 15:00 **Directors' remuneration and shareholders' long-term oversight**
Jaap Winter

15:45 Discussion

16:00 Coffee break

- 16:30 **The corporate response to shareholder activism**
Christoph Van der Elst

17:15 Discussion

17:30 End of the first day

19:00 Social programme

20:00 Dinner

Friday, 27 September 2013

III. CROSS-BORDER ESTABLISHMENT AND STRUCTURAL CHANGES OF COMPANIES IN THE EU

- 09:30 **Current challenges for cross-border transfer of seat within the EU**
Jan Wouters

10:15 Discussion

10:30 Coffee break

- 11:00 **Cross-border mergers, divisions and restructurings in the European context**
Peter Wand

11:45 Discussion

- 12:00 **Cross-border insolvency of business undertakings in the light of recent regulatory reforms**
Friedrich Jergitsch

12:45 Discussion

13:00 Closing remarks

13:15 Light lunch and end of conference

Programme may be subject to amendment.
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