

MARCH 17, 13.30 – 17.00 CET, HYBRID EVENT:  
GROTE STIJLKAMER, JANSKERKHOF 2-3 [tbc] OR ONLINE

## FROM BETTER ENFORCEMENT TO BETTER LAWMAKING

### REINFORCE BUILDING BLOCKS: LEGISLATION IN AN EU CONTEXT & SUCCESSFUL ENFORCEMENT

In its Communication “Enforcing EU law for a Europe that delivers”, the European Commission underlines that ‘[t]he law is the EU’s best asset in delivering the benefits of the EU for people, businesses, and our environment’, and enforcing EU law is central to delivering those benefits. The Commission further acknowledges that enforcement of EU law, similar to better regulation, is a joint effort, and necessitates involving Member States and stakeholders. Effective enforcement should help achieve the aims of better regulation by ensuring compliance with regulatory aims, as well as feeding into ex post evaluations.

This symposium addresses questions with regard to the conceptualization of effective or ‘smart’ enforcement, as well as its current and future role in the EU lawmaking process.

This guest lecture brings together EU and national, as well as academic and practice-oriented perspectives. The keynote speech will be delivered by Prof. Geert-Jan Veerman (Maastricht University). Dr. Mira Scholten (Utrecht University). Mr. Rob van de Westelaken (European Parliament), and ms. Anne-Jel Hoelen (Autoriteit Consument en Markt) will share there insights and experiences.



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# PROGRAMME

**13.30 WELCOME, COFFEE/TEA**

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Chair: Prof. (Ton) A. van den Brink

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**14.00 INTRODUCTION**

Dr. (Esther) A.G. van Schagen

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**14.15-15.30 SESSION I**

**14.15**

**Key note address**

Better Enforcement, Better Legislation? A challenging correlation (if there is one)

Prof. G.-J. Veerman, Maastricht University

14.45

Shifting the focus from responsive to preventive function in the enforcement of EU laws in policy-making, research and education?

Dr. Mira Scholten, Utrecht University

**15.15 Discussion**

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**BREAK 15.30 - 15.45**

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**15.45 - 16.40 SESSIONII**

**15.45 [tbc] Reflections**

Mr. Rob van de Westelaken, European Parliament

**16.05 [tbc] Reflections**

Ms. Anne-Jel Hoelen, Autoriteit Consument & Market

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**16.25 - 16.45 DISCUSSION**

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**16.45 - 17.00 CLOSING**

Dr. Esther van Schagen

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**17.00 DRINKS**

