



*Committee on Legal Affairs*

*Programme*

*Hearing on the*  
**Reform of the Court of Justice of the European Union**

Wednesday, 24 April 2013

09:00 - 11:00

Brussels  
Room JAN 4Q1

- 09:00 – 09:05**      **Opening remarks**
- **Klaus-Heiner Lehne**, Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs
- 09:05 – 09:25**      **The reform of the Court of Justice: the 2012 reform and the next steps**
- **Vassilios Skouris**, President of the Court of Justice
- 09:25 – 09:35**      **The further reform of the Court of Justice: the question of additional judges at the General Court and criteria for their selection**
- **Alexandra Thein**, Member of the Committee on Legal Affairs, rapporteur for the reform of the Court of Justice
- 09:35 – 09:45**      **The legal profession and the reform of the Statute of the Court of Justice**
- **Maura McGowan QC**, Chairman of the Bar of England and Wales
- 09:45 – 10:00**      **Debate**
- 10:00 – 10:10**      **Presentation of a study on dissenting opinions in the Supreme Courts of the Member States**
- **Rosa Raffaelli**, Administrator in Policy Department C, author of the study
- 10:10 – 10:25**      **Debate**

- 10:25 – 10:35**      **Presentation of a study on national practices with regard to the accessibility of court documents**
- **Vesna Naglič**, Administrator in Policy Department C, author of the study
- 10:35 – 10:45**      **Access to Court documents: a practitioner's perspective**
- **Michael Patchett-Joyce**, Barrister, Outer Temple Chambers, London
- 10:45 – 11:00**      **Debate**