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Stakeholder Workshop on intra-EU investment

Albert Borschette Congress Centre, room 2D (Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels)

3 December 2019, 10.00 – 16.30

Provisional Programme

- 1) Coffee and registration of participants [09.30 -10.00]
- **2) Introductory remarks** [10.00 10.05]
- 3) Info point on the state of play on the termination of intra-EU BITs [10.05 10.30]
- 4) First Panel discussion [10.30 11.45]

How to ensure that investments are comprehensively and effectively protected within the European Union?

- What are your views on the current set of investment protection rights under EU law and where do you see potential areas for improvement?
- How to strike the right balance between necessary investment protection while preserving the Member States' right to regulate in the public interest?

Chair: *Mario Nava*, Director, Director for Horizontal Policies at Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (DG FISMA)

Speakers:

Mr. Winfried Pöcherstorfer, Legal Policy Department, Wirtschaftskammer Österreich (Austrian Federal Economic Chamber)

Mr. Marc Poulain, International Trade Negotiations Director, French Association of Large Companies

Prof. Alessandra Arcuri, Erasmus School of Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Questions and Answers

5) Second Panel Discussion [11.45 - 13.00]

Assessing existing processes and mechanisms of investment dispute resolution in the EU and the need for a new investment dispute settlement mechanism at EU level

- Is there a need to improve the existing mechanisms in the EU?
- Is there a need for new investment dispute resolution mechanisms under EU law and what could they look like?

Chair: Anne-Françoise Mélot, Head of Unit DG FISMA B4

Speakers:

Mr.Dominique Grisay, Justinian Lawyers, Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)

Mr. Werner Mörth, Head of Legal & Compliance at Raiffeisen Bank International AG (for European Banking Federation)

Ms. Luisa Santos, International Relations Director, BusinessEurope

Ms. Patricia Stöbener de Mora, Director EU Law and International Economic Law, Deutscher Industrie- und Handelskammertag (DIHK e.V.)

Mr. Pieter van Nuffel, Head of Institutional Team, Legal Service of the European Commission

Questions and Answers

6) Lunch break [13.00-14.00]

7) European Commission presentations on EU initiatives facilitating and promoting cross-border investment [14.00-14.30]

InvestEU - DG for Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission

Single Digital Gateway - Ms. Marian Grubben, Head of Unit, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission

8) Third Panel discussion [14.30-15.45]

Making cross-border investments easier through investment facilitation and promotion

- How to best promote and facilitate cross-border investment opportunities
- How to increase the use of out of court dispute resolution (SOLVIT)
- How to develop a future stakeholder dialogue

Chair: Raffaella Assetta, Deputy Head of Unit DG FISMA

Speakers:

Mr. Ilya Bruggeman, Head of Single Market, Eurocommerce

Ms. Anoushka Janssens, Team Leader SOLVIT, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission

Mr Raido Lember, Director, Estonian Investment Agency

Ms. Andrea Mihaličková, Senior Consultant, Slovak Investment and Trade Development Agency (SARIO)

Questions and Answers

9) Concluding remarks [15.45-16.00]