

European Convention on Human Rights and the Churches
Recent jurisprudence of the ECHR and challenges in the new fundamental rights framework
Conference of European Church Lawyers

21/22 February 2013

at the Representation of Bavaria (Rue Wiertz 77, 1000 Brussels)

Thursday, 21 February 2013, Representation of Bavaria

12:30	Arrival and Lunch
13:15 – 13:30	Welcome by Dr. Angelika Schlunck, <i>Director of the Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the European Union</i>
13:30 – 13:45	Introduction to the conference by Senior Church Counsel Katrin Hatzinger, <i>Head of the EKD Office Brussels</i> , and Rev. Rüdiger Noll, <i>Director – Church and Society Commission of CEC / Associate General Secretary of CEC</i>
13:45 – 14:45	Prof. David McClean <i>Member of the European Consortium for Church and State Research</i> A critical reflection on the “Lautsi case” Discussion with the audience
14:45 – 15:45	Prof. Louis-Léon Christians <i>Chair in Law and Religions; Faculty of Theology Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve</i> The autonomy of the churches mirrored in the recent case law of the ECHR (Obst, Schüth, Sindicatul Pastorul Cel Bun etc.) Discussion with the audience
16:00	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:45	Prof. Dr. jur. Hans Michael Heinig <i>Chair for public law and ecclesiastical law at the Georg-August-University Göttingen;</i> <i>Director of the Institute for Ecclesiastical Law of the EKD</i> Religious communities organized in the forms of public law and the ECHR Discussion with the audience
17:45 – 18:00	Dr. Michal Rynkowski <i>European Commission;</i> <i>Collaborator of the European Consortium for Church and State Research.</i> Summary and Analysis – “What does it mean for the churches”?
18:00 – 19:30	Debate
19:30	Reception and networking

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Friday, 22 February 2013, Representation of Bavaria

9:00	Morning prayer by Rev. Rüdiger Noll
9:30 – 11:00	Dr. Clemens Ladenburger, LL. M. <i>Assistant to the Director-General Legal service of the European Commission</i> The growing relevance of the European Charter of Fundamental Rights Discussion with the audience

The conference will continue at the EKD office, Rue Joseph II, 166

11:30 – 13:00	Working groups in order to exchange on current issues 1. Labor law (introduction by Senior Church Counsel Katrin Hatzinger) 2. Restitution of property (introduction by Dr. Joanna J. Matuszewska, <i>Evangelical-Reformed Church in Poland</i>) → <i>Groups 1 and 2 take place in the conference rooms Rue Joseph II, 166</i> 3. Religion in the public sphere (introduction by Christopher Hörster, <i>Legal Advisor EKD office Brussels</i>) 4. Protection of Fundamental Rights in a multi-level court system (introduction by Prof. Rüdiger Stotz, <i>Director-General, Directorate General Library, Research and Documentation, Court of Justice of the European Union</i>) → <i>Groups 3 and 4 take place in the Conference Rooms Rue Charlemagne, 28</i>
13:00	Lunch break at the Conference Room Rue Joseph II, 166
14:00 – 15:00	Feedback and conclusions by Senior Church Counsel Katrin Hatzinger and Rev. Rüdiger Noll

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