

## Simplification of the regulatory environment for companies: EC consultation on company law, accounting and auditing A Policy Roundtable:

18 September 2007  
12:45 – 15:00hrs

**Renaissance Hotel, Rue du Parnasse 19, B-1050 Brussels**

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Achieving an appropriate regulatory environment for businesses is crucial to the European economy. As part of the Better Regulation initiative, the European Commission is undertaking a review of the EU acquis in order to simplify the regulatory environment and reduce administrative burdens for companies. With the publication of a new Communication on 10 July, the Commission is consulting stakeholders in what have been identified as three priority areas within the Better Regulation drive: company law, accounting and auditing. These are critical policy areas raising not only issues of business relevance, but also broader public interest matters.

Organised by the **Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)**, with the support of the **Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)**, and the **European Capital Markets Institute (ECMI)**, and featuring direct participation from the **European Commission**, the Roundtable on 18 September will seek to promote an open dialogue to discuss the merits of the proposals and whether they can reach their stated objectives. The event will begin with introductory presentations from representatives of the three European Commission Units involved in this Communication, followed by contributions from lead discussants from the business and banking communities, in addition to the legal and accounting professions, and an open debate with all participants.

The Roundtable constitutes an ideal and timely opportunity for an in-depth analysis of the proposals and direct interaction with the European Commission. It will be helpful to all parties, especially those who intend to submit a formal response to the consultation which closes in mid-October.

### PROGRAMME

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**12:45**      *Registration and sandwich lunch*

**13:30**      **Policy Debate**

***Karel Lannoo***, Chief Executive Officer, CEPS (Chairman)

***Jürgen Tiedje***, Head of Auditing Unit, DG Internal Market European Commission

***Philippe Pellé***, Deputy Head of Company Law, Corporate Governance and Financial Crime Unit, DG Internal Market, European Commission (or senior representative from the Unit)

***Ulf Linder***, Deputy Head of Accounting Unit, DG Internal Market, European Commission

***Clive Lewis***, ICAEW Head of SME Issues

***A limited number of lead discussants to stimulate the debate***

**15:00**      *End of Roundtable*