The present explosion in complex litigation and claims for collective redress is challenging the mechanisms of civil litigation in Europe and worldwide. The ongoing revision process of the Brussels I Regulation — an instrument designed primarily for individual litigation — provides the impetus for a general examination as to whether the legislative instruments of EU private international law — and the institutional mechanisms of judicial cooperation — can effectively and efficiently address the challenges that collective litigation poses for European civil justice. Should Europe adopt the US-style model of cross-border class actions? What should be the territorial reach of collective redress mechanisms within and outside the EU? Should the EU adopt specific rules to deal with cross-border collective redress in specific fields, such as competition law, financial regulation and consumer protection?

These questions, and much more, will be reviewed in this international symposium organised by the University of Brussels (ULB) and the University of Cyprus in cooperation with several other European academic institutions. Eminent experts in private international law and regulatory law will discuss the various issues pertaining to cross-border collective redress with a view to presenting the current state of things, suggesting solutions for practitioners and providing ideas for the future.

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Arnaud Nuyts, Université Libre de Bruxelles
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Michael Karayanni, Hebrew University
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Maciej Szpunar, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (PL), University of Silesia
Lukasz Gorywoda, Université Libre de Bruxelles
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Horatia Muir Watt, Science-Po Paris
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Burkhard Hess, University of Heidelberg
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Richard Fenntiman, University of Cambridge
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Louise Ellen Teitz, Roger Williams University, Hague Conference
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