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# **INSOL Europe Local Conference: New Luxembourg Law of 7 August 2023**

**Preservation of companies and modernization of  
bankruptcy law and implementing EU directive  
2019/1023**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 @ EY Luxembourg

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# INSOL Europe

**When restructuring, insolvency or bankruptcy appears and financial distress threatens a business, rapidly maximizing values is key. Whether the challenge appears at headquarters or in a foreign jurisdiction, today's global marketplace presents the decision-maker with a complex web of possible outcomes and legal strategies.**

INSOL Europe is an organisation of professionals specialising in insolvency and business reconstruction and recovery.

With over 1,250 members across 50 countries made up of lawyers, accountants, judges, regulators, academics and bankers, INSOL Europe makes a significant contribution to the work of European and international official bodies on insolvency, bankruptcy and business recovery. Many members also belong to kindred associations and are members of INSOL International.

Holding international and regional events throughout Europe, INSOL Europe makes networking easy and helps the exchange of professional experience across borders. At their events, delegates can learn about industry developments, participate in academic conferences and network with colleagues in inspiring locations.



At INSOL Europe, we are a community. We need a deeper fellowship with other insolvency professionals, we need to connect more and to facilitate discussions; to share challenges, solutions, best practices, ideas even more and to develop this thriving, robust, compelling culture. With this in mind, we have created the Membership Development Committee (MDC). This Committee will facilitate networking between the INSOL Europe members, stimulate the local visibility of INSOL Europe in each country and will raise awareness of INSOL Europe and its capability to help the national legislator and the stakeholders, by sharing know-how and best practices; thinking on a European level and acting locally.

# Program

16:00 Welcoming of participants



16:30 Opening remarks from EY



16:40 Introduction from Insol Europe



16:50 Belgian Law presentation



17:05 Luxembourg Law presentation



17:20 Implementation of the Directive 2019/1023



17:35 - 18:30 Panel discussion and Q&A session



18:30 Networking and drinks reception



# Panel set up

## Moderators

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## Panelists

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# Speaker CVs



**Christophe Vandendorpe**  
Partner, Strategy and  
Transactions Leader

## STRATEGY AND TRANSACTION – EY

Christophe has been leading the Luxembourg Strategy and Transactions service line since 2013, and the EMEIA FSO Valuation, Modelling & Economics services since 2022. He is leading due diligence, corporate finance, valuation and liquidation projects involving cross-border and multi-disciplinary teams.

Prior to 2013, he occupied various senior management positions in the Luxembourg banking industry, which enabled him to acquire significant experience in wealth and asset management.

He holds a BE in Commercial Engineering from Université Catholique de Louvain (Louvain School of Management). He is a Réviseur d'Entreprises (CPA) in Luxembourg and a CFA charterholder.

He is also presiding the founding committee of the Luxembourg Valuation Professional Association (LVPA) and member of the Markets & Operations Committee of the Luxembourg Private Equity Association (LPEA).



**Christel Dumont**  
Senior Counsel, Head of  
Restructuring and Insolvency

## RESTRUCTURING AND INSOLVENCY - DENTONS

Christel is a senior counsel in Dentons' Luxembourg office and head of the Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy practice. She is also a member of the Luxembourg Real Estate practice.

With sound experience in European Insolvency law, Christel focuses on workouts and turnarounds, corporate and debt restructurings, pre-insolvency issues, directors' liability, bankruptcy proceedings, voluntary liquidations, COMI shift issues, and complex cross-border insolvencies. She has advised equity investors, secured lenders, unsecured creditors, and renowned real estate groups. Named a Fellow of INSOL International, a worldwide federation of national associations for accountants and lawyers who specialize in turnaround and insolvency. This award is in recognition of her experience and skill in cross-border insolvency matters.

With sound experience in European Insolvency law, Christel also focuses on workouts and turnarounds, corporate and debt restructurings, pre-insolvency issues, directors' liability, bankruptcy proceedings, voluntary liquidations, COMI shift issues, and complex cross-border insolvencies. She has advised equity investors, secured lenders, unsecured creditors, and renowned real estate groups.

# Speaker CVs



**Ivan Verougstraete**  
Former president Court of Cassation Belgium and Beneluxcourt

## INSOLVENCY – VEROUGSTRAETE

Ivan Verougstraete has a long experience in teaching (economic law mostly) and writing (on procedural law, economic law, public and administrative law, intellectual property law and European law).

Ivan Verougstraete has a solid background on mediation. He is an expert for the government on codification of economic and commercial law.

Between May 1981 - March 1989 he was a member and from 1985 on president of a civil section of the Court of appeal Brussels.

From 1989-1-10-2010 he was a member, then head of civil section, acting first president and finally president (retired in October 2010) of the Supreme Court of Belgium. He did missions to Kinshasa and Lumumbashi concerning procedural law and for the world bank on insolvency law (in Washington, Buenos Aires).



**Laurent Fisch**  
Partner

## RESTRUCTURING AND INSOLVENCY - FISCH.LEGAL

Laurent works as an insolvency professional in Luxembourg-City. Over the years, he has managed several very large insolvencies as a court-appointed bankruptcy trustee, including - from 2009 to 2019 - the bankruptcies of Lehman Brothers in Luxembourg.

He also works as an expert legal advisor in cross border and domestic insolvency matters, as a liquidator of corporations and funds, as a bankruptcy coordinator and as a restructuring officer.

He focuses on cost-effective, swift and workable solutions.

# Speaker CVs



**Bart De Moor**  
Partner

## RESTRUCTURING AND INSOLVENCY – STRELIA

Bart assists and advises clients on litigation and alternative dispute resolution, corporate law, commercial law, private international law and secured debt – be they complex international issues or local matters. A lot of his work revolves around corporate disputes such as shareholder and director disputes, directors' liability and insolvency-related disputes. He is also very active in the field of corporate restructuring and insolvency and is regularly appointed by the court as an insolvency practitioner.

Bart is a mediator in civil and commercial matters, accredited by the Federal Mediation Authority since 2007, and an insolvency practitioner appointed by the Brussels Court of Enterprises (Ondernemingsrechtbank / Tribunal de l'entreprise). He is the president of bMediation, the mediation center of the Brussels Chamber of Commerce and the Bar.

Bart is a lecturer at the Faculty of Law of the University of Leuven (KU Leuven) and author of numerous books and articles extensively published in legal journals. He is a member of the editorial board of the legal journal DAOR (Droit des Affaires-OndernemingsRecht), member of INSOL Europe and INSOL World and a member and co-chair of the Reorganisation and Workouts Subcommittee of the Insolvency Section of the International Bar Association (IBA).



**Andreas Ziegenhagen**  
Managing Partner, European  
Head of Restructuring

## RESTRUCTURING AND INSOLVENCY - DENTONS

Andreas Ziegenhagen is Managing Partner Germany and European Head of the Restructuring Practice Group.

He specialises in legal and tax advice on corporate transactions (mergers and acquisitions), restructuring and insolvency law, corporate tax law and corporate, banking and accounting law. He also assumes the position of joint representative of bondholders as well as advising and coordinating promissory note loans in the context of restructurings.

In addition, he regularly assumes the position of double-purpose trustee in restructuring cases. In the context of debtor-in-possession proceedings for the purpose of restructuring through insolvency plan proceedings, he assumes the role of Chief Insolvency Officer.

In addition, he is one of the few German lawyers who are both auditors and tax consultants.

# Speaker CVs



**Martine Gerber-Lemaire**  
Managing Partner, Head of  
Real Estate Europe

## REAL ESTATE – DENTONS

Martine Gerber-Lemaire is the managing partner of Dentons' Luxembourg office and head of the Luxembourg Real Estate practice.

Having assisted a clientele of domestic and international companies including institutional investors, promoters and sellers, Martine focuses on all types of real estate transactions for Luxembourg based properties including acquisitions, disposals, financings, developments, building renovations, property management and leasing, amongst others. She has particular experience with acquisitions and disposals, funding and investment and advising on regulated and unregulated real estate investment vehicles.

Martine is recognized as a deal maker and for her deep knowledge of the Luxembourg real estate market.



**John Tan**  
Senior Manager

## RESTRUCTURING AND LIQUIDATION - EY

John has over ten years' experience dealing with complex, cross-border liquidations of investment funds.

John actively participated in engagements providing independent opinions on the viability of proposed debt restructuring schemes of major financial institutions.

He has extensive experience dealing with creditor and court-appointed insolvencies across a wide spectrum of industries including government concessionaires, abandoned properties and the consumer sector.

John is an INSOL and CPA Australia member and holds an LLM in Corporate Law & Insolvency from the University of Nottingham Trent.



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