

The programme

26 October 2017 – Day 1

8 :15	Welcoming coffee L42 Business Center & Workspace, rue de la Loi 42, 1040 Brussels	
8:30	Welcoming speech Course Overview + Introduction of the participants	Roger Barker , Director of ecoDa's Education programme, Senior Consultant, Institute of Directors, IoD, UK
8:45	From passive to interactive boards – European case studies	Torben Ballegard Sorensen , Board Member of Vestas and Egmont. Former deputy of Electrolux and Pandora. Plus other int'l companies
10:00	Overview of European Corporate Governance: Diversity or Convergence?	Roger Barker Robbert Gerritsen , Vice President and Head of Benelux and Southern European Research at ISS
10:30	Short presentations of key CG features in some major European economies	Roger Barker Country experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dirk Backhaus (Germany), Group Director Finance, Albatha Holding • Per Lekvall (Nordic), Member of the Swedish Corporate Governance Board, Member of ecoDa Policy Committee • Alessandra Stabilini (Italy), Member of Board, Nedcommunity • Roger Barker (UK)
11:30	Coffee break	
11:50	Group discussion: Serving as a director in different European corporate governance systems	Group facilitators: the country experts Roger <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dirk Backhaus • Per Lekvall • Alessandra Stabilini • Roger Barker
13:00	Presentation of conclusions & specific questions addressed to the experts	Roger Barker
13:20	Lunch	
14:30	The independent director	Gerry Brown , Chairman of Novaquest Capital
15:30	Challenges, benefits and risks of being a director in Europe	David De Greef , Financial Institutions Manager, Financial Lines, AIG Europe Jérôme Wigny , Partner, Elvinger Hoss & Prussen, Luxembourg

16:50	Coffee break	
17:10	The European Market for Directorship	Christophe Vandoorne , Senior Client Partner and Office Managing Director of Korn/Ferry International
18:15	Wrap up	Roger Barker
20:00	Exchange of Experience: Being a Director Dinner : Venue: L'Atelier Restaurant Rue Franklin 28, 1040 Brussels	Patrick Zurstrassen , Independent Director

October 27 – Day 2

8:00	Welcoming coffee <i>L42 Business Center & Workspace, rue de la Loi 42, 1040 Brussels</i>	
8:30	Boardroom Megatrend: Developing an Ethical Business Culture <i>Conversation between Anthony Smith-Meyer and Peter Montagnon on Ethics</i>	Anthony Smith-Meyer , Independent Director, Compliance and Governance Activist and Educator Peter Montagnon , Associate Director, Institute of Business Ethics (IBE)
10:00	Corporate Governance differences in practice	Victoire de Margerie , Chairperson and key shareholder of Rondol Industrie and Vice Chairman of World Materials Forum. And board member of Arkema (France), Eurazeo (France) and Babcock International (UK)
11:15	Coffee break	
11:30	The main policy topics in corporate governance at EU level	Joanna Sikora-Wittnebel , DG Internal Market and Services, European Commission
12:30	Simulation of a real boardroom on the basis of a case study circulated beforehand <u><i>Presentation of the case study</i></u>	Philippe Haspeslagh , Chairman and Board member in several listed and unlisted companies, Director of Guberna, Honorary Dean Vlerick Business School, Contributing faculty to the INSEAD Corporate Governance Initiative
12:45	Lunch	
14:14 ----- 17:40	<u><i>Board simulation</i></u> <u><i>Summary of the discussion</i></u>	Ludo Van der Heyden
17:40	Closing session – Synthesis	Roger Barker
18:00	End of the programme	