

Seminar on “Collective Redress through ADR”

March 12th, 2014

The Institute for European Studies,
“Rome Room”, Pleinlaan 5, Brussels, Belgium

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SEMINAR PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2014

13.30 - 13:50 Registration

13:50 - 14:00 Welcome address: Johan BILLIET

Session 1 - THE EU CONTEXT

14:00 -14:30 **Collective Redress on an EU Level**

Speaker: Jacek GARSTKA, Legislative Officer at the European Commission, Directorate-General for Justice

Main topics: The European Commission’s Initiative on Collective Redress 2013, the Commissions Communication and Recommendation

14:30 - 15:00 **Mass Consumer Claims**

Speaker: Augusta MACIULEVIČIŪTĖ, Senior Legal Officer at BEUC, The European Consumers Organisation

Main topics: Easier access to justice, effective enforceability, enhanced bargaining power for consumers

15:00 - 15:15 Coffee break

Session 2 - ARBITRATION AND CLASS ACTIONS

15:15 - 16:45 **Discussion on Arbitration and class actions**

Speakers: Johan BILLIET, Sara RIBBEKLINT, António Pedro Pinto MONTEIRO

16:45 - 17:00 Coffee break



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**Session 3 - NEW BELGIAN CLASS ACTION BILL AND
MEDIATION**

17:00 - 17:30

Presentation of the Belgian Class Action Bill

Speaker: Philippe BILLIET

17:30 - 18:15

**Principled negotiation and mediation in collective redress: the
case of Belgium**

Speaker: Willem MEUWISSEN

18:15 - 19:00

Cocktail reception