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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Time: from 8:30 to 13:30, Friday 9th October 2015

Venue: Rue Montoyer 59, 1040 Brussels

8:30	Registration
9:00	Introductory speech: Lars-Erik Forsgårdh, ecoDa’s Chair
9:10	<p>Keynote speeches from the European Commission:</p> <p>Joanna Sikora DG Justice, European Commission, “What are the challenges for the Comply or Explain principle?”</p> <p>Dorota Lyszkowska-Becher, DG Justice, European Commission, “The EU Recommendation on the Comply or Explain Principle”</p>
9:30	<p>Panel 1: “The Comply or Explain Principle: Is there a common level playing field across the EU?”</p> <p>Presentation by Prof. Lutgart Van den Berghe, Chair of ecoDa’s Policy Committee / Executive Director at Guberna: “Inventory on the Implementation, Monitoring & Enforcement of the Corporate Governance Codes in Europe: Main outcomes”</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Lutgart Van den Berghe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Herbinet, Partner, Mazars, “Comply or Explain: Driving sustainable success” • Chris Hodge, Chair of the European Corporate Governance Codes Network- “How the diversity of cultures can impact compliance?” • Leena Linnainmaa, Deputy Chief Executive, Master of Laws, Finnish Chamber of Commerce- “Comparisons of the situation in different European countries: Have we reached a common understanding of the Comply or Explain Principle?” • Carmine Di Noia, Deputy Director General, Assonime, “Example of the implementation of the Comply or Explain principle- Italy” • Irena Prijovic, Secretary General, Slovenian Directors’ Association, “Example of the implementation of the Comply or Explain principle- Slovenia”
11:15	Coffee break

11:30	<p>Panel 2: “The Comply or Explain Principle: What is the added value for companies?” Presentation by Pascal Durand-Barthez, Secretary General of the French High Committee on Corporate Governance, “Examples of best practices at board’s level on the implementation of the Comply or Explain principle” Moderator: Pascal Durand-Barthez</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per Lekvall, Board member, Swedish Corporate Governance Board, “Comply or Explain as a driver towards improved corporate governance”. • Susannah Haan, Secretary General of EuropeanIssuers, “What are the key drivers to push companies to adhere to the “Comply or Explain” approach?” • Prof. Christian Strenger, Supervisory Board Member of Deutsche Asset & Wealth Management Investment GmbH, TUI AG, The Germany Funds (New York), “Concrete examples on processes in place in companies for a good functioning of the Comply or Explain principle” • Paul Lee, Head of Corporate Governance at Aberdeen Asset Management, “Comply or Explain - Can it survive in a global marketplace” • Julie Bamford, Head of Policy, Corporate ICOSA, “The Role of Company Secretaries”
13:10-13.30	Conclusive remarks: Lutgart Van den Berghe, David Herbinet and Chris Hodge
13.30-14.30	Sandwich lunch

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