

CONFERENCES AND SUMMITS

## Annual conference of the European Commission Legal Service

Join us in Brussels or online to discuss the crucial changes brought by the entry into force of the Digital Services Act and the Digital Markets Act and to debate on the pressing matters of intergenerational justice and climate litigation.

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION LEGAL SERVICE

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Hybrid Event - Brussels  
Charlemagne Building

From now on, the Legal Service will every year bring together all actors of EU law: judges, lawyers, in-house counsel, academics, lawyers in the Union Institutions, Member States administrations and in NGOs as well as other stakeholders, to exchange on central topics of EU law.

You will find below a draft programme and the registration link to the first Annual Conference of the European Commission Legal Service, to which we have the pleasure of inviting you.


To access the registration platform, participants have to use or create an EU Login account (with first name, last name and email address).

Register


here ([https://scic.ec.europa.eu/ew/register/dgscic/First\\_annual\\_Conference\\_EClegalservice/e/lk/g/52900/k/](https://scic.ec.europa.eu/ew/register/dgscic/First_annual_Conference_EClegalservice/e/lk/g/52900/k/)).

Book your seat, 1 month left to register, registration will end on 10 March 2023, 12:00 CET

 EU law | digital single market | climate change

 17 March 2023, 08:00 CET

 Brussels, Belgium

 Live streaming available

## Programme

- **17 Mar 2023,**  
**08:00 AM - 09:15 AM CET**

**Registration and welcome coffee**

- **09:15 AM - 09:40 AM CET**

**Welcoming remarks**

**Mr. Daniel Calleja Crespo**, Director-General of the Legal Service, European Commission

- **09:40 AM - 01:00 PM CET**

**FIRST SESSION: Internet and platforms regulation under the Digital Markets Act and the Digital Services Act**

- 9.40 AM - 10.00 AM - Keynote speech  
**Mr. Thierry Breton**, Commissioner for Internal Market, European Commission
- 10.00 AM - 10.30 AM - Guest of Honour speech  
**Mr. Marc Van der Woude**, President, General Court of the European Union
- 10.30 AM - 11.00 AM - Coffee break
- 11.00 AM - 12.30 AM - Roundtable  
Moderator: **Mr. Vittorio Di Bucci**, Director, Legal Service, European Commission  
Panellists:
  - **Mr. Andreas Schwab**, Member of the European Parliament, Rapporteur for DMA
  - **Ms. Cani Fernández Vicién**, President, Spanish Competition Authority
  - **Mr. Roberto Viola**, Director-General, DG CNECT, European Commission
  - **Ms. Katherine L. Adams**, General Counsel and Senior Vice-President, Apple Inc.
  - **Ms. Viktoria Robertson**, Professor, Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien and Universität Graz
- 12.30 AM - 01.00 PM - Discussion – Q&A

- **01:00 PM - 02:30 PM CET**

**Networking Lunch (buffet provided for the conference attendees)**

- **02:30 PM - 05:50 PM CET**

**SECOND SESSION: Intergenerational Justice and Climate Litigation**

- 02.30 PM - 02.50 PM - Keynote speech  
**Mr. Virginijus Sinkevičius**, Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, European Commission
- 02.50 PM - 03.20 PM - Guest of Honour speech  
**Ms. Verena Madner**, Vice-President, Verfassungsgerichtshof Österreich
- 03.20 PM - 04.50 PM - Roundtable  
Moderator: **Mr. Jean-François Brakeland**, Legal Adviser, Legal Service, European Commission  
Panellists:
  - **Mr. Fabien Raynaud**, Président adjoint et rapporteur général, Section du rapport et des études, Conseil d'Etat de la République française
  - **Ms. Lucy Maxwell**, Co-Director of the Climate Litigation Network, Urgenda Foundation
  - **Mr. Christian Calliess**, Professor, Freie Universität Berlin
  - **Ms. Alicja Sikora**, Legal Service, Council of the European Union
  - **Mr. Jorge E. Viñuales**, Professor, University of Cambridge and LUISS, Rome
- 04.50 PM - 05.20 PM - Coffee break

◦ 05.20 PM - 05.50 PM - Discussion – Q&A

• **05:50 PM - 06:20 PM CET**

**Closing remarks**

**Mr. Clemens Ladenburger**, Deputy Director-General of the Legal Service, European Commission

## Practical information

When	Friday 17 March 2023, 08:00 CET
Where	Alcide De Gasperi room, Charlemagne building Rue de la Loi 170, 1000 Brussels, Belgium
Livestream	Starts on Friday 17 March 2023, 09:00 CET
Languages	English, French, German

## Description

Annual conference of the European Commission Legal Service

The Legal Service has chosen two topics that are currently hotly debated in legal circles, and at the same time address Commission's priorities for the years 2019-2024: [A Europe fit for the digital age](#) and [A European Green Deal](#).

The first topic will discuss the regulation of the internet and of digital platforms following the entry into force of the Digital Markets Act and the Digital Services Act, with an emphasis on the enforcement of the new rules.

The second topic will analyse the current state of the law concerning intergenerational justice and climate litigation. Given a number of judgments have already been delivered and further litigation is ongoing at national, European and international level over the enforcement of climate commitments, there is a need to take stock on where we stand and understand what to expect in the coming years.

The conference will offer ample opportunity to engage in informal in-person discussions, now that the pandemic is behind us.

Join the conference either in person, in Brussels, or follow the debates on-line.

We count on your participation, expertise and support in inviting as many relevant stakeholders as possible to join us, in order to have a fruitful dialogue and to broaden the understanding of these topics.

The participants of the conference will also get a personal copy of the recent publication of the Legal Service "70 years of EU law. A Union for its citizens". [The on-line version is available](#).

We look forward to welcoming you to this new forum of exchange!

### Accreditation for Continuing Professional Development

The conference has been accredited by a number of national bar associations across the Member States for the purposes of continuing professional development of their members, including:

- Paris Bar Association / Avocats Barreau de Paris
- Estonian Bar Association / Eesti Advokatuur

## Contacts

### General contact

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