



Association Française pour le Droit de la Construction

ESCL Conference - Paris 2013

BUILDER'S LIABILITY AND INSURANCES IN **EUROPE**

Thursday 3 October 2013

19h00 Cocktail and private dinner cruise on the Seine

Friday 4 October 2013 (Conference)

The conference will take place in the *Hotel Intercontinental "Le Grand"*, 2 rue Scribe 75009 (close to *Opéra Garnier*).

Working languages: French and English with translation being provided into these languages.

Morning: European comparative approach

9h00 **Opening**
Hugues PERINET-MARQUET, professor, University of Paris II, President of the ESCL

9h15 **National regulations**

Short presentation by the national societies, of the most interesting topics on their builders' liability and insurance legal system (for example: specific liability, duration, eventual joint and several liability if relevant, role of the contract, securities covering contractor's insolvency, mandatory or widespread construction insurances...)

11h15 **Break**

11h30 **Common trends and various practices**

Will a ten year guarantee become a common rule?
Benoit KOHL
Professor, University of Liège

12h00 **Discussion**

12h30 **Lunch**

Afternoon: Harmonization and cross-bordering rules

14h15 Towards European liability harmonization?

From GAIPEC to ELIOS

Jean ROUSSEL

Director, Center of studies of insurances (CEA)

President of the team in charge of the European project ELIOS 2

14h45 Can a builder import its domestic liability rules in cross-border contracts?

International private law and European regulation in B to B and B to C contracts

Blandine MALLET-BRICOUT

Professor, University of Lyon III

15h30 Break

15h45 Workshop: discussion with representatives of construction and insurance companies

Laurent KARILA, Lawyer, Paris bar

Pierre ESPARBES, Deputy director, SMABTP (Builders' insurance company)

Hippolyte DUMEZIL, Director, MAF (Architects' insurance company)

Severin ABBATUCCI, Legal director, Fédération française du Bâtiment

17h15 Conclusion

19h30 *Alceste*, Opera by Gluck - Opéra Garnier (to be confirmed)

22h30 Dinner, Hotel Intercontinental

Saturday 5 October 2013

10h00 Presidents' meeting and lunch