

Meeting minutes
PG Transport & Insurance Law
9 May 2009 Düsseldorf

Attendants:

- John Wolfs (JW)
- Bram Marcus (BM)
- Gerhard Frank (GF)
- Liane Allmann (LA)
- Spiros Gallos (SG)
- Ewoud De Vidts (EV)

Absent with notice:

- Peter van Dam (PD)
- Peter van Gog (PG)
- Christian Bock (CB)
- Petri Eskola (PE)

1. The meeting is opened by JW and BM;

2. JW gives a short introduction. He has prepared a short checklist, on which members of the PG can state the particulars about their fields of practice. This checklist is handed out to all attendant and will be sent to the absentees and other possibly interested parties. All are asked to fill out this checklist and return it to BM. The information of these checklists will be made available to the members of the PG; BM asks all attendants to give a short introduction of themselves, their firm and their expertise;

3. SG: His firm, Pantelidis Law offices in Athens, Greece, in the area of transport law mainly deals with rail-, road- and air transport, not so much with carriage by sea. His firm mainly deals with insurance cases and represents both international and Greek insurance companies. SG suggests that the PG will also focus on international aspects of insurance;

EV: his firm, Wiemeersch Steyaert De Donder in Dendermonde, Belgium, deals with business and consumer clients in a 50/50 ratio. His firm mainly deals with commercial

law and international litigation cases and represents carriers mainly in the field of road haulage, as well as insurance companies;

GF: of Büsekist Winter & Partners in Düsseldorf, Germany. GF is a commercial lawyer, not really a specialist in transport and insurance law, but his firm does represent carriers;

JW: founder of Wolfs Advocaten in Maastricht, the Netherlands, focusing on transport and corporate law. JW expects to open a second office soon, with a new partner focusing on insolvency law. His firm represents carriers and insurance companies;

LA: Geschäftstelleleiterin of Eurojuris Deutschland e.V. based at the offices of Büsekist Winter & Partner, Düsseldorf, Germany. LA has a degree in international business economy (Internat. BWL) and will support the PG in the field of marketing and business development;

BM: of Van Dam & Kruidenier Advocaten, Capelle aan den IJssel/Rotterdam, the Netherlands, a 100 year old lawfirm, mainly dealing with all aspects of inland waterway shipping. His firm represents interests of carriers, cargo owners as well as insurance companies, mainly hull underwriters, both commercial and mutual;

4. A: JW and BM propose that, for the first two year term, they take joint presidency over the PG. This proposal is accepted by acclamation;

B: The objects of the PG will be, first to share knowledge among its members about the peculiarities of transport and insurance law in the jurisdictions of its members; second, to be a meeting platform for its members enabling them to establish a firm network of trustworthy and knowledgeable colleagues in the fields of transport and insurance law and, last but not least, to create commercial synergy between its members and their (prospective) clients leading to business development opportunities;

In view of these objects, the PG will, at future PG events, preferably organize two short lectures – by one of its members or outside speakers – one on a transport law topic and the other on an insurance law topic, and – if and when reasonably feasible -

a networking/ business development event;

5. GF mentions that Herman Nayaert wants to join the PG as well. He also suggests we contact John Tomas of the English Eurojuris chapter, to try to have English Eurojuris members to join our PG;

JW has spoken to the President of the Ukraine Eurojuris chapter and the President will ask the Odessa firm to join the PG;

JW and BM have spoken to Kevin Deguara of DF Advocates in Sliema, Malta. He wants to join the PG too. JW and BM have discussed with Deguara the possibility of organizing a visit to/lecture at the Maltese Ship register during the Eurojuris International Convention in Malta in November this year;

BM has spoken to Salvatore Guzzi of Napoli, Italy, who wants to join the PG;

BM has spoken to Thierry Clerc of Eurojuris France, who will try to ask French members to join the PG;

BM has spoken to Karl Lincke of Mariscal & Asociados, Madrid, Spain. He has as colleague that handles transport law cases. BM will ask Lincke to ask this colleague to join the PG;

The Eurojuris International fee for PG members is € 180, = per member. This amount is used, among other things (such as costs of the PG days etc), to put a specialist profile of PG members on the Eurojuris International website. It is proposed and agreed that our PG fee will be this € 180, = and that possible additional costs of the PG (such as those of business developments events and of outside lecturers) will be spread over the members after, of course, consultation about these costs;

JW asks all attendants to give some thought on future topics of interest for the PG meetings and report those to the presidents;

BM and JW suggest that, on the occasion of each PG event (PG days and Convention), the PG members will each produce a small document on the law in their respective jurisdictions with regard to a specific topic of transport or insurance or

related subjects. Those documents will be put together and can function not only as a source of knowledge to the members of the PG (PG object 1) but also as a business development instrument towards potential clients (PG object 3). All attendants have been handed out a copy of the “Leitfaden”, written by BM and JW. The idea is to produce similar documents with the input of all the PG members, which can then be “marketed” through the help of LA. LA has access to local and international Chambers of Commerce and other means of distributing business development information. All agree to put effort into these documents. JW will make the first questionnaire that can be the basis for the drafting of these documents, a first possible topic could be arrest of assets, in particular means of transport;

SG suggests that the PG could also address topics of insurance law in the field of product-, professional- and credit liability;

LA wants to put out a press release about the founding of the PG and suggests that the PG will try to get its own stand at the so called “National Stands” at the Eurojuris International Malta Convention;

6. To-do-list:

What	Who	When	Done
1. Fill out checklist and return to BM	All	1 June 2009	
2. Collect checklists and make available to members	BM	1 July 2009	
3. Think about possible topics PG events and report to BM/JW	All	1 June 2009	
4. Approach interested Ej members to join PG	BM	1 June 2009	
5. Report members of PG to Ej int.	BM	1 June 2009	
6. Draft questionnaire	JW	1 July 2009	

for first PG document			
7. Put out press release about founding PG	LA	ASAP	
8. Approach D. Tries about national stands Malta	LA/BM	1 September 2009	