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Dear ECLA Members and Guests,

Welcome to a new year! We hope that you all had a fantastic holiday season and are geared to tackle the 2023 legal horizon with great enthusiasm. The aftereffects of the pandemic, ESG legislation, increased cyber security obligations, there is much to address for businesses of all sizes.

Certification course

Master drafting skills, gain confidence in negotiations, become an expert in compliance

We have several high-quality courses planned for 2023. Our popular Drafting International Contracts and Legal English for Negotiations return, for those who would like to gain confidence in managing contracts and negotiations in an international environment.

Furthermore, we are very excited to announce a high-intensity compliance course! The 12hr/2-day online OR 18hr/2.5-day in-person (Frankfurt) course will provide an in-depth overview of the most important topics in compliance right now. The course is taught by a native-speaking expert in a collaborative and interactive environment. **Early bird prices apply - register now!**

Key dates for our next courses:

- Compliance Online (two-day course) - **28 February AND 2 March**
- Compliance in-person in Frankfurt (2.5-day course) - **19 to 21 April**
- Drafting International Contracts (one-day course) - **27 February OR 27 March**
- Legal English for Negotiations (one-day course) - **2 February OR 2 March**
- Drafting International Contracts - **4 April - 16 May**

Check the course schedule and more information below!

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GCRT

General Counsel Roundtable: 2023 schedule

Due to popular demand and overwhelmingly positive feedback, our highly impactful and interactive General Counsel Roundtable series resumes in 2023 with a diverse set of discussion topics. With both online and in-person sessions coming up, this is the ideal opportunity for legal leaders to give their input on the most topical legal challenges that businesses must address in the near future.

The agenda for the first half of the year is the following:

- 23 February: Roundtable **Online**: Building Resilience in Supply Chain
- 21-22 March: Roundtable **London**: Trusted Advisor to the Executive Board
- 26 May: Roundtable **Zurich**: European Compliance Challenges
- 30 June: Roundtable **Rome**: Antitrust and Competition Law

If you would like to register or view more details, please click on the button below. Additionally, if you have any questions, feel free to send us an email at info@ecla.eu.

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ESG

The CSRD brings new ESG reporting obligations to European companies

On 5 January 2023, the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) entered into force. Amending the existing Non-financial Reporting Directive (NFRD) regime, the CSRD aims to address the criticisms and modernise the environmental and social reporting requirements that companies are obligated to provide, including expanding the scope of companies falling under the obligation, simplifying information reporting standards by creating an electronic database, and mandating regular audits.

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Legal Profession

A new cybersecurity regime brings enhanced agencies, reporting obligations

The EU cybersecurity regime recently underwent a notable reform. In January 2023, Directive 2022/2555, the new NIS 2 Directive – the EU-wide legislation on cybersecurity – entered into force, amending existing legislation and repealing Directive 2016/1148, in place since 2016. The goal of the new legislation was to modernise existing legal framework to better address the threats and challenges within the cybersecurity realm, introducing new reporting requirements and giving additional competences to existing agencies.

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