

Ius Commune Conference 2021

Workshop: Company Law

Thursday, 25 November (14.00 – 17.00)

Theme: Sustainable Corporate Governance

Last year the European Commission issued a consultation under the heading of the sustainable corporate governance initiative. This initiative aims, according to the commission, *'to improve the EU regulatory framework on company law and corporate governance. It would enable companies to focus on long-term sustainable value creation rather than short-term benefits. It aims to better align the interests of companies, their shareholders, managers, stakeholders and society.'* During this workshop we will further explore this topic.

We will look at how Dutch listed companies are embedding sustainability at the moment and what corporate governance and company law tools can be used to further enhance the quest for long term sustainable value creation.

- 14.00 – 14.15 **Chairs: Prof. Mieke Olaerts and Prof. Bastiaan Kemp** (Maastricht University)
Opening by the chairs
- 14.15 – 14.40 **Dr. Jonathan Hardman** (Edinburgh University)
Fixing Limited Liability
- 14.40 – 15.05 **Maxime Verheyden** (KU Leuven)
When it Rains in Paris, it Drizzles in Brussels? Corporate Purposes and Raisons d'être in the Articles of Association
- 15.05 – 15.20 **Discussion**
- 15.20 – 15.35 **Coffee break**
- 15.35 – 16.00 **Dr. Constantijn van Aartsen and Prof. Mieke Olaerts** (Maastricht University)
The Embedding of Sustainability in Dutch Listed Companies
- 16.00 – 16.30 **Prof. Harm-Jan de Kluiver** (University of Amsterdam) (TBC).
Conditions for Effective Anti-Climate Change Regulation from the Corporate Perspective
- 16.30 – 17.00 **Discussion and closing**