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Dear ECLA Members and Guests,

With just a few countries remaining inaccessible to visitors, Europe is slowly, but surely reopening. People are flocking outside again, wishing to resume their habits and activities. Perhaps the summer will bring some normalcy back to 2020. One can hope.

Nevertheless, more and more discussions are being raised regarding remote working in a variety of industries. As companies and corporate lawyers now have considerable experience (compared to just a few months ago) in having work done remotely, expect more opportunities for flexible working, even in such a conservative sector as legal. Opportunities like this were not even fathomable less than half a year ago.

Legal Technology

Download study: Legal Departments in a Digital Era

ECLA and Wolters Kluwer published a free in-depth study into the digital status of legal departments across Europe. A pan-European study based on a comprehensive survey

conducted in Fall 2019, the research aims to act as a starting point in establishing the status of various markets in Europe and to highlight how far in the digitalisation and digitisation process corporate legal departments are.

The study is very insightful in not only showcasing the status of in-house teams across various facets, such as the organisation and tools in use, digital strategies and budgets thereof, but also future plans and how corporate lawyers themselves see the legal departments evolving.

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Legal Technology

Changing professions: what drives the future ready?

Disruption caused by the global pandemic will have far-reaching impact across many industries. Amid this backdrop, Wolters Kluwer Legal & Regulatory announced findings from its latest global survey on the future of the legal profession in a new report: The 2020 Future Ready Lawyer: Performance Drivers. With insights from 700 legal professionals across the U.S. and Europe, the survey examines top trends shaping the profession, as it undergoes significant transformation now “turbocharged” by the COVID-19 crisis. The report explores the opportunities for legal organizations to drive higher performance, and finds that technology is at the center of the new legal landscape.

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The 2020 Future Ready Lawyer Performance Drivers Survey Report

Legal professionals from around the world reveal:

- Key attributes that drive performance for legal organizations
- Top trends expected to impact the industry over the next three years and how prepared legal organizations are to address them
- Gaps in understanding, expectations, priorities and capabilities within and between law firms and corporate legal departments

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Brexit

Barnier sees major hurdles ahead with Brexit, remains hopeful they can be overcome

Michel Barnier, the lead Brexit negotiator for the EU, held a speech in front of the European Economic and Social Committee, outlining the challenges that negotiating the exit deal has brought, with or without the ongoing novel coronavirus pandemic. Through reinforcing the hard lines that the EU will not cross in the deal and noting the unwillingness of the British negotiators to reach amicable compromises in certain fields, Barnier still remains hopeful that a comprehensive deal can be reached before the deadline later in 2020.

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Brexit

Post-Brexit Enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters: are there any winners?

With Brexit looming at the end of 2020, a multitude of questions are still up in the air. Regarding how to enforce civil and commercial judgments in a post-Brexit Europe, the Law Society of England and Wales have pinned the Lugano Convention as the appropriate solution. Currently applied between the EU and EFTA members, the convention concerns questions on jurisdiction and the enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters.

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