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Competition Law and Electronic Communications (CLEC)

A series of seminars organized by

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20 years of European regulation in telecommunications – June 29, 2006

After 1992 and 1999, the EU has embarked on a third review of its policy in the telecommunications sector first initiated in 1987. At the end of June 2006, the European Commission will launch a consultation on amendments to the 2002 package on electronic communications. It is therefore timely while looking forward to assess what has been achieved so far.

What was the vision of those who pioneered the liberalisation of telecommunications in the 80s? Have their objectives been reached? What are the biggest successes? What were the pitfalls and how can they be avoided going forward? What issues should be addressed in the future and how?

Speakers:

1. The vision and the objectives underpinning the liberalisation of the telecom sector: Herbert Ungerer – Director DG Competition
2. The Sector Specific European Regulatory Framework for electronic communications. Achievements and issues left open - Peter Scott – Head of Unit DG Information Society and Media
3. From liberalisation to effective competition in the electronic communications sector? The role of Competition Law - Christian Hocepiet – Head of Sector DG Competition
4. National Regulatory Authorities: masters of the game or bodies under close scrutiny by the European Commission and national appeal bodies - Jens Arnbak – Professor University of Delft (formerly Chairman of OPTA and ERG)
5. Regulation of electronic communications: between competition law and industrial policy - Philippe Defraigne – Director Cullen International

Venue: Fondation Universitaire Stichting - rue d'Egmont 11, 1000 Brussels.

Date: June 29, 2006 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm (coffee will be served from 5 pm)

The seminar will be followed by a cocktail and sandwich reception on the occasion of Cullen International's 20th anniversary.

Registration and Contact:

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