As collective redress becomes increasingly relevant and available across a wide range of disputes in Europe, this seminar looks at the ways in which collective redress actions can be funded by lawyers and third party professional litigation funders in EU Member States.

PROGRAMME

16:00-16:15 Introduction
Chair: Duncan Fairgrieve

16:15-17:30 Litigation Funding in Civil and Common Law Jurisdictions
- Can litigation funding be used freely across Europe?
- What structures or models are used (e.g. assignment model in Germany and elsewhere, crowd funding)
- “Access to justice” and funding – is/should funding be limited on to those cases which cannot proceed without it? What other limits are there?
- Who can fund – lawyers as well as litigation funders?
- Are there any lessons from outside Europe?

Panel: Anthony Maton – Hausfeld
Frédéric Pelouze – Alter Litigation
Ben Rayment – Monckton Chambers

17:30-17:45 Coffee

17:45-19:00 Cross Border Collective Actions – How Can they be Funded
- Can all types of collective claims be funded? ‘Opt-in’ vs ‘opt-out’
- Differences in national regulation of litigation funding – a barrier or an opportunity?
- Impact of EU legislation and guidance – will it make any difference?
- Costs recovery and judicial attitudes to litigation funding
- Does funding change litigation/settlement tactics?

Panel: Simon Dluzniak – Bentham Europe
Jeremy Marshall – Bentham Europe
Till Schreiber – CDC
Julia Salasky – CrowdJustice