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Dear ECLA Members and Guests,

The decade is slowly, but surely coming to an end. A lot has changed in the 2010s - looking at legal departments and what shifts they have undergone in the recent decade, it is exciting to see, what will happen in the 2020s. What role will legal technology in it? How will legal departments restructure? It remains to be seen, but change is coming and it is coming fast.

Webinar

ECLA Noon Webinars: How to implement technology in your legal department - 28 November 11:30-12:30 CET

This Thursday! Our third and final webinar of the year will focus on how to actually implement all the cuttingedge solutions to your department and to your workstream. Gain practical insights in ensuring a smooth and efficient transition from two experienced legal technology enthusiasts. Register below for free to join!

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ECLA Event

Legal Disruption 2020 - 26-27 February Dublin

Legal Disruption returns in 2020, kicking things off in Dublin!. We pick up where we ended in Paris, bringing together 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!

Stay tuned on our event website - we will start publishing our Speakers soon!

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Company law

EU adopts new rules for cross-border conversions of limited liability companies

The EU is moving forward with its plans to introduce new legislation for cross-border conversions, mergers, and divisions. The new rules would put an emphasis on targeting fraud and safeguarding the rights of minority shareholders and creditors during such processes.

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CJEU

Foodstuffs from Israeli settlements must state their specific geographical origin, top EU court rules

The Court of Justice of the European Union has affirmed that food produce sold in the European Union must clearly indicate their geographical origin. The Court's reasoning in this case aimed to highlight scenarios, whereby a State would be occupying certain territories and the subsequent foodstuff from within such regions.

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Organisation

Legal departments hire less, but spend more on external services, survey finds

A recent worldwide study has found that legal departments in 2019 spent considerably less on new recruits, opting to increase their spending on alternative legal services and matters such as legal technology. The

study also found an overall decrease in the total expenditure for legal departments. It will be interesting to see how the trends will change in the upcoming decade.

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Data Protection

German property company slapped with €14.5m fine for GDPR infringements

Berlin's Data Protection Authority has imposed the second-largest GDPR fine to date. The offender in the case was a German residential property company, based in Berlin, whereby the company illegally stored multiple points of data of its former tenants, from payslips to social security information.

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Regulation

Rolling, rolling, rolling?

As e-scooters have been popping up over the last few years all across Europe, States and local governments have been responding differently to the challenges that scooters on the road and streets have presented. We have provided a short overview of how different European cities have approached the issue and what the future outlook for such scooters will be.

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