European Centre of Expertise (ECE) in the field of Labour Law, Employment and Labour Market Policies

Annual Conference: Perspectives of collective rights in Europe

Friday 16 March 2018, Sheraton Offenbach Hotel, Frankfurt/Offenbach, Germany
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Agenda

08:30 – 09:30	Welcome Coffee and registration
09:30 – 10:00	**Opening and Welcome**
	Mr Adam Pokorny, Head of Unit B.2 - Working Conditions, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
	Professor Bernd Waas, Goethe University Frankfurt, ECE Coordinator
10:00 – 10:45	**Session 1**: **Identifying obstacles to European Works Councils´ creation and effectiveness – are there lessons to be learnt from some national jurisdictions?**
	Professor Sylvaine Laulom, University of Lyon 2, France
	Plenary discussion
10:45 – 11:30	**Session 2**: **Transnational collective agreements: the role of trade unions and employers´ associations**
	Professor Edoardo Ales, University of Cassino and Southern Lazio, Italy
	Plenary discussion
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 12:45	**Session 3: Board level employee representation in Europe: an overview**
	Professor Natalie Videbæk Munkholm, Aarhus University, Denmark
	Plenary discussion
12:45 – 14:15	Lunch break
14:15 – 15:00	**Session 4**: **Statutes, collective agreements and contracts of employment: a look into the hierarchy of labour law norms**
	Professor Bernd Waas, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany
	Plenary discussion
15:00 – 15:45	**Session 5: Interventions from social partners**
	Ms Esther Lynch, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation
	Mr Paul Noll, Deputy Director for European and International Affairs, Confederation of German Employers' Associations (BDA)
	Plenary discussion
15:45 – 16:00	**Closing of the conference**
	Professor Bernd Waas, Goethe University Frankfurt, ECE Coordinator

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