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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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**FURTHER INQUIRIES**

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**VENUE**

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