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DLA PIPER LUXEMBOURG LAUNCHES "FOOD FOR THOUGHT" SERIES

DLA Piper in Luxembourg hosted the inaugural seminar in its new "Food for Thought" series. Considering the theme of surprise investigations, the event provided practical tips to attendees on issues faced by organisations subject to such investigations, including golden rules such as verifying the investigator's identity, knowing how far their authority extends and the scope of the investigation or keeping a record note of everything which occurs.

With a number of government and EU agencies, such as the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier "CSSF", the Commission Nationale pour la Protection des Données "CNPD" or the European Commission able to carry out unannounced inspections of company premises or dawn raids organisations are increasingly seeking advice on being prepared.

Olivier Reisch, Intellectual Property & Technology partner, said: "Interviewing individuals, analyzing electronic data and copying the content of senior executives' smartphones by surprise are - amongst others - part of inspectors preferred methods. Poor preparation can notably lead to severe business disruption, reputational damage, economic loss or even fines for failure to cooperate."

DLA Piper will be holding a number of seminars as part of its "Food for Thought" series focussing on a range of topics including real estate, tax, funds and finance matters. The next seminar will be held on 25 September and will focus on responsibilities and liabilities for directors and managers.

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