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European Company Law and Corporate Governance 2022

Dear Ms Durbešić

I hope this letter finds you well and I would like to wish you and your colleagues a happy successful New Year!

This year ERA's **Annual Conference on European Company Law and Corporate Governance 2022** will take place in Trier and online from **10-11 March 2022**. It will be a hybrid event, so you decide if you want to participate face-to-face in Trier or online. Please see the enclosed programme brochure for detailed information about the topics and speakers.

I would be grateful if you could inform your members and colleagues about this event.

In addition, we have created an exclusive discount voucher code your members/colleagues can take advantage of for a 25% discount. This code can be combined with the early bird discount where applicable (but no other discounts). To redeem the voucher, please select the price for "Discount Voucher Holders" and enter the code **CompanyLaw2022** in the commentary field during your online registration on our website www.era.int/?131170&en.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Philipp Gonder



Annual Conference on European Company Law and Corporate Governance 2022

- Gender, diversity and inclusion in corporate governance
- ESG corporate practices and reporting
- Update from the European Commission

Trier/Online, 10-11 March 2022



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Speakers

Deirdre Ahern, Associate Professor, Trinity College, Dublin

Linn Anker-Sørensen, Senior Manager, Tax & Law, EY Norway, Oslo

Pierre-Henri Conac, Professor of Commercial and Company Law, University of Luxembourg

Elizabeth Grace, Partner, Mathesons, Dublin*

Toni Jaeger-Fine, Assistant Dean, Fordham Law School, New York

Susanne Knöfel, Deputy Head of Company Law Unit, DG JUST, European Commission, Brussels

Christina Livada, Assistant Professor of Commercial Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Catherine Malecki, Professor of Private Law, University Rennes 2

Antoinette McDermott, Regulatory Diversity Lead, Governance and Operational Risk, Central Bank of Ireland, Dublin*

Michael Schweiger, Partner, Loyens & Loeff, Luxembourg

* to be confirmed

Key topics

- Inclusive corporate governance: gender equality and diversity in the C suite and the corporate boardroom
- Inclusive corporate practices: ESG corporate reporting and supply-chain due diligence
- Sustainable corporate governance and remuneration trends

Language
English

Event number
222R22ef

Organiser
Jens Hillebrand Pohl (ERA)



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Thursday, 10 March 2022

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 **Opening of the conference**

I. SETTING THE SCENE: INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, GENDER, AND THE 'S' IN ESG

Chair: Linn Anker-Sørensen

09:15 **An update on EU company law and corporate governance**

Susanne Knöfel

09:45 Discussion

10:00 **Sustainability as socially responsible business practice: the role of company law and corporate governance**

- From corporate social responsibility (CSR) to the Non-Financial Reporting Directive 2014/95/EU (NFRD): the origin and evolution of mandatory sustainability reporting
- Challenges and regulatory outcomes in relation to corporate sustainability from regulator and business perspectives

Deirdre Ahern

10:45 Discussion

10:00 **Roundtable debate: Quo vadis corporate sustainability? global and European initiatives**

Deirdre Ahern, Catherine Malecki, Michael Schweiger, Linn Anker-Sørensen (moderator)

10:30 Networking break

II. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Chair: Elizabeth Grace

11:00 **Taking responsibility: the role and importance of ESG oversight**

- Duties and liabilities of directors: how to determine the right oversight structure?
- Corporate purpose statements and how to deal with shareholder primacy

11:30 Discussion

11:45 **Diversity and inclusion on company boards and in top management**

- Driving diversity and inclusion in corporate issuers and supervised firms: what can, and should, financial regulators do?
- Leading by example: diversity and inclusion at the supervisory level

Antoinette McDermott

12:15 Discussion

12:30 Lunch break

14:00 **ESG reporting: information as a driver of sustainable corporate governance**

- Main reporting standards and the pressure for enhanced disclosure
- Disclosure and liability: public enforcement and stakeholder enforcement of company liability and directors' duties

Catherine Malecki

14:30 Discussion

14:45 **Influencing behaviours: sustainable remuneration trends**

- Overview of the legal framework in selected EU countries
- Lessons from the banking sector: EU remuneration requirements

Michael Schweiger

Objective

The aim of this annual conference is to update legal practitioners on the latest trends and current issues in European company law and corporate governance. The focus this year will be on the "S" in ESG, and on gender, diversity, and inclusion in board rooms, corporate decision-making, and sustainable corporate governance in general. The conference will also take stock of the European Commission's general company law and corporate governance priorities.

Who should attend?

The course is aimed at business lawyers in private practice, in-house counsel in the private sector, notaries and company registrars, compliance officers, risk managers and corporate governance professionals, civil servants dealing with business organisations and enterprise structures (financial supervision, compliance, risk management, competition review, taxation, ownership control, licensed activities, etc.), as well as corporate finance analysts.

Venue

ERA Conference Centre
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CPD

ERA's programmes meet the standard requirements for recognition as Continuing Professional Development (CPD). Participation in the full programme of this event corresponds to **9 CPD hours**. To obtain a certificate of participation for CPD purposes with indication of the number of training hours completed, online participants must allow for their participation to be tracked. CPD certificates must be requested at the latest 14 days after the event, after which the participation records will be deleted for data protection purposes.

- 15:15 Discussion
- 15:30 Networking break

III. BUILDING A DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE CORPORATE CULTURE

- 16:00 **Workshop: Building a diverse and inclusive corporate culture**
- Bringing diversity and inclusion to the boardroom and the C suite: The role of the company lawyer
 - Potential ways of ensuring ESG compliance through a diverse and inclusive corporate culture
- Toni Jaeger-Fine*
- 17:30 End of first conference day
- 19:00 Conference dinner

Friday, 11 March 2022

IV. EUROPEAN COMPANY LAW UPDATE

Chair: Pierre-Henri Conac

- 09:00 **Roundtable debate on the progress towards modernising European company law**
- Christina Livada, Susanne Knöfel, Pierre-Henri Conac (moderator)*
- 10:30 Networking break
- 11:00 **Company law and inclusive business practices**
- Linking corporate governance and sound practices in stakeholder relations: consumers, employees, suppliers
 - CSR, BHR, and the contours of a coherent inclusion agenda
- Chrisina Livada*
- 11:30 Discussion
- 11:45 **Sustainable corporate governance: a way forward?**
- Critical evaluation of the EU sustainable corporate governance agenda
 - Alternative ways to promote corporate governance sustainability
- 12:15 Discussion
- 12:30 End of conference

For programme updates: www.era.int
 Programme may be subject to amendment.

Important note

This is a hybrid event. You can participate either face-to-face or online and you can switch your participation method at no cost until one day before the event.

If we are obliged to hold the event online-only due to the Covid-19 pandemic, you will be able to cancel your face-to-face participation at no cost.

Please note that payment by invoice must be made at the latest two days prior to the event.

Covid-19 prevention and hygiene rules

The safety of our guests, partners and staff is our priority. ERA will take strict hygienic precautions and ensure continuous monitoring and compliance with the applicable Covid-related hygiene regulations.

Please visit the following site for more information: www.era.int/en/COVID

The number of places might be limited due to the current Covid-19 restrictions with which we have to comply. We recommend registering sooner rather than later.

Save the date

Summer Course on EU Financial Regulation and Supervision
 Trier, 20-24 June 2022

Summer Course on WTO and EU Trade Law
 Online, 27 June – 1 July 2022



Times indicated are CET
 (Central European Time)

Registration

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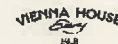
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Registration fee

Fee	Standard	EU & ERA patrons*	Young lawyers & other groups**
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- For young lawyers up to 30 years of age (important: the participant must provide a copy or details of his or her passport or identity card on request);
- Full-time staff of universities or comparable academic institutions;
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- Fellows of the European Law Institute

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