



4th CERIL International Conference

AFTER THE BIG BANG!

**Europe's expanding restructuring
and insolvency law regime**

Thursday 26 and Friday 27 March 2026

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Welcome to Leuven!

The Conference on European Restructuring and Insolvency Law (CERIL) is delighted to welcome you to its 4th international conference, taking place in Leuven, Belgium. This year's theme is:

After the Big Bang!

Europe's expanding restructuring and insolvency law regime

Hosted in the city where the foundations of the Big Bang theory were laid, this conference focuses on the rapidly expanding universe of European restructuring and insolvency law. Once an area largely untouched by harmonisation, the field is now developing at remarkable speed, driven by the new EU Insolvency Directive (Insolvency III), the prospect of a 28th EU-level regime ('EU Inc.'), and the growing impact of digitalisation on practice.



Leuven is not only a historic university city, but also a place of considerable scientific significance. At KU Leuven, the priest Georges Lemaître laid the foundations for the Big Bang theory in 1927. His proposal of an expanding universe reshaped modern cosmology and our understanding of the universe. Leuven's academic tradition reaches back even further: KU Leuven was founded in 1425, making it one of Europe's oldest universities. For centuries, this university is a hub where ideas, disciplines and generations of scholars meet and move fields forward. Leuven's compact and historic city centre, with its centuries-old streetscapes, provide us a welcoming setting for this conference.

The conference will feature short presentations followed by interactive discussions among legal practitioners, academics and judges. Through a mix of keynotes and expert panels, **Day 1** focuses on Europe's new Insolvency Directive: its objectives, key implementation challenges, and the practical tools it introduces, including avoidance actions, pre-packs, the duty to file, creditors' committees and asset tracing.

Day 2 turns to the proposal for a 28th Regime for Innovative Companies and to the European Insolvency Regulation 2015 ahead of its upcoming review. On this Regulation, we will address questions of scope and coordination (including group regimes, secondary proceedings and judicial cooperation). The conference concludes with a forward-looking panel on digitalisation, including digital assets, registers, AI, and the digitalisation of proceedings and supervision.

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We also thank the technical committee, who have been pivotal in preparing the program for this conference: Prof. Irene Lynch Fannon, Prof. Paula Moffatt, Prof. Elina Moustaira, Prof. Joeri Vananroye, and Nora Wouters.

We hope this conference will inspire further progress in European restructuring and insolvency law—and that it will be an occasion for both reflection and celebration.

Prof. Reinout Vriesendorp
CERIL Chair

Day 1 | Thursday 26 March 2026

Venue: Irish College, Janseniustraat 1, 3000 Leuven, Belgium

Europe's New Insolvency Directive

Day Chair: Reinout Vriesendorp (CERIL Chair)

13:30-14:00	Registration
14:00-14:20	Welcome Addresses <i>Joeri Vananroye (KU Leuven)</i> <i>Reinout Vriesendorp (CERIL Chair)</i>
14:20-14:50	Keynote After the Big Bang: future perspectives for EU insolvency law <i>René Repasi (Member European Parliament (Shadow rapporteur for the EU Insolvency Directive and Rapporteur 28th Regime))</i>
14:50-15:50	Panel I Expansion of the EU Insolvency Universe: what will the Insolvency Directive bring? <i>Chair: Mylène Boché-Robinet (Boché Dobelle, France)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Emilie Ghio (University of Edinburgh, Scotland)</i>▪ <i>Tony O'Grady (Matheson, Ireland)</i>▪ <i>Pal Sziranyi (European Commission)</i>▪ <i>Emil Szczepanik (Judge, Poland)</i>
15:50-16:20	Coffee Break
16:20-17:45	Panel II EU Insolvency Directive: key tools for practice <i>Chair: Lorenzo Stanghellini (University of Florence, Italy)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Ieva Broka (Ieva Broka & partners, Latvia)</i>▪ <i>Jana Julia Hübler (CMS, Germany)</i>▪ <i>Gillis Lindemans (Quinz, Belgium)</i>▪ <i>Caterina Macchi (Judge, Italy)</i>▪ <i>Irina Selevestru (CNI Moldinsolv, Moldova)</i>
17:45-17:55	Closing Address <i>Nora Wouters (Dentons, Belgium)</i>
17:55-18:15	CERIL General Assembly <i>(for CERIL Conferees only)</i>
18:15-22:00	Drinks Reception and Conference Dinner at the Faculty Club <i>The venue can be reached in a ± 10 min walk through Leuven's Old Town</i>

Click the links below or scan the QR-code for the relevant legal texts:

[Insolvency Directive](#)



[EIR 2015](#)



[28th Regime](#)



Day 2 | Friday 27 March 2026

Venue: Irish College, Janseniustraat 1, 3000 Leuven, Belgium

Europe's Restructuring and Insolvency Horizon

Day Chair: Ignacio Tirado (CERIL Vice Chair)

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:15	Welcome <i>Ignacio Tirado (CERIL Vice Chair)</i>
09:15-09:45	The Next Big Bang? The Proposed Regulation on the 28th Regime Corporate Legal Framework - 'EU Inc.' <i>Patryk Filipiak (Filipiak Babicz, Poland) and Gert-Jan Boon (Leiden University, the Netherlands)</i>
09:45-10:45	Panel III Reviewing the EIR 2015: the scope of the EIR <i>Chair: Melissa Vanmeenen (University of Antwerp, Belgium)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Kat Burke (MaikCoir, Ireland)</i>▪ <i>Antonio Leandro (University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy)</i>▪ <i>Stephan Madaus (Martin-Luther University, Germany)</i>▪ <i>Walter Nijjens (De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, The Netherlands)</i>
10:45-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:45	Panel IV Reviewing the EIR 2015: coordination <i>Chair: Paul Omar (De Montfort University, UK)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Irene Lynch Fannon (University College Cork, Ireland)</i>▪ <i>Piet Neijt (Judge, the Netherlands)</i>▪ <i>Friedrich Schlott (Kirkland & Ellis, Germany)</i>▪ <i>Signe Viimsalu (Head of Insolvency Service of Estonia, Estonia)</i>
12:45-13:45	Lunch
13:45-15:00	Panel V Into the digital age <i>Chair: Paula Moffatt (Nottingham Law School, UK)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Theoni Alampasi (Ministry of Finance, Greece)</i>▪ <i>Tina Balzli (CMS, Switzerland)</i>▪ <i>An-marie Buyse (Aginco, Belgium)</i>▪ <i>Ilya Kokorin (Dutch Authority for the Financial Markets, the Netherlands)</i>▪ <i>Theodora Kostoula (UNIDROIT, Italy)</i>
15:00-15:15	Closing Address <i>Gert-Jan Boon (CERIL Secretary/Treasurer)</i>
Afternoon	Social Program <i>(optional)</i>



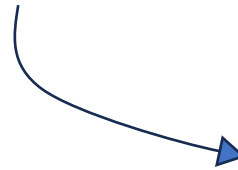
Venues

Conference Venue

Irish College
Janseniusstraat 1
3000 Leuven, Belgium

Dinner Venue

Faculty Club
Groot Begijnhof 14
3000 Leuven, Belgium



About CERIL

The **Conference on European Restructuring and Insolvency Law (CERIL)** is an independent non-profit, non-partisan organisation of more than 100 lawyers and other restructuring and insolvency practitioners, law professors and (insolvency) judges committed to the improvement of restructuring and insolvency laws and practices in Europe, the European Union, and in its Member States.

Activities

From its inception, CERIL has been a voluntary organisation, based on the shared commitment of its conferees to collect and present their best insights. CERIL establishes a platform that allows for the exchange of ideas, in-depth discussions, often in the context of joint studies and statements of advice on technical and policy matters. In its work, CERIL employs both comparative and international approaches. CERIL supports legislative initiatives on a European Union or national level, but also discusses fundamental principles and concepts.

Statements and Reports

CERIL regularly publishes Statements and Reports on current topics in the field of restructuring and insolvency law. CERIL's vision is to provide a unique independent perspective to endorse significant long-term improvements in restructuring and insolvency systems across Europe and the European Union.

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