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After the publication of the Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on European Contract Law (OJ C 255, 13.9.2001) the Commission received many contributions from different institutions, consumer and professional organisations and the academic world. On 15 November 2001 the European Parliament adopted the Resolution on the approximation of the civil and commercial law of the Member States. The Parliament welcomes an action plan which aims at the "establishment and adoption of a body of rules on contract law in the European Union".

Pursuant to these developments the aim of this conference is to continue the discussion about European Contract Law with all interested parties.

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08.30 Arrival and registration of participants

09.00 Welcome and Introduction

Wolfgang Heusel

I. Is Harmonisation of Contract Law Necessary? – Pros and Cons

09.15 Hans Jürgen Sonnenberger

10.00 Jean-Baptiste Racine

10.45 Coffee break

11.00 Michael Wills

11.45 Discussion

12.15 The Economics of Harmonisation

Gerhard Wagner

II. Commission Communication

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The Four Options

14.30 Round Table Discussion

Chairperson: Thomas Wihelmsson, University of Helsinki

- Christian von Bar, Study Group on a European Civil Code
- Wolfgang Baumann, Bundesnotarkammer
- Hanspeter Hanreich, Wirtschaftskammer Österreich
- Ole Lando, Commission on European Contract Law
- Hans-W. Micklitz, European Consumer Law Group
- Hilary Siddle, The Law Society
- Jan Smits, University of Maastricht

16.30 Coffee break

17.00 Discussion

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III. Future Developments

09.15 Future Prospects for European Contract Law

Dirk Staudenmayer

10.15 Discussion

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 The European Parliament Resolution on the Approximation of the Civil and Commercial Law of the Member States

Klaus-Hainer Lehne

12.00 Discussion

12.15 Closing Speech

Sergio Cámara Lapuente

13.00 End of the seminar

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