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**Dear ECLA Members and Guests,**

Summer break is almost over and back to school sales are booming. Prepare for increased traffic jams in the morning and kids running across the road during the day.

For now, Greenland is still part of Denmark. Some experts are starting to worry about a potential recession across the globe as well. Furthermore, Italy is still aiming to keep its record for most governments in Europe since WW2, a valiant feat to behold.

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## **Legal Disruption Roadshow Paris, 25-26 September**

Our third and final Legal Disruption of 2019 is taking place already in September. The discussions will encompass fields such as digitalisation, data privacy, legal technology, organising modern legal departments, and much more, with the speakers coming from well-known companies and institutes. To learn more about the agenda and to register, just click on Register below.

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#### Webinar

## **ECLA WEBCAST SERIES: Legal Operations KPIs - 2 October 11:30-12:30 CET**

Our second webinar, in cooperation with Wolters Kluwer, will take place on 2 October on 2 October. The session will focus on how to make a business case for investing in modern tech solutions in your legal departments. The session will aim to show the benefits of legal technology in numbers - something that board members and C-level executives alike will understand clearly. This webinar is ideal for both decision-makers and junior level lawyers alike, illustrating the material value that legal technology can bring to a department.

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#### International News

## **G7 on the way amid rising political tensions**

It is an extremely interesting time for a G7 meeting, as many members have certain internal issues ongoing in their respective countries. From Italy not having a prime minister to the UK not having a deal to whatever the scandal of the week is in the US, it will be a weekend to watch closely.

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#### European Union

## **Europe on the right track: support for the Union growing**

Pursuant to a Eurobarometer Survey, trust in the European Union is the highest it has been since 2009. European citizens have increasingly started to recognise the benefits that the EU is able to offer to them, from the free movement of goods, persons and services to Erasmus opportunities for students. In addition, fear towards immigration and terrorism has strongly been declining as well, while environmental issues are causing

more concern across the 500+ million people living in the Union.

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**Brexit**

## **What's next for Britain?**

As the final Brexit deadline is looming, a no-deal exit looks more and more likely for the United Kingdom. To this end, the UK has concluded several free-trade-agreements and aims to conclude a comprehensive deal with the United States as well, seeing it as a prospective trading partner. However, there are a number of caveats, subject to the demands that multiple stakeholders on both sides have, from the Irish border question to food safety issues.

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**Intellectual Property**

## **Safeguarding business interests in the Chinese market**

A major discussion topic in recent years has been the approach that China has taken in caring for the intellectual property of Western companies. A strict prerequisite to enter the booming market, China has been taking steps in the right direction to provide adequate recourse for foreign companies. However, it remains to be seen whether the steps are enough for now.

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