

Objective

This conference will examine the perspectives of accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights after Opinion 2/13 of the Court of Justice of the European Union, which is set to be delivered on 18 December 2014, on the compatibility of the Draft Agreement on the Accession of the European Union to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms with the Treaties. It will also discuss the legal implications of accession for the EU institutions and Member States and the relationship between the two legal orders and between the European Courts in Luxembourg and Strasbourg.

Key topics

- Opinion 2/13 of the Court of Justice
- Draft Accession Agreement of the EU to the ECHR and its legal implications
- Relationship between EU law and the ECHR
- Co-respondent mechanism
- Relations between the Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights
- Practical aspects of accession
- Future steps

Who should attend?

Civil servants, EU officials, lawyers, national judges, academics and other stakeholders.

Confirmed speakers

Roeland Böcker

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MORNING SESSION

- 09:00 Arrival and registration of participants
- 09:30 **Welcome**
- 09:45 **Opinion 2/13**
- 10:30 Discussion
- 10:45 Coffee break
- 11:15 **The EU legal system after accession – still an autonomous legal order?**
- 12:00 Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 14:00 **Will accession and the co-respondent mechanism change the relationship between the two European Courts?**
- 14:45 Discussion
- 15:15 Coffee break
- 15:45 **What new tasks will the accession create for the EU, its institutions and Member States and how should they be divided?**
- 16:30 **Next steps of the accession procedure**
- 17:00 Discussion
- 17:15 **"Practical and effective, not theoretical and illusory". What will be the real impact of accession?**
- 18:00 Discussion
- 18:15 Networking reception

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Strasbourg, March 2015

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Trier, 18-19 May 2015

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