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## **The institutional balance in the practice of the external relations of the European Union**

*In memoriam* of Gregorio Valero Jordana

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The case-law of the Court of Justice of the European Union on external relations is continuously evolving. This workshop is intended to take stock of the case-law and to pay tribute to Gregorio Valero Jordana, who recently passed away. He acted as agent for the Commission in many leading cases. Panels of distinguished speakers shall debate these and other cases relating to the three topics covered by the workshop: the scope of external competences; inter-institutional balance and sincere cooperation; and the effect of international law in the EU legal order.

<b>8:30</b>	Registration. <i>Coffee</i>
<b>9:00</b> <b>9:15</b>	<b>Welcome and introduction to the workshop – L. Romero Requena</b> (Director General, Legal Service, European Commission)
<b>9:15</b> <b>9:30</b>	<b><i>In memoriam</i> of Gregorio Valero Jordana – M. Campos Sánchez-Bordona</b> (Advocate General, Court of Justice of the European Union)
<b>9:30</b> <b>10:45</b>	<b>The scope of external competences of the European Union: revolution from the Kirchberg, or nothing new under the sun?</b>  <i>Panel discussion on case-law including: "Philippines" (Commission v Council, C-377/12), CITES (Commission v Council, C-370/07), and "waste shipments" (Commission v Parliament and Council, C-411/06)</i>  Chair: <b>A. Rosas</b> (Judge, Court of Justice of the European Union)  Main speaker: <b>C. Vedder</b> (Professor of public law, European law and international law, University of Augsburg)  Panel: <b>C. Hillion</b> (Member of the Governing Board of CLEER; Professor of European law, Leyden University and University of Gothenburg), <b>F. Castillo de la Torre</b> (Legal Advisor, Legal Service, European Commission), <b>L. Visaggio</b> (Head of Unit, Legal Service, European Parliament)

<b>10:45</b> <b>11:15</b>	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>11:15</b> <b>12:30</b>	<p><b>Inter-institutional balance and sincere cooperation: on our way to harmony?</b></p> <p><i>Panel discussion on case-law including: "hybrid acts" (Commission v Council, C-28/12), "Australian ETS" (Commission v Council, C-425/13), and "PFOS" (Commission v Sweden, C-246/07)</i></p> <p>Chair: <b>H. Legal</b> (Director General, Legal Service, of the Council)</p> <p>Main speaker: <b>R. Passos</b> (Director, Legal Service of the European Parliament)</p> <p>Panel: <b>A. Ott</b> (Member of the Governing Board of CLEER; Associate Professor of European Union Law, Maastricht University), <b>A. Türk</b> (Professor, King's College London), <b>G. Schusterschitz</b> (Ambassador of Austria to Luxembourg)</p>
<b>12:30</b> <b>14:45</b>	<i>Lunch Break</i>
<b>14:45</b> <b>16:00</b>	<p><b>The effect of international law in the EU legal order: the case of environmental agreements</b></p> <p><i>Panel discussion on case-law including: "Etang de Berre" (C-213/03 and C-239/03), Commune de Mesquer (C-188/07) and Vereniging Milieudefensie (C-401/12 P to C-403/12 P)</i></p> <p>Chair: <b>C.W.A. Timmermans</b> (Judge, from 2000 to 2010, Court of Justice of the European Union)</p> <p>Main speaker: <b>M. Merola</b> (Partner, Bonelli Errede Pappalardo)</p> <p>Panel: <b>M. Bronckers</b> (Partner, VVGB Avocats); <b>V. Di Bucci</b> (Principal Legal Advisor, Legal Service, European Commission)</p>
<b>16:00</b> <b>16:15</b>	<p><b>Conclusion: L. Gussetti</b> (Principal Legal Advisor, Legal Service, European Commission)</p>

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Gregorio Valero Jordana (1954-2015) worked in the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture (1980-1985) and the Parliament of the Community of Madrid (1985-1992). He later moved to the European Commission where he worked in the areas of environment and telecommunications (1992-1997) before joining its Legal Service in 1999, where his focus has been environmental law and institutional aspects of external relations.

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Languages: English and French.

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