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**Venue:** Messe Erfurt, Gothaer Str. 34, 99094 Erfurt

**Office opening times:** EFA: 14.6.: 8.00 -17.30 + 15.6.: 8.00 -14.00

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## Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012

- 18.00 **Members' meeting at the Radisson Blu Hotel**  
Juri-Gagarin-Ring 127, 99084 Erfurt
- from 20.00 **Social get together at the "Augustiner an der Krämerbrücke"**  
Horngasse 3-4, 99084 Erfurt  
(There will be screens broadcasting the European Championship Netherlands – Germany live)

## Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012

- 10.00 **Welcoming speeches**  
*Prof. Dr. Hans-Michael Wolfgang, EFA*
- Customs – the partner of industry**  
*Hartmut Koschyk, Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Finance, Berlin*
- 10.45 Break
- 11.30 **AEO Monitoring – experiences and outlook**  
Moderation: *Prof. Dr. Peter Witte, Fed. Uni. Of Appl. Sc., Münster*  
*Wolfgang Kahlert, Main Customs Office, Nuremberg*  
*Dr. Christian Haid, Chamber of Commerce, Graz*  
*Jari Salo, FINSIPRO, Helsinki*
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.30 **Development of free trade agreements**  
Moderation: *Prof. Dr. Achim Rogmann LLM (Murdoch), Brunswick European Law School, Wolfenbüttel*
- The view of the WTO**  
*Jorge Castro, World Trade Organization, Genf*
- The view of EU Member States**  
*Joakim Reiter, Permanent Representation of Sweden to the WTO, Geneva (tbc)*  
*Dr. Hasso Rieck, Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, Bonn*
- The view of industry**  
*Dr. Hans Georg Raber, Volkswagen AG, Wolfsburg*  
*Petra Herrmann, Panasonic Europe Ltd, Hamburg*
- 16.00 Break
- 16.30 **Implementation of free trade agreements**  
**The challenge presented by rules of origin**  
*Mette Azzam, WCO, Brussels*

- The Swiss experience**  
*Arthur Müller/ Ralf Aeschbacher, Directorate General of Swiss Customs, Bern*
- Preferential rules in practice**  
*Holger Bauer, BMW AG, Munich*  
*Bernd Stadler, Hugo Boss AG, Metzingen*
- 18.00 **Reception with small buffet by the Mayor of Erfurt and concert by the customs orchestra at the Messe Erfurt**
- 19.00 **Visit to various pubs in old city of Erfurt**

## Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012

- 9.00 **Energy Tax Law**  
Moderation: *Matthias Bongartz, Fed. Uni. Of Appl. Sc., Münster*
- The future of energy tax relief for manufacturing industries**  
*Peter Bille, Head of Subsection III B, Federal Ministry of Finance, Bonn*
- Statutorily induced increases in energy prices: the view of energy-intensive industries**  
*RA Günter Roeder, German Chemical Industry Association, Frankfurt*
- 10.00 Break
- 11.00 **Status report on IT in the Customs Union**  
Moderators: *Michael Lux, Graf von Westphalen, Brussels*
- The view of the Commission**  
*Frank Janssens, TAXUD, European Commission, Brussels*
- The view of administration**  
*Dr. Bettina Vogl-Lang, Department Leader, Customs Excise, Federal Ministry of Finance, Vienna*
- The view of developers**  
*Alfred Hiebl, MIC, Linz*
- The view of appliers**  
*Angela Fankhänel, Ernst & Young, Düsseldorf*
- 12.30 **Status report on the EU Customs Code**  
*Mag. Anton Zeilinger, Customs Attaché of the Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU, Brussels*
- 13.15 **Closing speech**
- 13.20 Farewell lunch

**Registration by fax: 0049 (0)251 83 27562**

[ ] I herewith make a binding registration for the 24<sup>th</sup> European Customs Law Conference in Erfurt from 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012.  
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