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## The EU beyond the Irish 'No'

**A round table on Monday 29 September 2008**

Venue: Huys Clingendael, Clingendael 7, The Hague

- from 13.00h** Coffee
- 13.30h** Welcome by *prof. dr. Jan Rood*, head CESP
- Key note speech: 'The Irish no: analysis and appreciation'**  
*By Francis Jacobs*, Head of Dublin Office, European Parliament
- 14.00h** **Comment** by *Lousewies van der Laan*, former M.E.P and M.P.  
(ALDE/D66), advisor to the United Nations
- Followed by plenary discussion
- 14.45h** Coffee break
- 15.15h** **Current prospects and perspectives**  
Short introductory remarks, followed by discussion:
- **'Can the treaty be saved: what options?'**  
*By Dr. Sebastian Kurpas*, CEPS, Brussels
  - **'Struggling with legitimacy: Ireland vs. the Netherlands'**  
*By Dr. Mendeltje van Keulen*, CESP
- 16.00h** **Legitimacy in Europe: towards national & EU-level solutions**  
*By Dr. Larry Siedentop*, Keble College, Oxford
- 16.45h** **Closure and drinks**, offered by the Representation of the European Commission in The Hague



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