



Practical information

KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT LEUVEN
Faculteit Rechtsgeleerdheid

Date

The conference takes place on Friday,
9 January 2009 (9:00 - 18:30)

Venue

The Conference will be held:
9:00 – 17:00 in the “Zeger Van Hee
Auditorium”, Faculty of Law, K.U.Leuven,
Tiensestraat 41, 3000 Leuven
17:15 – 18:30 in the “Promotiezaal Hallen”
K.U.Leuven, Naamsestraat 22, 3000 Leuven
(followed by a reception).

Price

400 EUR per participant payable on account
432-0000011-57 of K.U.Leuven,
Oude Markt 13, België, 3000 Leuven
mentioning “name of the person(s) enrolling +
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The 'Vereniging van Vlaamse Balies' for this one-day
conference: 6 points (still to be granted)

The registration fee includes

- two books (“Miscellanea Jan Ronse” and
“The European Action Plan Revisited”)
- a walking lunch at the Salons Georges,
Hogeschoolplein, 15, 3000 Leuven
(within walking distance of the Faculty of Law)

Information :

More information can be obtained from
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Conference organizer :

Jan Ronse Instituut voor Vennootschapsrecht



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**The European Company Law
Action Plan 2003 revisited**



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THE EUROPEAN COMPANY LAW ACTION PLAN 2003 REVISITED

On 21 May 2003 the European Commission launched an ambitious Action Plan on company law. The Action Plan was prepared by two impressive reports of the High Level Group of Company Law Experts presided by Jaap Winter.

The Action Plan aimed at promoting free movement of companies, enhancing the transparency of listed companies and increasing shareholder value.

In the aftermath of its launching, the First and the Second Directive were modified, and the 'Tenth' (Cross Border Mergers) and the 'Thirteenth' Directive (Take Over Bids) were finally enacted. In line with the idea of self regulation, the Commission issued several recommendations on corporate governance.

At this moment, progress is still being made on the European Private Company and the study of solvency and liquidity tests which may in the long run replace capital as a creditor protecting device.

After thorough study, it was decided to take no further action for the time being on 'One share one vote' and 'Transfer of seat'.

At the occasion of its twentieth anniversary, the Jan Ronse Institute invited some of the finest European company law specialists to revisit the European Action Plan. Their discussion will be a.o. fed by six papers presented by twelve members of the 'school' which was founded by Professor Jan Ronse who passed away in 1988.

Professor Klaus Hopt, Director of the Max Planck Institute, will chair the conference and Professor Jaap Winter, Chairman of the High Level Group, will give his current views on the future of European Company Law. The Belgian Minister of Justice Jo Vandeurzen will commemorate Professor Jan Ronse and hand over the Miscellanea Jan Ronse to his wife.

PROGRAM (Zeger Van Hee, Tiensestraat 41)

09:15 Welcome address by HERMAN COUSY
(UNIV. LEUVEN)

09:30 Opening remarks by KLAUS J. HOPT
(MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE)

10:00–12:00 Workshops
(Zeger Van Hee, Tiensestraat 41)

Session 1: CAPITAL

Chair: DIDIER MARTIN (BREDIN PRAT, PARIS)
Paper: JEAN-MARIE NELISSEN GRADE and MATTHIAS WAUTERS
Response: JONATHAN RICKFORD (LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS)

Session 2: LE NOTAIRE, SA PLUS VALUE EN DROIT DES SOCIETES

Chair: FRANS BOUCKAERT (HON. NOTARY BRUGES)
Paper: LUC WEYTS and FRANK GODDEERIS
Response: HANNS-JAKOB PÜTZER (NOTARY BONN)

Session 3: ONE SHARE ONE VOTE

Chair: PETER MONTAGNON (ASSOCIATION BRITISH INSURERS)
Paper: KOEN GEENS and CARL CLOTTENS
Response: JOSE MARIA GARRIDO GARCIA (CUATRECASAS MADRID, UNIV. LA CASTILLA/LA MANCHA)

12:00 – 13:15 Walking lunch
(Salons Georges, Hogeschoolplein)

13:15 – 15:15 Workshops
(Zeger Van Hee, Tiensestraat 41)

Session 4: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Chair: PAUL DAVIES (LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS)
Paper: HILDE LAGA and FLORIS PARREIN
Response: EDDY WYMEERSCH (BFIC, CESR, UNIV. GHENT)

Session 5: FINANCIAL REPORTING

Chair: HENRI OLIVIER (FEE, UNIV. LIEGE)
Paper: KAREL VAN HULLE and FRANK HELLEMANS
Response: HANS BECKMAN (STIBBE AMSTERDAM, UNIV. ROTTERDAM AND GRONINGEN)

Session 6: CROSS BORDER MOBILITY

Chair: JAN MEYERS (CLEARY GOTTlieb, BRUSSELS)
Paper: MARIEKE WYCKAERT and FILIP JENNÉ
Response: LEVINUS TIMMERMAN (HOGE RAAD DER NEDERLANDEN, UNIV. ROTTERDAM)

15:30– 17:00
(Zeger Van Hee, Tiensestraat 41)

Debate: “Quo vadis European Action Plan?”

Chair: KLAUS J. HOPT
Participants: PAUL DAVIES, GUIDO FERRARINI (UNIV. GENOA), GERARD HERTIG (INST. TECHNOLOGY ZÜRICH), PHILIPPE PELLE (EU COMMISSION), LEVINUS TIMMERMAN, EDDY WYMEERSCH

17:15 – 18:30: Academic session commemorating Professor JAN RONSE (1921-1988)
Academische zitting in herinnering aan Professor JAN RONSE (1921-1988)
(Promotiezaal Hallen Naamsestraat 22)

Chair: WALTER VAN GERVEN (UNIV. LEUVEN)

Moving forward EU Corporate Governance and Company Law
Voortgang maken met Corporate Governance en het Vennootschapsrecht in Europa
JAAP WINTER (DE BRAUW BLACKSTONE WESTBROEK, UNIV. AMSTERDAM)

The message of Professor Jan Ronse for the lawyers of tomorrow
De boodschap van Professor Jan Ronse voor de juristen van morgen
JO VANDEURZEN (BELGIAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE/ MINISTER VAN JUSTITIE)

18:30 Reception
(Jubileumzaal, Naamsestraat 22)

Registration Form – The European Company Law Action Plan 2003 revisited

Please use one registration form per person

Name/Title:
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Address:
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