

CROSS-BORDER CLASS ACTIONS : THE EUROPEAN WAY

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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.



Registration Fees

- 150 €
- Registration fees cover attendance to all sessions, conference material, lunch & coffee breaks. The fees should be paid by 20 April 2012.

Publication & Simultaneous Translation

The Conference proceedings will be published in a book form which will appear later (cost not included in registration fee). The sessions will be conducted in English or French with simultaneous translation.

Date and Time

Friday 27 april 2012
9 AM

Venue

Stanhope Hotel
Rue du Commerce, 9
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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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- 8:30 **Registration and Distribution of Documents**
↳ 9:00
- 9:00 **Welcome Speech**
↳ 9:15
Andrée Puttemans, Dean of the Law Faculty of Université Libre de Bruxelles
- Introduction to the conference**
Arnaud Nuyts, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- PART I**
Aggregate Litigation As A New Regulatory Technique
Chair : George Arestis, Judge, European Court of Justice
- 9:15 **A Model Typology of Class Actions**
↳ 9:40
Michael Karayanni, Hebrew University
- 9:40 **Introducing a EU Regime for Collective Redress Litigation – The State of Play**
↳ 10:20
Maciej Szpunar, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (PL), University of Silesia
Lukasz Gorywoda, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 10:20 **Collective Redress in the Post-Regulatory State**
↳ 10:45
Horatia Muir Watt, Science-Po Paris
- 10:45 **Question time**
↳ 11:05
- 11:05 **Coffee Break**
↳ 11:25
- PART II**
Eu Cross-Border Collective Redress Litigation
Chair : Alexander Layton QC, 20 Essex Street, London
- 11:25 **Collective Redress and the Brussels I Jurisdictional Model**
↳ 11:50
Burkhard Hess, University of Heidelberg
- 11:50 **The Consolidation of Collective Claims under Brussels I**
↳ 12:15
Arnaud Nuyts, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 12:15 **Recognition, Enforcement and Collective Judgments**
↳ 12:40
Richard Fentiman, University of Cambridge
- 12:40 **Question Time**
↳ 13:00
- 13:00 **Lunch Time**
↳ 14:10
Keynote speech: *Salla Saastamoinen, Head of Unit, Civil Justice Policy, European Commission*

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- 14:10 **The Worldwide Reach of US Class Actions**
↳ 14:50
Ralf Michaels, Duke University
Louise Ellen Teitz, Roger Williams University, Hague Conference
- 14:50 **Collective Redress and Arbitration**
↳ 15:10
Luca Radicati di Brozolo, Catholic University of Milano
- 15:10 **Coffee Break**
↳ 15:30
- Part III**
Cross-Border Collective Redress in Specific Fields
Chair : Hakim Boularbah, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 15:30 **Collective Redress and Competition Policy**
↳ 16:10
Michael Hellner, University of Stockholm
Lia Athanassiou, University of Athens
- 16:10 **Collective Redress and Consumer Protection**
↳ 16:50
Cristina González Beilfuss, University of Barcelona
Malgorzata Posnow, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 16:50 **Collective Redress and Financial Markets**
↳ 17:30
Anna Gardella, Catholic University of Milano
Charalambos Savvides, University of Cyprus
- 17:30 **Question Time**
↳ 18:00
- 18:00 **Conclusions: Collective Redress and Global Governance**
Nikitas Hatzimihail, University of Cyprus

Registration Form

to be sent by 20 April 2012

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