



## **International and European Sports Law Symposium: “20 years later: the legacy of *Bosman*”**

In December 1995, the Court of Justice delivered its judgment in the *Bosman* case – one of the few cases of the Union courts that resonate in the mind of European citizens. The judgment has been fundamental in shaping the relationship between EU law and sport.

Following a series of Round Table Sessions in the beginning of 1996, the ruling also laid the foundations for the ASSER International Sports Law Centre. Since then, International and European sports law has developed into one of the main areas of research within the Asser Institute.

Initially, various stakeholders perceived *Bosman* as a threat, marking the intrusion of EU law into sport. Instead, it sparked a constructive, though sometimes controversial, dialogue and enduring partnership between the sporting world and the EU. Since then, the EU, and especially the European Commission, has played an instrumental role in the way sport is regulated in Europe. The way in which the football transfer system is set up, the way media rights are marketed, the way the World Anti-Doping Agency operates, can all be traced back in one way or another to the influence of the EU. This does not encroach the autonomy of sports governing bodies, but is in fact a recipe for the democratic governance of sport.

20 years after *Bosman*, this Symposium looks back to this landmark ruling and explores its significant legal and political relevance, covering both general questions of EU law and specific developments of EU sports law and policy.

**Time:** 09.30 - 17.30hrs, followed by a reception

**Venue:** T. M. C. Asser Instituut  
R.J. Schimmelpennincklaan 20-22, The Hague

**Registration:** You can register on the [website](#) of the Asser Institute



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**18 June 2015**

**FINAL PROGRAMME**

9:00	<b>Registration</b>
9:30	<b>Welcome</b>  Prof. Dr. Janne Nijman (Academic Director, T.M.C. Asser Instituut) Prof. Dr. Ben Van Rompuy (Senior Researcher, T.M.C. Asser Instituut)
10:00	<b>Session I – Getting to <i>Bosman</i></b>  Prof. Dr. Carl Otto Lenz (Advocate General at the Court of Justice in <i>Bosman</i> ) Mr. Ian Forrester QC, LL.D (Partner, White & Case LLP, represented UEFA in <i>Bosman</i> ) Prof. Dr. Stephen Weatherill (Jacques Delors Professor of European Law, University of Oxford)
11:15	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:30	<b>Session II - Internal market and sport after <i>Bosman</i></b>  Prof. Dr. Simon Gardiner (Professor in International Sports Law, Leeds Beckett University) Mr. Antoine Duval (Senior Researcher, T.M.C. Asser Instituut)
12:45	<b>Lunch</b>
13:45	<b>Session III – EU competition law and sport after <i>Bosman</i></b>  Prof. Dr. Stefaan Van den Bogaert (Professor of European Law, Leiden University) Prof. Dr. Ben Van Rompuy (Senior Researcher, T.M.C. Asser Instituut)
15:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
15:15	<b>Session IV – Autonomy and governance of sport after <i>Bosman</i></b>  Dr. Borja Garcia (Lecturer in Sport Management and Policy, Loughborough University) Mr. Yves Le Lostecque (European Commission, DG EAC, Head of Unit Sport Policy)
16:30	<b>Closing speeches by Mr. Alasdair Bell</b> (UEFA General Counsel & Director of Legal) and <b>Mr. Theo van Seggelen</b> (FIFPro Secretary-General)
17:30	<b>Closing and reception</b>