

Objective

This conference will meet the requirements of lawyers to stay informed on the latest developments in legislation, jurisprudence and best practice regarding European private international and business law.

Key topics

- Presentation of the recast of Brussels I, to be applied from 10 January 2015 – including its interaction with the new Choice of Court Convention which will enter into force in the first half of 2015
- Forthcoming changes after the entry into force of Regulation (EU) No 655/2014 establishing a European Account Preservation Order procedure
- Recent case law and EU initiatives in the area of private, business, company and insolvency law

Who should attend?

Lawyers in private practice dealing with civil litigation and dispute resolution; in-house counsel; business, company and banking lawyers; representatives of business organisations; notaries; academics.

Travel to Trier:

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

Speakers

Professor Aw Stefania Bariatti, University of Milan; Of Counsel, Chiomenti Studio Legale, Milan

Dr Klaus Grabinski, Judge at the Federal Supreme Court of Germany, Karlsruhe

Richard de Haan, Partner, Allen & Overy, Amsterdam (to be confirmed)

Professor Burkhard Hess, Director, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law, Luxembourg

Professor Eva-Maria Kieninger, University of Würzburg

Dr Hermann J. Knott, Partner, Luther, Cologne

Dr Johannes Kremer, Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Frankfurt

Dr Marta Pertegás, First Secretary, Hague Conference on Private International Law, The Hague

Thomas Raphael, Barrister, 20 Essex Street, London

Professor Marta Requejo, Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law, Luxembourg

Dr Pavel Simon, Judge at the Supreme Court of the Czech Republic, Brno

Karen Vandekerckhove, Team Leader, Civil Justice Policy, DG Justice, European Commission, Brussels

Dr Rolf Wagner, Head of Division for Private International Law, Federal Ministry of Justice, Berlin

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPEAN PRIVATE & BUSINESS LAW

- BRUSSELS I & ROME I
- LAW APPLICABLE TO COMPANIES
- RESTRUCTURING & INSOLVENCY
- FREEZING OF BANK ACCOUNTS

Trier, 20-21 November 2014
ERA Conference Centre
Metzer Allee 4, Trier, Germany

Conference organiser:
Dr Angelika Fuchs

Languages: English and German
(simultaneous interpretation)

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Thursday, 20 November 2014

08:45 Arrival and registration

09:10 Welcome
Angelika Fuchs

Chair: *Marta Requejo*

I. "BRUSSELS I" AND BEYOND

09:15 **Where to sue after the recast of Brussels I? Forthcoming changes regarding jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of judgments**
Pavel Simon

09:45 Discussion

10:00 **The interplay of Brussels Ibis with the new Hague Choice of Court Convention**
Marta Pertegás

10:30 Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

Chair: *Pavel Simon*

11:15 **European-wide patent protection and international jurisdiction of the Unified Patent Court**
Klaus Grabinski

11:45 Discussion

12:00 **Recent CJEU case law on cross-border civil procedure**
Rolf Wagner

12:30 Discussion

12:45 Lunch

Chair: *Rolf Wagner*

II. CURRENT EU INITIATIVES

14:00 **Report from Brussels:**

- Post-Stockholm Programme
- E-Justice Action Plan 2014-2018
- Recovery of small claims: review
- Service of documents: plans for reform

Karen Vandekerckhove

14:30 Discussion

III. INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTS

14:45 **News regarding the Rome I Regulation – with a focus on the assignment of claims**
Eva-Maria Kieninger
News from Brussels: *Karen Vandekerckhove*

15:30 Discussion

15:45 Coffee break

Chair: *Stefania Bariatti*

16:00 **Rome I and the law applicable to companies**
Marta Requejo
News from Brussels: *Karen Vandekerckhove*

16:45 Discussion

IV. FREE MOVEMENT OF COMPANIES

17:00 **Vale and more: cross-border relocation of the seat and transformation of companies**
Hermann Knott

17:30 Discussion

17:45 End of the first conference day

19:30 Conference dinner

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Chair: *Burkhard Hess*

V. RESTRUCTURING AND INSOLVENCY

09:00 **Scheme of Arrangements in the restructuring process: novelties in the aftermath of the APCOA case**
Johannes Kremer

09:30 Discussion

09:45 **EU Insolvency Regulation: recent CJEU case law and revision**
Stefania Bariatti

10:15 Discussion

10:30 Coffee break

VI. FREEZING OF BANK ACCOUNTS

11:00 **Freezing orders in the UK and in the EU: a comparative approach**
Thomas Raphael

11:30 Discussion

11:45 **The European Account Preservation Order (EAPO): upcoming changes and open issues**
Richard de Haan

12:30 **Closing speech**
Burkhard Hess

13:00 Lunch and end of the conference

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