

# Revised EWC Directive: what's new in access to justice?

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9th June (Tuesday)		10th June (Wednesday)
9:00 – 10:30	<b>Introductions</b> <i>tour de table, who is in the room</i> Why new EWC Directive matters? Background and objectives of the Directive, overview of main changes, renegotiation timeline <i>Topical introduction and opening debate</i>	<b>EWC case law review: rulings over negotiations, subsidiary requirements and protection in the light of new directive</b> <i>Expert input &amp; case studies</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>coffee &amp; energy break</i>	
11:00 – 12:30	<b>Current and future state of play in EWC access to justice: what changes and what remains the same?</b> Dissuasive penalties, timely proceedings, access to courts, coverage of reasonable legal costs, role of ADR mechanisms, EWC legal personality <i>Expert input &amp; groupwork (comparing legal parts of EWC agreement)</i>	<b>Other topics of attention: confidentiality and gender equality</b> Groupwork on possible EWC improvements based on the directive changes and case law so far <i>Closing conclusions, wrap-up, evaluation</i>
12:30 – 14:00	<i>lunch break</i>	
14:00 – 15:30	<b>EWC case law review: rulings over transnationality &amp; effective consultation in the light of new directive</b> <i>Expert input &amp; case studies</i>	departures
15:30 – 16:00	<i>coffee &amp; energy break</i>	
16:00 – 17:30	<b>EWC case law review: rulings over EWC resources (incl. legal and ADR) in the light of the new directive</b> <i>Expert input &amp; case studies</i>	



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