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Invitation to the
4th ECFR Symposium

in The Hague

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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the editors of the European Company and Financial Law Review (ECFR), the editors of "Ondernemingsrecht" (Kluwer Legal Publishers) and the Institute for Company Law (cooperation between Rijksuniversiteit Groningen & Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam), I would kindly like to invite you to the Fourth ECFR Symposium, which will take place

in **The Hague, the Netherlands**, on **Friday, October 2** (9.00 – ca. 18.00) on

1) The Financial Crisis (morning session)

and

2) The European Private Company (SPE) (afternoon session).

The ECFR Conference will be held in the Large Courtroom of the Supreme Court of the Netherlands, Kazernestraat 52, 2514 CV, Den Haag (The Hague). The Conference will be held in English.

On the basis of talks by both academics and practitioners, our conference schedule will visit the following topics:

Opening remarks

Geert Corstens
(President of the Supreme Court of the Netherlands)

Heribert Hirte
(Professor, University of Hamburg)

Morning Session

President: Vino Timmermann
(Professor, Erasmus University Rotterdam,
Advocate-General to the Supreme Court of the Netherlands)

Empowering the ECB to Supervise Banks: A Choice Based Approach

(Joe McCahery, Professor, University of Amsterdam/University of Tilburg)

Supervising cross-border banks in Europe

(Fabio Recine, Legal Counsel, European Central Bank, Financial Stability directorate,
Frankfurt/Main, Germany)

The Basel Committee's Reform Proposals for Winding up Financial Institutions

(Eva Hüpkes, Head of Regulation and Policy,
Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority, Bern, Co-chair of the Cross-border Bank
Resolution Group of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision)

– Morning break –

Financial Markets Regulation on the European Level

(Eddy Wymeersch, University of Ghent, Chair of CESR and Chair of the supervisory board of
the Belgian Banking and Finance Commission)

International Co-operation of Capital Markets Authorities

(Thomas Schmitz-Lippert, Head of the Department of International Relations,
Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht, Bonn, Germany)

The Role of Executive Compensation in and after the Financial Crisis

(Roberta Romano, Oscar M. Ruebhausen Professor of Law and
Director, Yale Law School Center for the Study of Corporate Law
Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A.)

Mastering the Financial Crisis: Answers by the French Legislature

(Pierre-Henri Conac, Professor, Université du Luxembourg, Luxembourg)

Policy Responses to the Financial Crisis from the Issuers' Point of View

(Carmine Di Noia, Deputy Director General, Head Capital Markets and Listed Companies,
ASSONIME [Italian Association of Listed Companies], Milan, Italy)

– Lunch break –

(Louis XV zaal, Pulchri Studio, Lange Voorhout 15, 2514 EA, Den Haag (The Hague))

Afternoon Session

President: Maarten Kroeze (Professor, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands)

The Role of Islamic Law in the Financial Crisis

(Moatasem elGheriani, Dr. iur., LL.M (Cornell), JSD (Berkeley)
Assistant Professor - Faculty of Law, Alexandria University, Alexandria, Egypt)

The Financial Crisis and Eastern Europe

(Konstantin Kucherenko, Kiev, Ukraine)

Why do we need the European Private Company (Societas Privata Europaea)?

(Robert Drury, Professor at the University of Exeter, England)

The Law applicable to the EPC

(Christoph Teichmann, Dr. iur.,
Professor at the Julius-Maximilians-Universität, Würzburg, Germany)

– Afternoon break –

Creditor Protection and the EPC

(Harm-Jan de Kluiver, Professor, University of Amsterdam, partner of De Brauw Blackstone
Westbroek Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

Shareholder Conflicts in the EPC

(Mette Neville, Professor, Aarhus Business School, Denmark)

The EPC and its Compatability with East European Company Law

(Krzysztof Oplustil, Professor, University of Krakow, Poland)

Directors' duties and liability in the EPC

(Nuria Latorre, Prof. Dra.,
Prof. Titular de Derecho mercantil, Universidad de Valencia, Spain)

Please let us know whether you would like to attend the conference by returning the attached form by, at the latest, **June 30th**. As soon as we receive your confirmation, we will arrange a room in The Hague, The Netherlands, for you according to your specification. The cost of accommodation will be billed to you separately by the hotel. The cost of participation in the conference is 100 Euros. Additional 50 Euros per person will be charged for participating in the conference dinner, which will be held on 1 October 2009 at 8 p.m. in Societeit "De Vereeniging", Kazernestraat 38B, 2514 CT, Den Haag (The Hague).

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Sebastian Mock (sebastian.mock@jura.uni-hamburg.de) at the University of Hamburg.

Kind regards
Yours

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