



New EU directive on Mediation Conference 2008



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**Big Aula of the KUB (Katholieke Universiteit Brussel),
Vrijheidslaan 17 1081 Brussels..**

The Association for International Arbitration is pleased to announce the organization of an event that seeks to create a pool of discussion, encourage the training of mediators, and the development and adherence to voluntary codes of conduct as provided in the directive itself.

This conference will analyze the key provisions of the New EU directive on Mediation.

“The five key provisions in the directive include; (1) an obligation for Member States to encourage the training of mediators and the development and adherence to voluntary codes of conduct; (2) gives every judge in the Community discretion to invite the parties’ - at any stage of the proceeding - to participate in mediation; (3) obligates Member States to provide a mechanism to enforce written agreements resulting from mediation; (4) provides that information given or submissions made by a party during mediation are confidential and cannot be used against that party in subsequent judicial proceedings; and (5) contains a limitation and prescription periods provision, which ensures that a party will not be prevented from access to court as a result of the time spent in mediation.”

The Conference discussion will be collected in a book published by AIA with articles presented by the speakers.

<p><i>12h30</i></p>	<p><i>Registration and coffee</i></p>
<p><i>13h30-14h00</i></p>	<p>Introduction and welcome by the AIA</p> <p>Opening Speech</p> <p>-Mr. Johan Billiet</p> <p>President of AIA</p>
<p><i>14h00 – 15h30</i></p>	<p>Mediation by judges</p> <p>- Ivan Verougstraete.</p> <p>President of GEMME</p>
<p><i>15h30 – 16h00</i></p>	<p>The New EU directive on mediation in the light of American Mediation.</p> <p>- William E O'Brian Jr.</p> <p>Associate Professor of Law. Director, International Economic Law Masters Program University of Warwick</p>
<p><i>16h00 – 16h15</i></p>	<p><i>Coffee Break</i></p>
<p><i>16h15 – 16h45</i></p>	<p>Application of the New EU Directive on Mediation.</p> <p>- Mr. Markus Zalewski</p> <p>European Commission, Directorate General Justice, Freedom and Security, Unit Civil Justice</p>

<p><i>16h45 – 17h15</i></p>	<p>Mediation, ADR and Legal Thinking. - Frank Fleerackers. Dean of the faculty of law at the KUB</p>
<p><i>17h15 – 17h45</i></p>	<p>The Directive from the mediator's perspective and some thoughts on the problems surrounding mediation confidentiality Phillip Howell-Richardson Mediator and Consultant at SJ Berwin LLP</p>
<p><i>17h45 - 18h15</i></p>	<p><i>Discussion Panel and Questions</i></p>
<p><i>18h15</i></p>	<p><i>Networking Light dinner</i></p>

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