



GENEVA GROUP INTERNATIONAL

**Central & Eastern European Conference
Eisenberg, Austria
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**Workshop and practice group summaries
19 June 2010, 11:00-12:30 hrs**

**Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency
Green Buildings on the rise – Some legal aspects
Dr. Michael Bihler
Dr. Matthias von Oppen**

I. Green Building

- The concept of Green Buildings
- Seeking uniform standards
- German standards (“Energieeinsparverordnung”, “EEWärmeG”)
- EU standards (European Energy Performance of Buildings Directive - EPBD 2010)
- Need for international standards
- Country reports

II. Zoning issues

- Solar thermal energy
- Photovoltaics
- Geothermal energy
- Special issue: Listed buildings
- Country reports

The above-named topics will be discussed in a dialog-based presentation. It would be very much appreciated if workshop participants from other countries could summarize their experiences in contributions of five to ten minutes maximum.

Anyone interested should please contact Dr. Michael Bihler, mbihler@law-wt.de or Dr. Matthias von Oppen, mvonoppen@law-wt.de directly.

Electronic media – a challenge for every day?!

**Dr. Eva Haase
Dr. Stefan Drawetz**

The tax authorities and other institutions prescribe the use of electronic media to fulfill the companies' obligation to disclose and report to an increasing degree. During the workshop we will give you a short oversight of the “Austrian way” of communication with the tax authorities, the commercial and cadastral register, national insurances and bank institutions and invite you to provide an insight into the way your country communicates in this context. We will discuss the benefits and risks of the electronic transfer of financial data and what lies ahead. How can we as consultants, auditors, accountants or lawyers use the possibilities of electronic communications? What are the benefits for our clients and can we find a USP for us? How important is the electronic communication between colleagues within the GGI-network?



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**Financial Markets: Outlook for 2010 and beyond (what can we expect?)
Prof. Dr. Teodoro Cocca**

A similar workshop as in Madrid. Because of the high demand this workshop will be offered a second time, taking into consideration the changes and developments on the financial markets since the conference in Madrid.

With the financial health of the eurozone countries seemingly heavily damaged, what kind of economical, political and social implication will this have for the future? What is the sentiment of the market and how likely are stronger corrective measures? What kind of problems remain and are we in the midst of the creation of the next big bubble, especially as the banking market still seems fragile and likely to cause some further concerns in the future? Combining fundamental data and market psychology, the workshop will try to address these issues and elaborate on possible scenarios for the future.

**Public listing (IPO) for a small entity; challenges and opportunities
Dr. Ugo Girardi**

Throughout our university studies we have regarded the topic of “listed companies” as specifically related to very large companies with thousands of employees and revenues worth billions.

The workshop will look at the valuable experience of listing and providing consultancy to a very small company.

We will briefly “tell” the story, summarise the main problems and challenges, and underline the great opportunities for generalist consulting that is typical of GGI.

Since finance is international, going public means becoming international. The GGI net will be of very high value and key to our success and that of our clients.

There are so many tasks to undertake and the level of knowledge required is so high that it is important to have the skills necessary to understand and manage problems that arise.

**Task force: financial crisis
Claudio Cocca**

Update following the European conference in Madrid (April 2010). We are currently moving from a financial crisis to a national debt crisis. How long can countries continue with their policy of quantitative easing, and for how long will investors be prepared to buy government bonds? What will happen to the economy after the debt-financed economic stimulus packages run out? Are the positive economic prospects sustainable or are we heading for a double-dip recession? After Greece was bailed out, more EU-countries are in danger to lose the confidence of the capital markets (Spain, UK, USA)? Can inflation help to reduce national debt, and when will it set in? Or are we heading into a decade of deflation like Japan? For how long can a highly indebted country (for example, Greece) expect its population to accept massive saving measures (social unrest)? Does the easy money policy lead to new bubbles (Chinese property market)? How dangerous is the situation really? What can we expect?