

CONFERENCE

Wednesday 10 December 2014, 14.00-18.00

Followed by a reception cocktail from 18.00 until 20.00

European Parliament, Brussels, Room PHS P4B001

Hosted by MEP Sergio COFFERATI

Mediation for Growth

Unsolved disputes and lengthy judicial proceedings bear high costs for businesses. A 2014 study, published by the Legal Affairs Committee of the European Parliament, estimates that if mediation would systematically precede any trial in civil disputes, annual cost savings would be between €15 billion and €40 billion and annual time savings would equate to 8 million years!

Mediation as a competitive tool for the European economy will be discussed at the European Parliament on 10 December 2014 with the presence of companies and high level policy representatives. The conference will be followed up by a networking cocktail. The number of seat is limited and will be granted on a first- registered, first-served basis.

PROGRAMME

13.00 - 13.45 *Registration*

Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, Place du Luxembourg, Espace Simone Veil entrance

14.00 - 14.40 *Introductory remarks*

- Mr Sergio Coffferati, Member of the European Parliament
- Mr Cosimo Maria Ferri, Italian State Secretary for Justice
- Mr Henri Malosse, President of the European Economic and Social Committee
- Mr Sajjad Karim, Member of the European Parliament

14.40 - 16.00 *Mediation a tool for growth*

Panel moderator: Arnaldo Abruzzini, Secretary General EUROCHAMBRES

- Ms Tiziana Pompei, Deputy Secretary General Unioncamere
- Mr Ian Kayanakis , Former Technip Corporate VP - Group Litigation, Managing Partner Lexalis Conseil and Member of the Board of Directors AFJE
- Mr Marnik Vanhaverbeke, CEO at LAR (Legal Assistance and Recovery)
- Mr Ulrich Hagel – Senior Advisor Claim Management Bombardier

16.00 - 16.20 *Coffee break*

16.20 - 17.40 *Promoting mediation at large scale*

Panel moderator: Mr Michael Shotter, Head of Unit, European Commission

- Ms Diana Wallis, Former Vice President of the European Parliament, Consultant CEDR
- Ms Maria Lourdes Arastey, President of the Spanish section of GEMME and judge of the Spanish Supreme Court
- Mr Christian Graf, Head of Legal and Taxes Hamburg Chamber of Commerce

17.50 - 18.00 *Closing remarks*

- Ms Věra Jourová, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality (video message)

18.00 - 20.00 *Networking cocktail*

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. [PLEASE REGISTER HERE](#) by Thursday 4 December

Registration is highly appreciated even if you don't need a badge to enter the EP.

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