





### About the Event

This year's annual conference of The Law Society's European Group will again be held in Brussels, at the Hôtel Métropole. This will be a very good opportunity to debate some key EC law issues, including the European Commission's Article 82 review, private enforcement of the competition rules, parallel imports (including the free movement of goods aspects), merger control and state aid. In addition, the conference will include an update on EC level developments in the electronic communications sector and the forthcoming Audiovisual Media Services Directive (revising the TV Without Frontiers Directive).

We are very fortunate to have as speakers, a number of prominent European Commission officials from within DG Competition, DG Information Society and Media and the Commission's Legal Service, and some well-known academic and practising lawyers. These include in-house lawyers who are well placed to give industry perspectives on important developments, and three leading QCs.

As in previous years, we believe the annual conference provides excellent value for money. The conference fee includes a place at the conference dinner which will take place on the Thursday evening at the elegant Kasteel Van Ruisbroeck, just outside Brussels and, optionally, one night's accommodation at the Hôtel Métropole.

Non-members as well as LSEG members are all encouraged to participate, though of course we hope that any non-members booking a place at the conference will also find it worthwhile to join the LSEG.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Brussels.

**Richard Eccles, LSEG Conference Chair**

**9.5 Hours CPD**

Cover photograph Kasteel Van Ruisbroeck

# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

## Thursday 28 June

12.30 pm - 2.00 pm

### Registration and Lunch

2.00 pm - 2.15 pm

### Welcome by the Conference Chairman

Richard Eccles, Bird & Bird, London

2.15 pm - 4.00 pm

### Article 82

Current issues under the Commission's Article 82 review:

Emil Paulis, Acting Deputy Director - General, DG Competition, European Commission

Economic evidence - dominance and excessive pricing:

Sarah Godwin, Head of Competition Law, Vodafone Group

Towards a workable framework for the most common abuses:

Robert O'Donoghue, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Brussels

Experience in the European Court of Justice and Competition Appeal Tribunal:

Christopher Vajda QC, Monckton Chambers

4.00 pm - 4.15 pm

### Tea

4.15 pm - 5.30 pm

### EC Merger Control

Jurisdictional issues under Article 21 of the EC Merger Control Regulation:

Theofanis Christoforou, Head of Competition & Mergers Team, Legal Service, European Commission

Remedies - the Commission's approach:

Professor Richard Whish, King's College, London

7.30 pm

### Dinner

Kasteel Van Ruisbroeck

Speaker : Philip Lowe,

Director-General,

DG Competition,

European Commission



Philip Lowe  
European Commission



## Friday 29 June

9.00 am - 9.05 am

### Introduction by the Conference Chairman

Richard Eccles, Bird & Bird, London

9.05 am - 9.35 am

### Keynote Address:

Human Rights and Community Law  
Peter Oliver, Legal Advisor, European Commission

9.35 am - 10.55 am

### State Aid

Recent initiatives and current directions under the EC's State Aid Action Plan:

Lowri Evans, Deputy Director - General, DG Competition, European Commission

Costs analysis for services of general economic interest - Article 82 and State aid treatment compared:

Bernard Roy, Director of Regulation, La Poste, France

The State aid challenge of public service compensation:

Alessandra Fratini, O'Connor and Company, Brussels

10.55 am - 11.15 am

### Coffee

11.15 am - 12.30 pm

### Electronic Communications and TV Without Frontiers

Electronic communications - the Roaming Regulation and update on wider developments:

Peter Rodford, Head of Unit, DG Information Society and Media, European Commission

The Audiovisual Media Services

Directive - TV Without Frontiers revised:

Harald Trettenbrein, Deputy Head of Unit, Audiovisual and Media

Policies Unit, European Commission

UK priorities and perspectives:

Nigel Hickson, Deputy Director, EU ICT Policy and Regulation, Department of Trade and Industry

12.30 pm - 1.45pm

### Lunch

1.45 pm - 3.15 pm

### Private Enforcement of the Competition Rules

Implementation of the Commission's review:

Donncadh Woods, Directorate A, DG Competition, European Commission

Recent experiences in the High Court:

Nicholas Green QC, Brick Court Chambers

Quantification of damages - reflections on *Healthcare at Home v Genzyme*:

Elizabeth Gutteridge, Deloitte & Touche LLP

Follow-on actions in the Competition Appeal Tribunal:

Vivien Rose, Chairman, Competition Appeal Tribunal

3.15 pm - 3.30 pm

### Tea

3.30 pm - 5.00 pm

### Parallel Imports

Controlling pharmaceuticals supplies to parallel exporters -Articles 81 and 82:

Brian Cahill, Senior Vice -President, Legal Operations, UK & Europe, GlaxoSmithKline plc

Recent EC competition law rulings on distribution and pricing of pharmaceuticals:

Fernando Castillo de la Torre, Legal Advisor, European Commission

Intra-EEA and international exhaustion of trademark rights - *Boehringer Ingelheim II*

and developments since *Davidoff*:

Geoffrey Hobbs QC, One Essex Court

5.00 pm

### Close of Conference

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Traveling by EUROSTAR to Brussels

By Eurostar from London Waterloo to Brussels will take 2hrs 40 mins with a choice of 10 trains a day. For up-to-date information about fares and timetables, please contact Eurostar direct, details as below:-

Eurostar timetables and information: [www.eurostar.com](http://www.eurostar.com)

Eurostar bookings from the UK: 08705 186 186

or from outside the UK +44 (0)1233 617 575

### Conference Venue

Hôtel Métropole

Place de Brouckère 31, B -1000 Brussels, Belgium

Tel : +32-2-217 23 00 Fax: : +32-2-218 02 20

### Conference Dinner

The Conference Dinner will be held at Kasteel Van Ruisbroeck which is approximately 25 minutes from the Hôtel Métropole. Coach transport will be arranged for delegates to attend the Dinner at this stunning, historic venue. A ticket is included in the Conference Registration fees but additional tickets can also be purchased for clients, colleagues and guests not attending the Conference.

### Joining Instructions

These will be sent approximately two weeks before the Conference.

### Conference Registration

The Conference fees are £675 + VAT (£793.13) for members; £780 + VAT (£916.50) for non-members; £390 + VAT (£458.25) for trainees or unemployed delegates. They include attendance at all business sessions, documentation, lunch and dinner and one night's single occupancy accommodation on Thursday at the Hôtel Métropole and refreshments (including lunch) on Friday. Reduced fees apply for full attendance without accommodation. Please select your preferred option below.

Please note that travel is not included in the registration fees.

### Enquiries

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The Organisers reserve the right to alter the content of the programme or substitute other speakers.

## DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS** and photocopy this form if you are applying for more than one place.

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Other \_\_\_\_\_ Forename \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_

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**LSEG Membership** A subscription to The Law Society's European Group (LSEG) will provide you with immediate access to an annual programme of talks on EU law; a free subscription to the journal 'Lawyers Europe'; plus notification of a number of other social and educational events, all of which carry CPD credit.

If you are not already a member but would like to join now and thus benefit from the reduced conference fees, please indicate below, under Conference Fees.

**Fully-Inclusive Conference Fees** Conference sessions, documentation, all refreshments, conference dinner, bed and breakfast

LSEG Members: £675 + VAT (£793.13)

Non-Members: £780 + VAT (£916.50)

Trainee / unemployed: £390 + VAT (£458.25)

LSEG Annual Membership: £35 (membership is VAT exempt)

**Conference Attendance Fees (Minus Accommodation)** Conference sessions, documentation, all refreshments and conference dinner

LSEG Members: £595 + VAT (£699.13)

Non-Members: £700 + VAT (£822.50)

Trainee / unemployed: £350 + VAT (£411.25)

LSEG Annual Membership: £35 (membership is VAT exempt)

You may also purchase additional tickets for the Dinner for your colleagues and clients:

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at £70 + VAT (£82.25)

### Payment

One cheque should be sent for all delegates included on the same registration form. Payment is required in advance of the Conference, and should be paid in pounds sterling. We regret that payment cannot be made by credit card.

I enclose a sterling cheque payable to **The Law Society's European Group** for the following fees:

**Total Fees: £** \_\_\_\_\_ and/or I require an invoice

LSEG VAT registration number is 241 3928 71

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Cancellation

Please note that in the event of cancellation no refunds will be made but substitute delegates are welcome. Please advise us of any changes as soon as possible.

**Completed forms together with payment should be returned to:**

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