

# Harmonisation of EU Insolvency Law

**Thursday 20-Friday 21 April 2023 | Leiden University**

In December 2022, the European Commission presented its long expected [proposal for a Directive](#) to harmonise certain aspects of insolvency law. CERIL has closely followed this development, and organises an in-depth and EU-wide discussion of the Proposal at the upcoming conference on 20 and 21 April 2023.

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## Day 1 | Thursday 20 April 2023

### Setting the Scene for Harmonisation

Venue: Orangery of the Hortus Botanicus (Leiden University)  
Rapenburg 73, Leiden, The Netherlands

13:30-14:00 **Registration**

14:00-14:15 **Welcome address**  
*Bob Wessels (Day Chair)*

14:15-14:45 **Keynote address**  
*Ondřej Vondráček - European Commission*

14:45-15:00 **Q&A**

15:00-15:30 **CERIL's Response to the EC Proposal**  
*Reinout Vriesendorp*

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15:30-16:00	<b>Break</b>
16:00-17:00	<b>What Is, What Isn't and What Should be Harmonised?</b> Chair: <i>Nora Wouters</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Definition of insolvency <i>Tomáš Richter</i></li><li>2. Ranking of creditors' claims <i>Christoph Paulus</i></li><li>3. Debts of the estate <i>Lorenzo Stanghellini</i></li><li>4. Next steps in regulating the profession <i>Rita Gismondi</i></li></ol>
17:00-17:30	<b>Harmonisation of Insolvency Law: How to Make it Work?</b> Chair: <i>Elina Moustaira</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <i>Reinout Vriesendorp</i></li><li>2. <i>Paul Omar</i></li></ol>
17:30-17:45	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
17:45-18:00	<b>Closing address</b> <i>Bob Wessels</i>
18:00-19:15	<b>Drinks reception</b>
19:15-22:00	<b>Dinner</b>

## Day 2 | Friday 21 April 2023

### Examining the EC Proposal

Venue: Academy Building of the Leiden University  
Rapenburg 73, Leiden, The Netherlands

08:45–09:15	<b>Registration</b>
09:15-09:30	<b>Welcome address</b> <i>Ignacio Tirado</i> (Day Chair)
09:30–10:45	<b>A European Regime for Pre-packs and MSMEs</b> Chair: <i>Catarina Serra</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <i>Patryk Filipiak</i></li><li>2. <i>Jennifer Gant</i></li><li>3. <i>Stephan Madaus</i></li><li>4. <i>Omar Salah</i></li></ol>

10:45-11:15 **Break**

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11:15-12:30 **Harmonisation and the Role of Actors: Debtors, Creditors, and Practitioners**

Chair: *Joeri Vananroye*

1. *Jasper Berkenbosch*
2. *Mylène Boché-Robinet*
3. *Kathlene Burke*
4. *Carlos Mack-Castelletti*
5. *Georg Wabl*

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12:30-12:45 **Q&A**

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12:45-13:45 **Lunch**

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13:45-15:00 **Impact of the EC Proposal on the Financing and Restructuring Market**

Chair: *Sarah Wolffe*

1. *Ferdinand Hengst*
2. *Ángel Alonso Hernández*
3. *Tom Vickers*
4. *Bas van Weert*

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15:00-15:15 **Presentation of the lustrum book: CERIL Collection I**

Presented by Bob Wessels

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15:15-15:30 **Closing address**

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