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## Foreword

In June 2011, the Centre for European Private Law (Münster) and the Study Centre for Consumer Law (K.U. Leuven), invited lawyers from academia, legal practice and politics representing several European countries for a discussion on the draft results of the Feasibility Study carried out by the Expert Group on European contract law and published a few weeks earlier by the European Commission.

The conference's aim was to make a significant contribution to the evaluation and improvement of a set of European rules of contract law that could be an alternative to national laws for business and consumers, and this at what seemed to be a decisive moment in the achievement of such project. The speech of the Commission's Vice President Reding at this conference may be the most telling illustration of the momentum.

This volume contains the texts presented at the conference. They come from members of the Expert Group and experts who were not members of the Expert Group. Some of the texts have been edited by their authors after the conference. With a rapid publication of these contributions the editors want to contribute effectively to this very important debate.

The editors kindly want to thank the authors and the publishers for their exceptional commitment in ensuring that the publication could take place within three months following the conference. This appreciation is also extended to the assistants, who demonstrated great dedication in the organisation of the conference and the editing of this volume, in particular *Majo Werrebrouck, Jana Pannemann, Francesco Paolo Patti and Jonathon Watson*.

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