The European Commission has published its long awaited Recommendation on Collective Redress. This establishes principles for national collective redress mechanisms in the Member States to achieve EU wide coherency. Fair, equitable and timely national redress mechanisms should be put in place in all Member States, in the different areas where EU law grants rights to citizens and companies (consumer protection, competition, environment protection and financial services). The Recommendation advocates “opt-in” mechanisms except for exceptional cases. It stresses the importance of information on on-going claims and of procedural safeguards (no contingency fees, standing of non-profit organisations, prohibition of punitive damages). It ensures cross-border participation in collective claims and promotes ADR. The Member States have two years to adapt their national systems to achieve the objectives set out in the Recommendation.

This seminar will address the principles established by the Recommendation, debate which actions need to be taken by the Member States, especially the UK, and reflect on the impact that these changes will have on citizens and their rights to redress.

Speakers include:

- Alexander Layton QC, 20 Essex Street
- David Burstyner, Omni Bridgeway, Litigation Funder
- Diana Wallis, President of the European Law Institute and former Vice-President of the European Parliament
- Georg Kodek, University of Vienna and Austrian Supreme Court
- Hélène van Lith, Sciences Po, Paris
- Jacek Garstka, European Commission
- John Sorabji, the Legal Adviser to the Master of the Rolls
- Kate Wellington, Which?
- Professor Astrid Stadler, University of Konstanz, University of Rotterdam
- Rob Murray, Mishcon de Reya
- Vincent Smith, Sheppard & Smith, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

This event has been convened by Dr Duncan Fairgrieve and Dr Eva Lein, British Institute of International and Comparative Law.

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