

ECI Legal Framework – Need for Reform?

10th of December 2014

EESC, VMA Building, 2 Rue Van Maerlant, Brussels

VM3 Room

14.30	Registration and welcoming coffee
14.45 – 14.55	Welcoming note by Ms Anne-Marie Sigmund , President of the ECI Ad-hoc Group, European Economic and Social Committee
14.55 – 15.05	Welcoming speech by Ms Assya Kavrakova , Director, ECAS
15.05 – 15.30	Presentation of the results of the ECAS ECI Legal Study, Mr Onno Brower , Lawyer, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
15.30 – 15.40	The European Commission's response, Ms Carmen Preising , Head of Unit, Secretariat General, European Commission (tbc)
15.40 – 15.55	An Institutional perspective on the review of the ECI Regulation, Ms Sylvia Kaufmann , Member of the European Parliament
15.55 – 16.30	Questions and answers
16.30 – 16.45	Results of the own-inquiry initiative from the European Ombudsman, Ms Tina Nilsson , Head of Complaints and Inquiries Unit, European Ombudsman
16.45 – 16.55	Ms Madi Sharma , Member of the ECI Ad-hoc group
16.55 – 17.05	Mr Michel Cermak , Representative of the ECI "STOP TTIP"
17.05 – 17.15	Mr Philippe Grosjean , Representative of the Committee promoting the ECI "New Deal 4 Europe - For A European Special Plan For Sustainable Development and Employment"
17.15 – 17.25	Impact of ECIs at the EU political level, Prof. Louis Bouza , College of Europe
17.25	Debate and Q&A time
18.00	Networking drinks

Moderator: **Assya Kavrakova**, ECAS and **Bruno Kaufmann**, IRI Europe