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Dear ECLA Members and Guests,

Not even two months have passed in the new decade and we have already have developments across the world lasting us for a year. Information overflow has gone into overdrive - for all you news aficionados it very well seems that 2020 will be a field day.

ECLA will not be missing a beat either. Expect many interesting developments from us throughout the year. Starting off tomorrow with our Legal Disruption event in Dublin, we invite all company lawyers to join us for a number of forward-looking events and activities.

ECLA Event

Legal Disruption 2020 - 26-27 February Dublin

Legal Disruption returns in 2020, kicking things off in Dublin! Expect to see company lawyers and experts passionate about legal technology and other disruptive elements relevant for contemporary legal departments. Come join, increase your network of company lawyers across Europe, discuss best practices and gain insight into future tech!

Register

EU policy

Brussels ponders reform of securities trading rules

Brussels launched a consultation to make potential adjustments to the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive and Regulation. The amendments aim to improve investor protection rules and ensure transparent, efficient and competitive trading in financial instruments.

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European Union

Vietnam free-trade agreement approved despite human rights concerns

The EU is expanding the World's largest free-trade-area, with the European Parliament voting in favor of an FTA with Vietnam. The aim of the agreement is to boost bilateral trade by around 50 percent compared with the current levels. Currently, the EU exports goods and services worth almost €14 billion to Vietnam. The country is the second-largest trading partner of the EU in the ASEAN bloc, after Singapore.

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Brexit

EU sets out parameters for talks with UK

Michel Barnier presented his negotiating mandate for the upcoming talks with United Kingdom on the future relationship, post-Brexit. The 33-page document, which has been approved by the European Commission, will form the basis for talks with the government of Boris Johnson, which will start in early March 2020.

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Brexit

Government: UK will not implement EU Copyright Directive

In light of Brexit, the United Kingdom has decided not to implement the controversial Copyright Directive, that has been the subject of intense discussions in the last few years. The UK was among 19 nations that initially supported the new directive. It covers how “online content-sharing services” should deal with copyright-protected content.

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