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## **Effective Criminal Defence in Europe: Advancing beyond Stockholm**

**24-25 June, 2010 - Brussels, Belgium**

**Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre, Avenue du Boulevard 17 B-1210**

This conference will launch the report of a major project run by a consortium of European institutions into the requirements of effective criminal defence within a Europe whose criminal justice systems are increasingly co-operating on matters relating to justice and home affairs. The report addresses:

- The requirements of human rights and best practice;
- The performance of nine countries, eight of which are members of the EU;
- The proper role of the European Union in setting standards for the protection of criminal defendants.

The report will be presented at the sessions in the afternoon of 24<sup>th</sup> June. There will be opportunities for full discussion on the following day.

### **Provisional Programme**

#### **Thursday 24 June: Launch of the Report Effective Criminal Defence in Europe**

*Introduction of speakers:* Zaza Namoradze  
Director of Budapest Office  
Open Society Justice Initiative

3.00pm

#### **Welcome**

#### **Introduction**

Taru Spronken, Project Co-ordinator  
Professor of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure, Maastricht University

#### **Key note speech**

Charlotte Janssens de Bisthoven, Attaché

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Viviane Reding

Commissioner for Justice and Fundamental Rights

3.30pm **Effective Defence Rights: Key Findings**

*Moderator:* Roger Smith, Director Justice

**The requirements of human rights and good practice:  
Standards adopted by the research team**

Ed Cape

Professor of Criminal Law and Practice

University of the West of England, Bristol

**Key findings from nine countries presented by authors of the country reports**

**Perspective from the European Union**

Sarah Ludford

MEP

**Questions and discussion**

5.00pm End

6.30pm Reception followed by conference dinner

**Friday 25 June: Discussion**

9.00am **The findings of the research and emerging themes**

Prof. Taru Spronken and Prof. Ed Cape

9.30am **Testing the Findings I**

Commentaries and reflections from the Judiciary and the Commission

**Roundtable discussion**

*Moderator:* Prof. Taru Spronken

Egbert Myjer

Judge, ECtHR

Marc Nève

Council of Europe, CPT

- Caroline Morgan  
European Commission
10. 45am coffee break
- 11.15am **Testing the Findings II**  
*Commentaries and Reflections from Police, Prosecution and Defense*
- Roundtable discussion II
- Moderator:* Prof. Ed Cape
- John Long  
Assistant Chief Constable, Avon and Somerset Constabulary, UK
- Gert Haverkate  
Procurator-General at the Court of Appeal in the Hague and Director of  
the Scientific Department of the Prosecution Service in the Netherlands
- Holger Matt  
President, European Criminal Bar Association
- 12.30pm Lunch
- 1.30pm **The Way Forward**
- Moderator:* Zaza Namoradze
- Serge de Biolley  
Permanent Representation of Belgium to the EU
- Peter Csonka  
DG Justice, EC
- Roger Smith
- 3.00pm End of the meeting