



Society of
European Contract Law
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Communication from the Commission
on European Contract Law
(Harmonisation, Code, Optional Code)



Invitation to a Conference
Leuven, 30th of Nov. and 1st of Dec. 2001

30th of November

I. The Green Paper process so far

11.30 1. Communication of the EU-Commission – alternatives and responses received so far

12.30 Sandwich Lunch

II. Minimum harmonisation continued?

13.30 2. Design for an empirical data investigation into the impact of contract law harmonisation law under the White Paper of 1985

Schwartz, Wuppertal University

13.50 3. Continuing contract law harmonisation under the White Paper of 1985 – partly with modifications

a) Comments

Beale, Law Comm.London, Warwick University

Brügge, Bremen University

Drexl, Munich University

Howells, Sheffield University

Tillemann, Leuven University

15.00 b) Progressive codification

Bianca, Rome University Sapienza

15.15 c) Questions and Discussion

15.45 Coffee

III. European Code, no national laws

16.00 4. European Code substituting national laws

a) The borderlines: Consumer Law Code, Contract Law Code, full Civil Code

von Bar, Osnabrück University

Bussani, Trieste University

Hesselink, Amsterdam University

16.40 b) The core arguments in favour of a Code substituting national laws

Basedow, Max-Planck-Institute Hamburg

Gandolfi, Pavia University

Ghestin, Paris I University

Lando, Copenhagen Business School

Mattei, Torino University

Schwintowski, Humboldt University Berlin

18.00 Coffee

18.15 c) The core arguments against a Code substituting national laws - optional elements

van den Bergh, Rotterdam University

Collins, London School of Economics

Storme, Leuven University

19.00 d) Questions and Discussion

20.00 Dinner at the Faculty Club

Groot Begijnhof

1st of December

IV. Optional European Code supplementing national laws

9.00 5. A map of potential designs

Grundmann, Halle University

Kerber, Marburg University

9.40 Coffee

10.00 6. Optional Code – pros and cons of potential designs

a) Comments

Drobnig, Max-Planck-Institute Hamburg

van Gerven, Leuven University

de Geest, Ghent and Utrecht University

Kirchner, Humboldt University Berlin

Smits, Maastricht University

Wilhelmsson, Helsinki University

11.30 b) Questions and Discussion

12.30 Sandwich Lunch

13.30 General Discussion

Introduction and chair: Stuyck, Leuven University

15.30 End of the Conference

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