



LES Benelux New Years Event

Licensing & Bankruptcy

28 January 2026

LES Benelux organizes its New Year's Event on Wednesday 28 January. The theme of bankruptcy and licensing will be discussed with several case studies. Speakers will highlight the perspectives from a licensee, a licensor, and a trustee.

Of course we would like to raise a glass with you to a happy New Year at our fantastic location on the 44th floor of one of Rotterdam's iconic skyscrapers.

PROGRAM

12:30-13:00	Welcome and registration
13:00-13:20	Welcome and Introduction on IP in bankruptcy by Chair of the Day, Prof. Dick van Engelen (Maastricht University and Ventoux)
13:20-13:50	Bankruptcy – Activities and role of the trustee Fouad el Houzi or Thijs Hekman (AKD, Rotterdam)
13.50–14.20	Effects of IP ownership during bankruptcy – some lessons from recent cases Richard Le Grand (Windt Le Grand Leeuwenburgh, Rotterdam)
14.20-14.40	Panel discussion
14:40–15:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:00-15:30	License agreements (and IPR) in the perspective of bankruptcy proceedings – an introduction Cedric Berckmans (Bird & Bird, Brussels)
15.30-16.00	International license agreements and complexities in case of bankruptcy Wouter Pors (Windt Le Grand Leeuwenburgh, Rotterdam)
16:00-16:30	Bankruptcy in licensing: the perspective from a licensee with bankrupt licensor Achim Krebs (HGF B.V., The Hague)
16.30-17.00	Panel Discussion and closing of the day
17:00-18:30	<i>New Year's toast and networking drinks</i>



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DETAILS

DATE

Wednesday 28 January 2026

TIME

From 13h00 till 17h30, followed by a New Year's toast

VENUE

AKD, Wilhelminakade 1 in Rotterdam

LES Benelux is happy to announce that we are welcomed at the office of AKD in Rotterdam, where our meeting will be on the 44th floor with spectacular views over Rotterdam and the harbour.

FEE

- Members of LES Benelux € 100
- Young members of LES Benelux € 90
- Non-members € 130

The participation fee includes a coffee and tea during the break and closing drink after the meeting. Payment can be made by bank transfer or credit card. You will receive an invoice for your participation upon registration.

REGISTRATION

Please register via the [online registration form](#) before 12 January 2026.

CANCELLATION

LES Benelux must be informed of any cancellation in writing by an e-mail to secretariat@les-benelux.org. For cancellations received before 19 January 2026, the registration fee will be reimbursed. No-shows will be fully charged.

EDUCATIONAL POINTS

After the course those participants, who attended the whole course and signed the attendance lists, will receive a certificate to prove their participation. For participants interested in Professional Development Hours LES Benelux is granting 2 educational hours which equals 2 educational points.

MEMBERSHIP

For information on membership of LES Benelux please send an email to secretariat@les-benelux.org.