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**Brussels for breakfast (37): A round-table discussion on EU financial regulatory issues, with Graham Bishop ([grahambishop.com](http://grahambishop.com)) and Barbara Matthews (US Treasury, Brussels).**  
**To be held on Thursday, May 22, 2008, from 8:30-10:15am.**

Many of you will know (and treasure) Barbara Matthews from previous incarnations - in particular, from her time in Washington as:

- senior Counsel to the House Financial Services Committee (Michael Oxley, prop.) where she worked on international regulatory issues, FATF, HIPC and every other acronym under the sun; and
- banking adviser and regulatory counsel to the Institute of International Finance, where she became one of the few people on the planet to understand Basel 2.

She is now in Brussels, where she is the US Treasury's financial attaché to the EU and minister-counselor for financial affairs at the US Mission. We are delighted that she has agreed to perform a double act with the inimitable Graham Bishop, providing commentary as he walks us through the terrible things that Brussels is planning for us. I don't want to pre-judge their agenda, but I assume (hope) they will cover:

- SEPA (last month, Donald Ricketts felt strongly that we mustn't short-change what is going on in the payments area);
- IFRS, on which a Commission paper was published on April 22;
- the international debate between the ECB and the EP;
- the block exemption that the insurance industry currently gets from certain competition rules;
- the Commission's latest push on financial literacy;
- prospects for a new UCITS directive...

And so on. If you or a colleague would like to join us, would you please let us know as soon as possible by emailing [carla@csfi.org.uk](mailto:carla@csfi.org.uk) or by ringing 020 7493 0173. As usual, coffee, tea and buns will be provided.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew Hilton