

## *The Irish Centre for European Law*

*is delighted to present*

### *Current Developments in Public Procurement Law*

*Friday 14 October 2011, 9.45am – 4pm  
Malone House, Barnett Demesne, Belfast BT9 5PB*

Public Procurement has assumed a crucial role in the recession damaged economies in operation in both jurisdictions on this island. It is not surprising therefore that EU law procurement regimes have become the focus of intense attention by state authorities and those funded by them, the private sector, the social economy, academics, and lawyers serving these interests. The stakes are high to get the best from the rules.

The conference will be of particular relevance to practising lawyers and academics with an interest in this fast developing area of law, to public authorities with procurement needs and organisations engaged in procurement processes as well as those concerned with linkages between procurement and other policy areas such as social, environmental and equality where linkages with procurement has the potential to advance their aims. Northern Ireland has been in the front line of many innovative policy approaches and case-law in recent times.

The Centre is delighted to have secured the involvement of top decision makers, leading legal practitioners and well known academic and judicial experts for this Belfast based conference.

#### *Speakers*

- Des Armstrong, Director, Central Procurement Directorate for Northern Ireland
- John Armstrong, Managing Director, Construction Employers Federation
- Vincent Campbell, Director of Procurement Services, Office of Public Works
- Brian Doherty, Deputy Head, Departmental Solicitor's Office
- Peter Girvan, Barrister-at-Law
- Nigel Giffin QC, 11KBW Chambers
- The Honourable Mr Justice Bernard McCloskey, High Court of Northern Ireland
- Christopher McCrudden, Professor of Human Rights Law, Oxford University
- Patrick McGovern, Head of Public Procurement, Arthur Cox
- Vincent Power, Head of EU and Competition, A&L Goodbody
- Joanna Szychowska, Head of Unit, Internal Market and Services, European Commission (*invited*)

#### *Chaired by:*

The Honourable Mrs Justice Fidelma Macken, The Supreme Court, Ireland  
The Honourable Mr Justice Bernard McCloskey, The High Court, Northern Ireland

#### *Topics Covered*

- Update on current policies and practices in play on the island / Exploration of current legal and operational developments and problems from key legal practitioners and the Judiciary
- Consideration of practical aspects of public procurement law outside the courtroom and the relationship between public procurement and competition law
- Examination of the interface between internal market rules and the pursuit of public policy objectives
- An explanation of the consultation of the Commission aimed at modernising the rules from the Internal Market DG of the European Commission.

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