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Dear ECLA Members and Guests,

By now, many of us should be experts at working remotely. With many European nations easing their lockdown measures in May, it will be interesting to see how we will take what we have learned over the past few months and implement it in our workstreams in the future. Will we have more meetings via the internet? Possibly.

It is becoming clearer by the day though that the implications that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on our society will have a profound impact on how we work. Flexible working should definitely be looked in a more positive light, giving room for corporate lawyers to focus on other aspects of life better.

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ECLA Online Learning Centre, June 2020

ECLA's digital platform has been met with great positivity. We have already had some fantastic speakers from all parts of Europe and from various industries. June is no different, with first up a captivating discussion about a post-COVID worklife.

4 June 11:00 CEST - Lessons Learned and Post-COVID adjustments in Legal Departments - Sylvia Hess, LL.M., Global Head of Legal, Red Bull Media House GmbH; Pieter de Waal, General Counsel of the Law Society of England & Wales; and Katerina

Galanopoulou, Legal and Compliance Counsel for Greece, Malta and Cyprus – SAP Hellas S.A

9 June 11:00 CEST - How To Marry Business With Legal? Some Secrets Revealed To Improve The Collaboration On Contracts And Cases - Knowliah

25 June 11:00 CEST - How To Save Up To 93.000 € Per Year For Your Legal Department? A Best Practice On Defining Your Business Case - Knowliah

More speakers to be announced on our social media and homepage regularly! All recordings of past sessions are available for free on our registration page as well!

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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.

Click below to read more and to download the study for free!

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Current Developments

Franco-German response hailed across Europe, critics worry about the extent and scope

The Franco-German agreement for a half-a-trillion recovery fund could be considered a decisive moment in European history. The plan is to raise funds in public markets and utilise them as grants for regions and industries where the effects of the pandemic have been felt the most. The funds, backed by all EU Member States, would be distributed on a Union-level through the European budget.

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