

Practical information

Date and venue

Monday 19 february 2018 | 12h15-18h30

KU Leuven – Kleine Aula (MTC 00.15)
Sint-Michielsstraat 6, 3000 Leuven

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Registers for the conference *The Platform Economy* on Monday 19 February 2018
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Participation fees

150 euros

The fee includes: participation to the conference, documentation, lunch, coffeebreak and the conference book *The Platform economy* (hardcover, market value of 95 euros).

Conference

The Platform Economy

Legal Status of Online Intermediaries



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About the conference

On 20 December 2017, the Court of Justice of the European Union held that internet platform Uber does not merely provide an App: it offers a full transport service. Uber exercises a decisive influence over the conditions under which drivers provide their service: the price, the minimum safety conditions, the conduct of drivers and their exclusion from the platform (C-434/15).

This decision addresses the very core of several highly debated questions on the legal status of online intermediaries (e.g. Uber, Airbnb & TaskRabbit). Does the emerging Platform Economy necessitate regulatory intervention? To what extent can platforms be held liable? Does national regulation impose disproportionate market restrictions on innovators? Do platforms qualify as employers? Is the potential loss of social protection of workers detrimental? Do platforms evade tax obligations and other regulations?

During the conference, experts in contract law, E.U. law, social law and tax law will answer these questions. This conference is relevant for all legal professionals, who will be increasingly confronted with online intermediary platforms.

Programme

12h15 Registration & Lunch

13h00 Introduction – A political perspective
Kris Peeters, *Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Employment, Economy and Consumer Affairs*

I. KEY LEGAL CHALLENGES

13h15 Platforms: To Regulate or Not To Regulate?
Prof. dr. Alain Strowel, *Université Saint-Louis & UCLouvain*

13h35 Liability of Platforms
Drs. Bram Devolder, *KU Leuven*

13h55 Law Evasion in the Platform Economy
Drs. Nicolas Van Damme, *KU Leuven*

II. CHALLENGES FOR E.U. LAW

14h20 A Common Market in the Platform Economy
Prof. dr. Wouter Devroe & drs. Friso Bostoen, *KU Leuven*

14h40 Platforms and Consumer Protection
Prof. dr. Denis Voinot & dr. Aurélien Fortunato,
Université Lille 2

15h00 Model Rules on Online Intermediary Platforms
Prof. dr. Christoph Busch, *Universität Osnabrück*

15h20 Coffee break

III. CHALLENGES FOR SOCIAL LAW

15h50 Labour Protection in the Platform Economy
Prof. dr. Valerio De Stefano, *KU Leuven*

16h10 Social Security of Non-Standard Workers
Prof. dr. Paul Schoukens, *KU Leuven & Tilburg University* en
drs. Alberto Barrio, *Tilburg University*

16h30 Social Security and the Sharing Economy: Dilemma and Paradox
Prof. dr. Yves Stevens, *KU Leuven*

16h50 Alternative Methods of Protection
Prof. dr. Wouter Verheyen, *KU Leuven*

IV. CHALLENGES FOR TAXATION

17h15 Direct Taxation of Platforms
Prof. dr. Luc De Broe & drs. Dina Scornos, *KU Leuven*

17h35 VAT in the Platform Economy
Prof. dr. Eduardo Traversa, *UCLouvain* en
prof. dr. Kenneth Vyncke, *KU Leuven*

17h55 Closing remarks – An Academic Perspective
Dean Bernard Tilleman, *KU Leuven*

18h15 Questions & Answers