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**Dear ECLA Members and Guests,**

Webinars, events, publications, and much more. Even though the weather has been miserable in Belgium (unlike everywhere else), we at ECLA have not been resting on our laurels after our Annual Conference and have exciting things to introduce to our members in the second half of the year. We will produce a series of webinars together with Wolters Kluwer, we still have two more Legal Disruption Roadshow events to visit (Paris & Prague), a few General Counsel Roundtable discussions to hold, and some publications to publish. Stay tuned!

**About ECLA**

## **ECLA Webinar Series - Vol.1 Digitalisation July 10 2019, 11:30-12:30 CEST**

From July onwards, ECLA, together with Wolters Kluwer, will bring you a series of webinars that focus on challenges that concern company lawyers across Europe. The first edition will focus on digitalisation - the bane of many legal departments all around. The session is ideal if you need to understand where your legal department currently stands, how can you move forward, and what are the best practices that one should keep in mind when proceeding with digitisation.

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## **Legal Disruption Roadshow Paris, 25-26 September**

The third edition of Legal Disruption is coming soon. Building upon the excellent speeches we already had in Dublin and Stuttgart, expect Legal Disruption in Paris to bring together experienced company lawyers and industry experts from France and abroad. The discussions will encompass fields such as digitalisation, data privacy today, legal technology, organising modern legal departments, and much more. More information will be available soon!

Come, learn and network with your peers across Europe!

### Internet regulation

## Clamping down on hate speech

The CJEU will soon release a judgment that will give guidance into how to regulate offensive statements online. As the AG opinion has already been released, one can already assume what the outcome will be. The opinion does not place a heavy burden on providers but does obligate them to address other offensive posts that the same user has posted. In addition, providers themselves have started to change their policies on tackling racist messages on their platforms and have proven to be rather effective over the past years.

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### Brexit

## Preparing for the unknown

On Day 2 at the ECLA Annual Conference in Brussels, a panel convened to discuss the short- and mid-term implications of Brexit, both from an economic and from a legal standpoint. In-House Legal has collected some main points that the panelists emphasised, from the effect it has on SMEs to what has been buzzing around various industries. At the end of the day, nobody still knows what will happen.

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### International Trade

## Airbus-Boeing dispute nearing end

The dispute between the two aircraft manufacturers has been ongoing for well over a decade and might very soon reach an ending. Regarding one of the complaints lodged by the EU, the World Trade Organisation Appellate Body concluded in March that Boeing had benefited from specific tax programmes, putting Airbus at a disadvantage. Another judgment is expected to be published in July, where the US hopes the court to find that the EU has illegally subsidised Airbus.

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