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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Several mediation stakeholders in Belgium have suggested that the AIA organise a brainstorming event to listen to and discuss ideas for the improvement of mediation in Belgium.

As a general promoter of ADR, the AIA is in favour of encouraging talks and debates in this field. We have therefore decided to organise an event in Brussels on **Thursday 27th June 2013 (1,45 pm – 5pm)** at the Palace of Justice.

Accordingly, the AIA will invite speakers from neighbouring countries to talk about initiatives that were taken in their jurisdictions to optimise mediation. This will build a good foundation on which the group can then openly reflect on the extent to which such initiatives could/should be duplicated /improved in Belgian rules and practices. In this scenario, everyone is very welcome to share his/her ideas and to provide feedback on suggestions raised within the group.

We hope that the event will stimulate participants into reaching a consensus on what the future of mediation in Belgium should look like. Subsequently, an AIA action plan will be prepared and transmitted to relevant policy makers.

Please inform all contacts of interest about this initiative, as we would like all the essential mediation stakeholders present at our event and ready to share their views (Everyone's voice will count!).

Participation will be free of charge to AIA members and EMTPJ alumnae (www.emtpj.eu). We ask other participants for a small contribution of 25 EUR (VAT included) to cover part of the organisational costs. Please complete the attached registration form asap and return it to AIA if you wish to attend.

We look forward to exchanging ideas with you.

Kind regards,
AIA Team

[This brainstorming event is partly sponsored by the Brussels based law firm Billiet&Co (www.billiet-co.be). Please feel free to contact us should you wish to request the AIA to take particular initiative or should you also wish to become a sponsor of an AIA initiative.]