



CCBE debate on the proposed Common European Sales Law (CESL)

in the presence of Viviane Reding, Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship

Brussels, 17 December 2012, 11:00-13.00

CESL – lawyers buying into the process

The proposal from the European Commission for a Regulation on a Common European Sales Law (CESL) has raised divergent reactions from various stakeholders across Europe. In April this year, the CCBE co-organised a conference in Rome with the aim of promoting an exchange of views among legal practitioners regarding the main legal issues of the CESL. In September 2012, the CCBE adopted its position paper on this proposal after long internal deliberations.

This debate will begin with a presentation by Commissioner Viviane Reding, followed by the views of the CCBE as well as some distinguished legal practitioners from different Member States. It will be a unique opportunity for a dialogue between legal practitioners and the Commission as to how this proposal should be taken forward.

Venue

Thon Hotel EU
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 75, B-1040 Brussels (Belgium)
Room: *BELGIUM III*

Participants

- Invitees and experts from CCBE member Bars and Law Societies (including members of the European Private Law Committee);
- Representatives of other relevant organisations / European institutions / governments / professional bodies.

English and French will be the conference languages, without interpretation being provided.

Registration

Participants should register as soon as possible by e-mail, before 3 December 2012, to Véronique Jamart, jamart@ccbe.eu. Please indicate your name, organisation, function and country.

Cost

Participation in the conference is free. Participants should pay for their own accommodation and travel expenses.

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Programme

10:30 – Registration

11:00 – Opening address

Marcella Prunbauer-Glaser, President of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)

11:05 – The proposed Common European Sales Law

Viviane Reding, Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship

11:20 – CCBE position on the CESL

Friedrich Graf von Westphalen, Chair of the CCBE European Private Law Committee

11:30 - Discussion

11:45 – A national point of view

Guido Alpa (Italy), Peter Csoklich (Austria), Simon James (England and Wales), Pedro Portellano (Spain)

12:20 – What scholars say: a commentary on CESL

Prof. Reiner Schulze

12:30 – Concluding comments from the European Commission

Dirk Staudenmayer, Head of Unit – Contract law, European Commission

12:40 – Discussion

12:55 – Conclusions

13.00 – End of the conference

For background documentation about the Commission's proposal, please consult this page:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/news/20111011_en.htm