Dear Expert Group Members,

We are pleased to inform you that the European Commission (DG FISMA) is organising an **Investor Workshop on Investment Protection in the EU on 17 December 2018 in Brussels**.

The workshop will take place in the context of the Commission Communication on "Protection of intra-EU investment"[1] adopted on 19 July 2018 and will also touch upon consequences of the Achmea judgment. The Communication aims to strengthen the business environment for EU investors. While EU law may not solve all problems investors can face in their activities, the Communication clarifies how EU law protects EU investors' rights and how they can enforce those rights before national administrations and courts.

The workshop's objectives are twofold: raising investors' awareness of the their rights under EU law as laid out in the Communication of 19 July 2018, as well as giving an opportunity for companies to provide feedback on their practical experiences with cross-border investments in the EU.

This workshop also follows-up to Member States' comments in the Expert Group on intra-EU investment environment, expressing investor protection concerns on behalf of companies established in their countries. Participants will have the opportunity to share their experience directly with the Commission services, including case-studies and practical examples. Direct feedback on investors' experiences in exercising their EU rights in practice will be of added value for our work in the field.

**You are welcome to forward the attached invitation and provisional agenda to investors in your Member State.** Your assistance would be much appreciated and will help ensure a broad representation of investors across the EU.

Please note that places are limited. When confirming places for participants the Commission services will take into account company size, coverage of different economic sectors, FDI and portfolio investment and geographic coverage to ensure a broad and balanced representation of investors. Please note also that participation costs will not be covered.

We would be grateful if you could indicate to us investors from your Member State interested in
participation or ask them to contact us directly **by 15 November** (as indicated in the attached invitation letter). For registration and any further questions on the workshop, please do not hesitate to contact us (ec.europa.eu, Tel. +32 229- and ec.europa.eu Tel. +32 229-).

Best regards,