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In 2004 we successfully published 'Comitology and other EU Committees and Expert Groups – The Hidden Power of the EU' which sold over 1000 copies. One simple fact explains this interest: each year 70 legal acts are adopted in co-decision, whereas more than 2500 measures are adopted in comitology. This trend will undoubtedly continue to grow in the coming years.

The comitology reform of 2006 is not an evolution but a revolution. A new book is therefore needed. In this book, based on the comitology seminars delivered by the European Training Institute (ETI), we present with extreme clarity the details of the reform of comitology.

In short, there are two central elements to the reform:

- 1.- The 'Acquis Communautaire' (+/- 250 directives) will be screened in codecision between 2007 and 2009 to redefine execution measures in light of the reform.
- 2.- The new execution measures will be split in two:
 - Comitology stricto sensu (decisions taken through management and regulatory committees),
 - A new category of legal acts – quasi-legislative measures, with a veto right given to the Council and the European Parliament.

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