

Practical information

Date and location

Friday 4 May 2018

Leuven | Collegium Falconis | Zeger van Hee Auditorium

Price

Registration fee: 175 € (with conference book)
100 € (without conference book)

The fee of 175 € includes: participation to the conference, documentation, sandwich lunch, coffee breaks and the conference book (which will be sent afterwards).

Accreditation

OVB: acknowledgement requested
IGO-IFJ: acknowledgement requested

Registration

Please register before 27 April 2018 by completing the form online:
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

CONSUMER PROTECTION IN A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

In recent years, policy makers at various levels are discovering the concept of “circular economy” and are increasingly proposing strategies and legal instruments to support the transition from a linear economy towards a more circular economy.

Against this background, the aims of this conference are: first, to explore the “circular economy” concept and strategies from an interdisciplinary perspective, and, second, to identify and critically assess “circular economy” legal instruments in various steps of the value chain and with regard to new economic models, all of this with a particular attention to the most pressing consumer protection issues.



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Programme

8.30 Registration

9.00 Welcome address
Bert Keirsbilck and Evelyne Terryn, KU Leuven, CCM

MORNING SESSION: TOWARDS A “CIRCULAR ECONOMY” IN EUROPE INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES

Chair: Bert Keirsbilck and Evelyne Terryn

9.10 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Towards a circular economy in Europe.
An overview of EU initiatives
Hugo Maria Schally, Head of Unit- ENV.B1- Sustainable Production,
Products & Consumption, European Commission, DG Environment

9.25 Engineering
Karel Van Acker, Faculty of Engineering Science, KU Leuven

9.45 Economics
Johan Eyckmans, KU Leuven, Brussels Campus

10.05 Ethics
Antoon Vandevælde, Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven

10.20 COFFEE BREAK

10.45 PANEL DEBATE

Luc Alaerts (Circular Flanders)
Catherine Vanderstichelen (Environment Brussel, “Economy in transition”)
Thomas Opsomer (IFixit)
Jules Stuyck (KU Leuven)

11.40 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Consumer protection in the circular economy
in China
Lei Chen, City University of Hong Kong

12.00 SANDWICH LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION: CONSUMER PROTECTION IN THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY LEGAL INITIATIVES AND CHALLENGES

Chair: Jules Stuyck

12.45 The design and production stage: ecodesign requirements
Anaïs Michel, KU Leuven

13.05 The information and marketing stage: information requirements, labelling
and green claims
Bert Keirsbilck, KU Leuven

13.25 The contracting stage: legal and commercial guarantees and the right to
repair in Europe and the US
Evelyne Terryn and Sanne Vandemaele, KU Leuven

13.45 Functional economy (from products to services): legal challenges
Fryderyk Zoll, University of Krakau

14.20 BREAK OUT SESSIONS: NATIONAL LEGAL INITIATIVES AND CHALLENGES

Session 1. Movable	Session 2. Real estate
<i>Session reporter: Christian Twigg-Flesner, University of Warwick</i>	<i>Session reporter: Klaus Tonner, University of Rostock</i>
NL: Vanessa Mak, University of Tilburg	ES: Francisco De Elizalde, IE University Madrid
SI: Petra Weingerl and Janja Hojnik, University of Maribor	IT: Alberto de Franceschi, University of Ferrara
SE: Eleonore Maitre Ekern, University of Oslo	FR: Denis Voinot, University of Lille
UK: Christian Twigg-Flesner, University of Warwick	DE: Klaus Tonner, University of Rostock
BE: Annick De Boeck, KU Leuven	BE: Benjamin Verheye, KU Leuven

15.40 REPORT FROM THE BREAK-OUT SESSIONS AND PANEL DEBATE

- Session reporters Klaus Tonner and Christian Twigg-Flesner
- Patrick Van den Bossche, head Center of expertise Environment, Agoria
- Ursula Pahl, BEUC

16.20 CLOSING REMARKS
Hans Micklitz, EUI

16.40 KEYNOTE CLOSING ADDRESS: Consumer protection in the circular economy in
Europe – Legal initiatives and challenges – The Commission’s view
Renatas Mazeika, Head of Unit responsible for consumer policy, European
Commission, DG Justice and Consumers