

The EU's Multilateral Investment Court and its alternatives

Last year the European Commission announced plans to establish a Multilateral Investment Court (MIC) in its attempt to reform the investment arbitration system, known as ISDS. However, the proposal has received little public scrutiny so far.

Now five civil society organisations are organising a public event with international experts to discuss the MIC and examine alternative approaches.

The first panel will provide a space to discuss the merits and perils of the Multilateral Investment Court as it has been proposed by the European Commission and situate it in the process of an uneven economic globalisation.

The second panel will look at alternative approaches to regulating investment and discuss experiences from around the world balancing the rights and obligations of investors.

Programme

I. Panel: The Multilateral Investment Court: Merits and perils

- *Dr Peter Schneiderhan*, Board member of the German Association of Judges
- *Gus van Harten*, Professor at the Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
- *Nele Eichhorn*, Member of Cabinet of Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmström, European Commission
- *Pia Eberhardt*, Researcher, Corporate Europe Observatory

2. Panel: Alternative approaches to regulating investment

- *Mustaqeem De Gama*, Counsellor, South African Permanent Mission in Geneva
- *Nathalie Bernasconi-Osterwalder*, Head of the Economic Law & Policy programme of the International Institute on Sustainable Development
- *Guillaume Long*, Ambassador, Ecuador Permanent Mission in Geneva

Moderated by *Daniela Vincenti*, Editor-in-chief at Euractiv

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The event is organised by:

Both ENDS, Corporate Europe Observatory, Friends of the Earth Europe, The Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO), Transnational Institute

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