



Collective Redress in the EU

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Key topics

- The draft EU Directive on representative actions for the protection of collective interests of consumers
- Recent developments and best practices at national level
- Major CJEU and national jurisprudence in national and cross-border cases
- Funding and financing of collective actions

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Thursday, 16 April 2020

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 **Welcome**
Angelika Fuchs and Burkhard Hess

I. NEW DEAL FOR CONSUMERS

Chair: *Burkhard Hess*

09:05 **The proposed Directive on representative actions for the protection of the collective interests of consumers: scope and content**
Blanca Rodríguez Galindo

09:35 Discussion

09:45 **Effective redress? Some critical remarks on the proposed Directive**
Xandra Kramer

10:15 Discussion

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **Round table: More consumer protection or increased litigation risk?**
Maria Theresa Lein
Augusta Maciuleviciute
Blanca Rodríguez Galindo

II. CROSS-BORDER ISSUES

12:00 **Collective redress before the CJEU: jurisdiction for consumer contracts, Schrems II and other representative actions**
Stefaan Voet
Marta Requejo Isidro

12:40 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

III. SECTOR-SPECIFIC APPROACH

Chair: *Viktória Harsági*

14:00 **Dieselgate and “Lex Volkswagen”:
The German perspective on the issues at stake**
Thomas Liebscher and Ben Steinbrück

14:30 **Dieselgate (cont’d): Mass claims against VW from abroad**
Georg Kodek

15:00 Discussion

15:15 Coffee break

Chair: *Georg Kodek*

15:45 **Representation of data subjects in data protection cases**
Marie-Charlotte Roques-Bonnet

16:10 Discussion

16:20 **Breach of competition law and cartel damages claims**
Christopher Rother

16:45 Discussion

Objective

Triggered by recent mass harm scandals with cross-border implications, notably Dieselgate, collective redress is back on the EU civil justice agenda.

In January 2020, negotiations on the new EU collective redress rules started between the Council and the European Parliament. The draft rules allow consumer organisations to seek remedy against trader violations in areas such as data protection, financial services, travel and tourism, energy, telecommunications, environment and health. The draft bill introduces the “loser pays principle” which is, like other issues, heavily debated.

This conference will:

- present the proposed EU Directive on representative actions for the protection of the collective interests of consumers
- provide a platform for debate on topical issues of this key Directive
- analyse major case law of the CJEU and national Supreme Courts on collective redress
- look at the mismatch of EU law and collective redress
- present most recent hands-on experience with collective redress
- debate funding issues, namely contingency fees and third-party funding.

Who should attend?

Legal practitioners specialised in the field of consumer law and policy; litigators who lead mass damage cases involving consumers, data protection or shareholders’ claims; representatives of business and consumer organisations; ministry officials; academics.

Live Stream

If you cannot attend the conference in Trier, you can still join in online!



Online participants can address written questions to the panel through a live chat.

More information on the live stream can be found here:

bit.ly/CollectiveRedress_Stream

- 17:00 **Collective redress in the financial sector**
Lucija Reicher Travaš
Stefan Voicu
- 17:30 Discussion
- 17:45 End of the first seminar day
- 18:30 Guided city tour of Trier
- 19:30 Dinner

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IV. FUNDING

Chair: *Xandra Kramer*

- 09:00 **Costs of proceedings, contingency fees and third-party funding**
Andreas Schwab
- 09:30 **Discussion: Funding of collective redress**
Augusta Maciuleviciute
Christopher Rother
Andreas Schwab
- 10:30 Coffee break

V. LOOKING AHEAD

Chair: *Burkhard Hess*

- 11:00 **Effects of the decision, compensation and penalties for non-compliance**
Viktória Harsági
- 11:30 Discussion
- 11:45 **Current and future collective redress systems in the Member States**
- The Netherlands: *Xandra Kramer*
 - Belgium: *Stefaan Voet*
 - Hungary: *Viktória Harsági*
 - Croatia: *Lucija Reicher Travaš*
 - Germany: *Ben Steinbrück*
- 13:00 Lunch and end of seminar

For programme updates: www.era.int
Programme may be subject to amendment.

Discover Trier



Discover Trier with our guided city tour on the evening of 16 April before dinner. Trier is built on centuries of history and surrounded by diverse culture. Experience what inspired the Romans, immerse yourself in the city's rich and varied history. Explore some of the main attractions and landmarks and visit the Porta Nigra, the Cathedral of Saint Peter and Constantine Basilica to name but a few.

Conference dinner

After a day's intensive exchange, enjoy our joint dinner on 16 April 2020.

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