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# Opening of the European Law Institute

**Invitation**  
17 November 2011  
10:00

Main Ceremonial Chamber  
University of Vienna  
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Venue Main Ceremonial Chamber, University of Vienna  
Barrier-free access: right side entrance, elevator 1<sup>st</sup> floor

## European Law Institute

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## PROGRAMME

- 10:00 **Welcome**  
Heinz W. Engl  
*Rector of the University of Vienna*
- 10:10 **Opening addresses**  
Heinz Mayer  
*Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Vienna*  
Irmgard Griss  
*President of the Austrian Supreme Court*  
Beatrix Karl  
*Austrian Federal Minister of Justice*
- 10:30 **The European Law Institute: facts and figures**  
Christiane Wendehorst  
*University of Vienna and ELI Treasurer*
- 10:45 **The unique character of the European Law Institute**  
Sir Francis Jacobs  
*President of the ELI*
- 11:00 **Inaugural Speech**  
**The European Law Institute:  
tracing the path to a European legal culture**  
Viviane Reding  
*Vice-President of the European Commission and  
EU Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and  
Citizenship*
- 12:00 **Lunch Buffet**
- ELI first workshop on the Proposal for a Common  
European Sales Law**
- Time 17 November 2011, 14:00–17:15  
18 November 2011, 9:00–17:00
- Venue Seminar Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
Palace of Justice, Schmerlingplatz 11, 1016 Vienna