

E-learning

Participants will have the opportunity to prepare in advance for the summer course through an online e-learning course and to test their knowledge via the ERA website. The e-learning materials will provide the basics of the topic that the summer course will build on and thus ensure that all participants have a common basic level of knowledge before they start. For more information, please consult www.era.int.

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The impact of enlargement and globalisation on the internal market creates a special context for individuals and companies that operate across borders. The European Commission has launched a wide-ranging strategy to adapt and harmonise European company law to meet these new challenges.

European law has considerably influenced the shape of modern company law in EU member states. Directives and the case law of the European Court of Justice have helped to harmonise national laws and regulations have introduced new legal forms for businesses. The 'europeanisation' of company law continues apace.

This course will offer an introduction to the principles and framework of European company law. It will provide a comprehensive overview of subjects including the formation of different types of companies, corporate governance and management options, capital requirements and shareholders' rights. In addition, topics such as corporate restructuring and mobility as well as the characteristics of transnational financial vehicles will be addressed, albeit taking into consideration national particularities. The course will address current challenges and the latest legislative proposals. The analysis of ECJ case law will be an essential element of the course.

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Wednesday, 18 June 2008

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants

09:15 **Welcome and introduction**

Session I: Overview and Basics

09:30 **Basis for European company law
– freedom of establishment –**

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 **European Commission actions and
strategies in the field**
Legal framework

Session II: Conflicts of Law – Case Law and Case Studies

12:30 **Company mobility and ECJ case law**

13:30 Lunch

15:00 **Cross-border transfer of seat
and mergers**

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 **Tax law as a cross-border issue?**
- How to deal with cross-border tax
planning?
- Relevant ECJ case law

17:30 End of the first course day

18:30 Guided city tour

Thursday, 19 June 2008

Session III: Requirements Regarding a Company's Life Cycle

09:30 **Emergence of the company**

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 **Capital requirements**
- Alternative and maintenance rules
- Efficiency of the assets-liability-
capital triangle

12:00 **Termination of the company:
Liquidation and insolvency**

13:00 Lunch

Session IV: Practical Cases

14:30 **Presentation of case studies**

15:00 **Workshops**

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 **Workshops**

17:15 **Results of workshops, comments and
discussion**

18:00 End of the second course day

19:30 Dinner

Friday, 20 June 2008

Session V: Corporate Governance

09:30 **Management systems and
consequences**
Representation, supervision functions,
collective decision-making

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 **Participation and control**
- Shareholders rights and obligations
- Control of auditors

12:00 **Corporate social responsibility
Concept and scope**

13:00 Buffet

Session VI: Supranational Structures

14:30 **Structures adopted**
- "Societas Europaea" (SE)
- The European Economic Interest
Grouping (EEIG)
- European Cooperative Society (SCE)

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 **Structures in the pipeline**
- European Private Company
- Foundations

17:00 End of the summer course

Programme may be subject to amendment

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