

PROGRAMME

ACA-Europe seminar
organised by the Councils of State of the Netherlands and Belgium:
‘Contributing to the quality of legislation’
The Hague – 17 and 18 March 2025

Sunday 16 March

Arrival of delegates and partners

Independent transfer to hotel

Monday 17 March

- 09:30h Welcome of the delegates at the Council of State, Kneuterdijk 20, The Hague
- 10:00h Opening statements by the vice-president of the Council of State of the Netherlands, Mr Thom DE GRAAF, the first president of the Council of State of Belgium, Mr Wilfried VAN VAERENBERGH, and the president of ACA-Europe, Mr KARI KUUSINIEMI
- 10:30h Working session 1:
- The independent general legislative advisory function, including the consultation of Supreme Administrative Courts (first part)
- chairperson and reporter of this session : Mrs. Kathalijne BUITENWEG and Mr. Ronald VAN DEN TWEEL
- 11:30h *Photo, break and coffee*
- 12:00h Working session 1:
- The independent general legislative advisory function, including the consultation of Supreme Administrative Courts (second part)
- chairperson and reporter of this session: Mrs. Kathalijne BUITENWEG et Mr. Ronald VAN DEN TWEEL
- 13:00h Conclusion of working session 1 and lunch at the Council of State
- 14:00h Working session 2:
- Constitutional review ex-ante by independent advisory bodies and Supreme Administrative Courts
- chairperson and reporter of this session: Mrs. Elly VAN DE VELDE and Mrs. Kristine BAMS

- 15:45h Conclusion of working session 2
- 16:10h Departure of delegates and partners¹ for the 'Kunstmuseum',
Stadhouderslaan 41, The Hague (transport by bus organised by the Council)
- 16:45h Guided tour in English or French
- 17:50h Departure on foot to the 'Gember' restaurant, Stadhouderslaan 43
- 18:10h Aperitif and walking dinner
- 20:30h Departure for the Council of State, Kneuterdijk 20, The Hague (transport by
bus organised by the Council)
- 20:50h Departure on foot to 'Park Centraal' hotel, Molenstraat 53
(5 minute walk)

Tuesday 18 March

- 09:00h Welcome of the delegates at the Council of State, Kneuterdijk 20, The Hague
- 09:30h Working session 3:
- The judicial dialogue with the legislator (first part)
- chairperson and reporters of this session: Mrs. Rosa UYLENBURG and Mr. Jurgen DE POORTER
 - *feedback by the judiciary to the legislator in the perspective of the separation of powers*
 - *feedback-mechanisms: the judgment and other mechanisms*
- 11:00h *Break and coffee*
- 11:30h Working session 3:
- The judicial dialogue with the legislator (second part)
- chairperson and reporters of this session: Mrs. Rosa UYLENBURG and Mrs. Hanneke SCHIPPER-SPANNINGA
 - *feedback on structural problems*
 - *monitoring the follow-up of feedback that was given*

¹ Partners are welcome from 15:45h at the entrance Kneuterdijk 20.



- 12:25h Conclusion of working session 3
- 12:30h Key findings of the three working sessions and closure of the seminar
- 13:00h Farewell luncheon at the Council of State, Kneuterdijk 20

After the luncheon: departure of delegates (on their own arrangement)