

## List of speakers

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**Dick Bonenkamp**, General Director, Merlijn Groep, Nuland

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**Gwen Godfrey**, Partner, DMH Stallard, Gatwick

**Edwin Jacobs**, Lawyer, Monard-D'Hulst, Brussels

**Kai-Uwe Karl**, GE Oil & Gas, Florence

**Samir Latif**, Senior Legal Advisor, USAID's Macedonian Business Environment Activity, Booz Allen Hamilton, Skopje

**John McMullen**, Partner, Watson Burton LLP, Leeds; Professor of Labour Law, University of Leeds

**Annette Nordhausen**, Lecturer, University of Manchester

**Gösta Petri**, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Health and Consumer Protection European Commission, Brussels

**Denis Philippe**, Partner, Philippe & Partners, Brussels; Extraordinary Professor at the Catholic University of Louvain and at the ICHEC and Lecturer at the University of Paris X Nanterre

**Gabriella Porcelli**, Associate Director of Legal Affairs, Pfizer Italia Srl, Rome

**Jonathan Sinclair**, Partner, Eversheds LLP, Leeds

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Interaction among participants will be encouraged through periods of discussion and case studies.

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## Thursday, 24 April 2008

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- 13:30 Arrival and registration of participants
- 14:00 **Welcome words**  
*Jean-Philippe Rageade, ERA*  
*Paul de Jonge, ECLA*
- 14:15 **Legal professional privilege:**  
**Analysis of the Akzo Nobel decision of the CFI**  
Lessons to be learned, how to protect your in-house documents?  
*Gabriella Porcelli*  
*Jonathan Sinclair*
- 15:00 Questions / discussion
- 15:15 **Enforcement of EC competition law: Measures adopted and to be adopted to improve enforcement**  
Leniency notice; fines; damages actions; new legislative package on settlement procedure for cartels; how do all these instruments interact?  
*Werner Berg*
- 16:00 Questions / discussion
- 16:15 Coffee break
- 16:45 **Cross-border mergers: Directive 2005/56 on cross-border mergers of companies with share capital**  
Main features of the Directive and some examples of its implementation in the member states  
*Gwen Godfrey*  
*Denis Philippe*

17:30 Questions / discussion

17:45 **Corporate social responsibility**  
**The role of the in-house counsel**  
*Samir Latif*

18:15 Questions / discussion

18:30 Reception and end of the first conference day

## Friday, 25 April 2008

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09:15 **Doing e-commerce in Europe**  
**Presentation and study of a fictional case in groups reflecting current legal problems**  
The e-commerce Directive; competent jurisdiction; applicable law  
*Annette Nordhausen*  
*Edwin Jacobs*

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **Discussion and proposed solutions by the moderators**

11:30 **Transfer of undertakings: Directive 2001/23/EC relating to the safeguarding of employees' rights in the event of transfers of undertakings**  
Main features; its application in the member states; relevant case-law  
*John McMullen*

12:15 Questions / discussion

12:30 Lunch

14:00 **Review of the consumer acquis:**  
Will this reform create a more predictable regulatory environment for businesses in cross-border trade?

### **Panel Discussion:**

*Chair: Annette Nordhausen*

- *Gösta Petri*
- *European Parliament*
- *Marie Paule Wagner*

15:15 Questions / discussion

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **Mediation in cross-border disputes:** Advantages over court litigation and arbitration? Best practices; the mediation Directive  
*Dick Bonenkamp*  
*Kai-Uwe Karl*

16:45 Questions / discussion

17:00 **Data Protection:**  
**How to handle data protection issues in international groups?**  
With special focus on the export of personal data from a EU member state to a non-EU country  
*Dan Cooper*

17:30 Questions / discussion

17:45 End of the conference

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