

General information

When?

Tuesday 10 July 2018, from 13:30 till 18:30

Where?

Room CB-2, Theil Building (see map below), Erasmus University Rotterdam



For whom?

Practitioners, policymakers, and academics that have an interest in the recent developments of international commercial courts in the EU and in the challenges they may pose.

Costs

€ 100 for practising lawyers requesting permanent educational credits (*NOVA opleidingspunten*).

€ 50 for other attendants.

No fee for (PhD) students, staff of Erasmus University Rotterdam, Utrecht University and the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg. *Attendants from public institutions or private persons having little resources can request a waiver (please send an email to biard@law.eur.nl).*

Registration

You can register on the following website: <https://www.eur.nl/en/esl/events/innovating-courts>.

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Innovating International Business Courts: a European Outlook

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Innovating International Business Courts: a European Outlook

A number of Member States have recently established or are in the process of establishing specialised commercial courts to facilitate international business litigation. These initiatives can have a profound impact on the litigation landscape in Europe as well as on the efficiency and effectivity of justice systems. In February 2018, the French Ministry of Justice inaugurated the International Commercial Chamber within the Paris Court of Appeal. A few weeks later, the Dutch House of Representatives adopted the proposal creating the Netherlands Commercial Court (NCC), which will open its doors on 1 July 2018. In parallel, Belgium is discussing the creation of the Brussels International Business Court (BIBC), while an initiative has been launched in Germany to strengthen Frankfurt as a go-to point for commercial litigation in Europe (the Frankfurt Initiative).

Although these courts can contribute to an effective and more tailor-made resolution of complex and international business disputes, they also create new challenges for judges, litigants, and the civil justice system as a whole.

The objective is to discuss these initiatives, in particular the novelties in the court administration and the procedural rules; to exchange views on the impact on international commercial and complex litigation; and to reflect on the challenges ahead. The seminar will bring together academics, policy makers, practitioners, and business representatives from different Member States.

Programme

13.00 – 13.30 Registration

13:30 – 13:45 Welcome

Fabian Amttenbrink

Vice Dean Erasmus School of Law

Opening

Xandra Kramer

Erasmus University Rotterdam

Burkhard Hess

Max Planck Institute Luxembourg

Views from the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and France

Chair: Harriët Schelhaas

Erasmus University Rotterdam

13:45 – 14:15 The Netherlands: the Netherlands Commercial Court

Eddy Bauw

Montaigne Centre - Utrecht University



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14:15 – 14:45 The United Kingdom: A view from the Business and Property Courts in London

Sir Geoffrey Vos

Chancellor of the High Court, London

14:45 – 15:15 The French approach to international commercial litigation

Gérard Gardella

Haut Comité juridique de la place financière de Paris (HCJP)

15:15 – 15:45 Discussion

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee break

Views from Germany, Belgium – Panel discussion

Chair: Diana Wallis

Universities of Hull and Oxford

16:15 – 16:45 Germany: The Frankfurt Initiative on international commercial litigation

Burkhard Hess

Max Planck Institute Luxembourg

16:45 – 17:15 Belgium: The proposal for the Brussels International Business Court

Philippe Lambrecht

Federation of Enterprises in Belgium (FEB)

17:15 – 17:45 Discussion

17:45 – 18:30 Roundtable discussion

Duco Oranje

President Netherlands Commercial Court of Appeal

Sir Nicholas Hamblen

Lord Justice of Appeal, England and Wales

Ilse Couwenberg

Court of Appeal Antwerp, Belgium

Ulrike Willoughby / Ina Frost

District Court of Frankfurt, Germany

From 18:30 Drinks at the Erasmus Pavilion