

INTRODUCTION

Joint and several liability

In the fight against social dumping and social fraud the mechanism of joint and several liability is one of the key issues both on a European and on a national level.

Is this mechanism the new panacea in the fight against social fraud or is it a sledgehammer to crack a nut? Should it be considered as a big stick for enforcement and inspection services – and therefore as an ultimum remedium sensu stricto – or on the contrary as the mother of all enforcement measures? Does it only aim at mala fide players on the market or should the bona fide entrepreneurs fear it as well? And finally, will the joint and several liability mechanism nip mala fide practices in the bud or will it be a vain attempt?

Iris is organising an evening seminar on joint and several liability in all its aspects from a national and European perspective: (subsidiary) joint and several liability, chain versus direct liability, the transposition of the Sanctions Directive into Belgian Law and joint and several liability as included in the proposal for a European Enforcement Directive.

The Minister for Employment, Ms De Coninck, represented by her advisor Mr Ludo Beck, and State Secretary for the Fight against Social and Tax Fraud, Mr John Crombez elucidate their policies, the European Commission covers a number of (proposals for) new directives, the inspection services talk about the legislation in practice and the social partners debate these subjects.

Afterwards, at a rich reception, participants will have ample opportunity to exchange views with the speakers.

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Evening Seminar

Joint and Several Liability within Social Law

Monday 25 June 2012

5.00 pm – 8.45 pm

**Auditorium 'De Schelde' Provinciaal
Administratief Centrum 'Het Zuid'**
Woodrow Wilsonplein 2
9000 Ghent

PROGRAMME

5.00 pm – 5.10 pm Welcome

Welcome by the chairman of the day
**Prof Dr Yves Jorens, director of the International Research
Institute on Social Fraud, Ghent University**

5.10 pm – 5.30 pm Joint and Several Liability: new reforms
and trends

**Dr John Crombez, State Secretary for the Fight against Social
and Tax Fraud**

5.30 pm – 5.50 pm Joint and Several Liability from a
European Comparative Perspective

**Prof Dr Yves Jorens, director of the International Research
Institute on Social Fraud, Ghent University**

5.50 pm – 6.10 pm Joint and Several Liability: one of the
new aspects of enforcement in European law instruments

**Mr Sjoerd Feenstra, deputy head of the Unit Labour Law
European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and
Inclusion**

6.10 pm – 6.30 pm Joint and Several Liability for wages: in
practice

**Mr Philippe Vanden Broeck, acting advisor general of the Social
Legislation Inspectorate of the FPS Employment, Labour and
Social Dialogue**

6.30 pm – 7.00 pm Break with sandwiches

7.00 pm – 7.20 pm Joint and Several Liability within social
security: new aspects

**Mr Karel Deridder, director general of the Directorate General of
the Inspection Services of the NSSO**

07.20 pm – 7.40 pm Joint and Several Liability in the
Sanctions Directive

**Mr Ludo Beck, advisor of the Minister for Employment, Ms De
Coninck**

07.40 pm – 8.45 pm Debate: Speakers + Panel

Chairman: **Mr Jan Bertels, director general Social Policy of the
FPS Social Security**

Panel: **Koen Cabooter (UNIZO), Monica De Jonghe (VBO),
Piet Van den Bergh (ACV), ABVV**

08.40 pm Reception