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Brussels for Breakfast (54): A breakfast discussion meeting on EU regulatory issues, with Graham Bishop (grahambishop.com) and George Zavvos (European Commission). To be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, from 8:30-10:00am.

December's meeting of our little eurowatchers' group was too much of a bunfight (well over one hundred acceptances) to cover the ground that we normally cover. It was great to get Mark Hoban, MP – and we are all very grateful for his frankness. But it is time to get back to work on the everyday business of what our friends in Brussels are up to.

As usual, Graham Bishop will steer the ship in January. This time, we also welcome back another old friend, George Zavvos, legal adviser on financial services at the Commission.

George was one of Leon Brittan's boys at DGXV in the 1980s, where he was in charge of drafting the Second Banking Directive. He then spent four years as an MEP (focusing on the CAD and pension funds) and as Chairman of the Reform Committee of the Greek Financial System and another three as Ambassador to Slovakia. Since 1997 he has been back at the Commission working in the Legal Service on the CRD and MiFID, as well as on the current reform of EU financial supervision. Despite being an incorrigible Europhile, he is one of the most experienced and shrewdest *fonctionnaires* in Brussels in the area of financial services.

If you and/or a colleague would like to join us (and to share your own thoughts), please let us know by emailing sophie@csfi.org.uk or by telephoning 020 7493 0173. As usual, coffee, tea and sticky cakes will be provided

Sincerely yours,

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