



ECCL Symposium
Friday 31 May 2024
Ghent University Law School

CSDD, SUSTAINABILITY AND CORPORATE LAW

Morning session

- 9.00 *Welcome*
Hans De Wulf, Ghent University – Joti Roest, University of Amsterdam
- 9.15 *Developments and debates on corporate sustainability in the US*
Christopher M. Bruner, University of Georgia School of Law (USA)
- 9.45 *The role of stakeholders in sustainability due diligence processes*
Karsten Engsig Sørensen, Aarhus University
- 10.05 Discussion
- 10.35 Coffee break
- 11.00 *The Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive: Excavating Direct Impacts on Regulated Actors and Indirect Impacts on Value Chain Actors*
Deirdre Ahern, Trinity College Dublin
- 11.20 *Sustainability due diligence: insights and experiences from France (“Loi de vigilance”)*
Alain Pietrancosta, University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne
- 11.40 Discussion
- 12.10 Lunch



Afternoon session

- 1.30 *Private Enforcement of Human Rights Due Diligence from a German and PIL point of view*
Eva-Maria Kieninger, Julius Maximilians Universität Würzburg
- 1.50 *The role of institutional investors in promoting ESG goals in Europe*
Giovanni Strampelli, Bocconi University Milan
- 2.10 Discussion
- 2.40 Coffee break
- 3.10 *Social enterprise and steward ownership*
Marleen van Uchelen, University of Amsterdam
- 3.30 *Climate litigation against companies*
Hans De Wulf, Ghent University
- 3.50 Discussion
- 4.20 *Concluding remarks*
Alexander Schall, University of Lueneburg
- 4.30 End of conference

Practical information

- Friday 31 May 2024, welcome from 8.30 a.m.
- Venue: Faculty Board Room (Facultaire Raadzaal), Campus Aula, Voldersstraat 3, Ghent (Belgium)
- Participation is possible in person or through MS Teams (link will be sent to you after registration, about a week before the conference)
- **Please register before 20 May 2024 through the following link**
<https://event.ugent.be/registration/ECCL31May2024>
- Participation is free of charge

- Travel to Ghent
 - Ghent is about 1h by direct train from Brussels Airport ("Zaventem") (or change at Brussels Midi); and 35 minutes from Brussels Midi train station (Arrivals international High Speed Trains); (If you leave from Brussels Midi or Brussels Central, avoid the slow train which stops at Aalst/Alost; please make sure to take the direct train to Ghent).
 - At Brussels Airport, trains leave from the basement level (-1); you can buy tickets at the basement level or online at nmbs.be (download and register the app).
 - From Ghent Sint-Pieters train station to the conference venue, it takes about 10 minutes by taxi (recommended) or 15' by bus (handy tram line has unfortunately been interrupted for construction), or a 35-minute walk.
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- Recommended hotels in the neighbourhood of the conference venue
 - 4* Hotels
 - [Ghent Marriott Hotel](#)
 - [NH Gent Belfort](#)
 - 3* Hotels
 - [BnB hotel Gent](#) (almost next to the conference venue)
 - [Ibis Opera](#)
 - [Ibis Cathedral](#)
 - [Novotel Gent](#)
- Organising Committee: Hans De Wulf (Ghent University), Joti Roest (University of Amsterdam) and Diederik Bruloot (Ghent University)
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