

ECCO NEWS

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Best wishes from the Chairman



“ Members and friends,
Thanks to you, our Club has gained considerable visibility in institutional and industrial circles. In 2013 we have to continue our efforts to draw attention on Offset and also build up our international relations.
I wish you and your loved ones a very happy New Year.”

EU Free-Trade Agreement with Peru and Columbia

DG Trade of the European Commission announced in December 2012 that the Free-Trade Agreement (FTA) signed between the EU on the one hand, and Peru and Columbia on the other hand, should be provisionally applied in the first quarter of 2013, as soon as Peru and Columbia will have taken the necessary steps.



This Agreement’s specificity relies in the fact that it **forbids Offset** requirements between its Parties, as per its Article 175-7. In Article 172, Offsets are defined using the same terms as in WTO’s Government Procurement Agreement. Click [here](#) to view the FTA.

Offset Academy - Program Co-Directors

ECCO is glad to announce the nomination of the Offset Academy Co-directors, representing ECCO and ESSEC Business School respectively.



Marie-France Christophe-Tchakaloff

Ms. Christophe-Tchakaloff is a Member of ECCO since its foundation and actively participated to the creation of the Offset Academy. She is a University Professor in Public Law, and was the director of the Centre for Further Education at the Paris-Panthéon Sorbonne University for 8 years. She holds a PhD in Public Law.



Viviane de Beaufort

Ms. de Beaufort is Professor of Law and co-directs the European Centre of Law and Economics (CEDE) at ESSEC Business School (ECCO Member). She has a strong expertise in EU Business Law (corporate law and governance, mergers and acquisitions, competition, etc.) and regularly publishes research articles on these issues. She holds a PhD in EU Law.

Symposium #6 - Conference Chairmen

ECCO is glad to announce its next Symposium Workshop and Forum will be chaired by Mr. Gilles Lhuillier and Jean-Louis Blanchart respectively. They both are ECCO Members



Gilles Lhuillier

Mr. Lhuillier is Professor of law at the European University of Brittany. Former lawyer to the Paris Bar, founder and Vice-president of the NGO Human Rights Certification, he is senior expert for the EU especially in international contracts in the African area.



Jean-Louis Blanchart

Mr. Blanchart joined the Thomson-CSF Group in 1974, where he took many positions before becoming General Manager in France, the US and Belgium. He has been Director of International Cooperation and Offset in Thales Systemes Aeroportes since 2007.

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