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Legal Seminar Approaches to Equality and Non-discrimination Legislation inside and outside the EU

4 October 2011

Courtyard Marriott Hotel
Avenue des Olympiades 6, Brussels

From 9.00 **Participant Registration**

Plenary Session

Chair: **Ms. Isabelle Chopin** – Deputy Director, Migration Policy Group, Belgium.

09.30 – 10.00 **Introduction**

Mr. Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea - Director for Equality, Directorate-General for Justice.

10.00 – 11.00 **Keynote speech**

Prof. Sandy Fredman - Oxford University, the United Kingdom, author of the upcoming thematic report on anti-discrimination law outside the EU.

11.00 – 11.15 **Coffee Break**

Morning Workshop Sessions

(in each workshop introductions will be made on the situation inside and outside the EU)

11.15 - 12.45

1 – Positive Action

Room: *Antwerp*

Chair: **Ms. Mag. Iur. Nicole Mathé** - Expert Gender Network, Liechtenstein.

Speakers: **Dr. Goran Selanec** - Expert Gender Network, Croatia.
 EM Prof. Dr. Marc Bossuyt - President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium.

2 – Multiple Discrimination

Room: *Sydney*

Chair: **Prof. Kevät Nousiainen** - Expert Gender Network, Finland.

Speakers: **Prof. Julie Goldscheid** - CUNY School of Law.

Dr. Kristína Koldinská – Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic.

3 – Religious Discrimination

Room: *Barcelona*

Chair: **Prof. Dr. Jur. Herdís Thordeirsdóttir** - Expert Gender Network, Iceland.

Speakers: **Prof. Dr. Titia Loenen** - Main author of the survey of the Gender Network Survey on Selected Topical Issues Concerning Gender and Religion under the EU Gender Equality Directives.

Prof. Dr. Lucy Vickers - Author of the report of the anti-discrimination network *Religion and Belief: Discrimination in Employment - the EU law*.

4 – Burden of Proof

Room: *Atlanta*

Chair: **Mr. Christian Bayart** – Allen & Overy.

Speakers: **Ms. Hélène Masse-Dessen** - Executive Committee Gender Network and Barrister at the Conseil d'Etat and Cour de Cassation, France.

Ms. Naomi Cunningham – Barrister, Outer Temple Chambers, United Kingdom.

5 – Legal Standing of Organisations

Room: *Seoul*

Chair: **Dr. Elise Muir** – Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University, the Netherlands.

Speakers: **Ms. Margarita Ilieva** – Expert Non-discrimination network, Bulgaria.

Prof. Rachel Mulheron - Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom.

6 – Reasonable Accommodation

Room: *Paris*

Chair: **Ms. Catherine Casserley** – Cloisters, United Kingdom.

Speakers: **Ms. Beatrice Vizkelety** – Director, Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse of Quebec, Canada.

Ms. Julie Ringelheim – Senior Researcher, Centre for Philosophy of Law of Louvain University, Belgium.

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch

Afternoon Workshop Sessions

(in each workshop introductions will be made on the situation inside and outside the EU)

14.00 – 15.30 Workshop Sessions 1-6 (Same topics as morning sessions)

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break

Closing Session

Chair: **Prof. Dr. Linda Senden** – Utrecht University, the Netherlands and Executive Committee Gender Network.

16.00 - 16.45 Summary by Chairs of Workshops

16.45 – 17.00 Closing
Mr. Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea, Director for Equality, Directorate-General for Justice.

17.00 Cocktail

