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23rd Annual Conference on European Tort Law

April 4 and 5, 2024 | Vienna

Essential information on court practice and legislation in the area of tort law in 2023. Including a Special Session on 'Product Liability'.

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Overview

The Annual Conference provides a unique opportunity for both practitioners and academics to discover the most significant tort law developments from across Europe in 2023. Experts from each of the many jurisdictions represented will present selected highlights from their contributions to the European Tort Law Yearbook, an annual volume which provides a comprehensive overview of legislative and judicial developments in tort law throughout Europe during the preceding year. The Yearbook 'European Tort Law 2023' will be published in autumn 2024. The national reports will be followed by an overview of EU law developments and a comparative, concluding summary, which will critically assess the most important trends and issues to emerge.

The Conference concludes with a special session on 'Product Liability'. After an outline of the new product liability regime by Bernhard A Koch (Innsbruck), Zoé Jacquemin (Toulouse) will deal with disclosure of evidence, the burden of proof and presumptions, and Michael Faure (Maastricht) and Shu Li (Rotterdam) will provide an economic analysis. Finally, Gerhard Wagner (Berlin) will present a general assessment of the new regime.

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J Hrádek Prague (The Czech Republic)

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A Keirse Utrecht (The Netherlands)

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A Ruda Girona (Spain)

J Spier Den Haag (The Netherlands)

BC Steininger Graz (Austria)

H Tancheva Sofia (Bulgaria)

K Tande Bergen (Norway)

T Thiede Dortmund (Germany)

Z Tsolakidis Athens (Greece)

G Wagner Berlin (Germany)

C Widmer Lüchinger Basel (Switzerland)

W Wurmnest Hamburg (Germany)



Programme

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024

Chairs: Eugenia Dacoronia, Barbara C Steininger

Developments in Tort Law in Europe 2023

- 09:00** **Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:**
Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, The Czech Republic, Denmark,
England & Wales
- 10:40 Break
- 11:00** **Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:**
Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy
- 12:30 Lunch Break (*light buffet provided*)
- 13:30** **Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:**
Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland,
Portugal, Romania
- 15:00 Break
- 15:20** **Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:**
Scotland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, European Union
- 16:30 End of presentations

Discussion at the end of each session

19:30 Optional Heuriger Evening in Grinzing

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

Chair: Jaap Spier

Comparative Remarks and Special Session 'Product Liability'

- 09:00** **Corinne Widmer Lüchinger:** Comparative Remarks
Discussion
- 09:45 Break
- 10:00** **Bernhard A Koch:** Introduction
Zoé Jacquemin: Disclosure of Evidence, the Burden of Proof and Presumptions
- 11:30 Break
- 12:00** **Michael Faure and Shu Li:** Economic Analysis
Gerhard Wagner: General Assessment of the New Regime
- 13:30 **Panel discussion**
- 14:00 End of conference

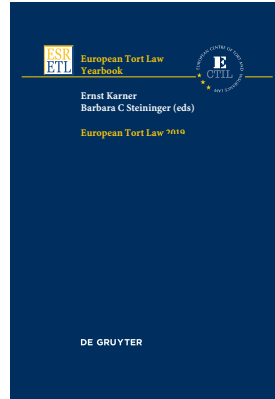
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EUROPEAN TORT LAW YEARBOOK

The Yearbook European Tort Law 2023 will be published in November 2024 and can be ordered directly from De Gruyter Publishers for approx. € 200. For conference participants there is a special rate of approx. € 100.



INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN TORT LAW AND EUROPEAN CENTRE OF TORT AND INSURANCE LAW

The European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law (ECTIL, an independent association), and the Institute for European Tort Law of the Austrian Academy of Sciences and the University of Graz (ETL) collaborate to produce the Yearbook and host the Conference. The results of their collaborative and independent research projects are published in their co-edited series, Tort and Insurance Law (De Gruyter). Further information is available at www.ectil.org and www.oew.ac.at/etl. ECTIL and ETL also provide institutional support for the European Group on Tort Law, whose core project is the drafting of Principles of European Tort Law (see www.egtl.org).


JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN TORT LAW (JETL)

The Journal of European Tort Law is a peer-reviewed publication and the first law review to be dedicated to the ever-changing, highly significant area of European tort law. The Journal appears in three volumes each year, published on behalf of ECTIL and ETL by De Gruyter. Following the Conference, the papers from the Special Session on 'Product Liability' will be published together in a special issue of the journal. For further information, see www.degruyter.com/jetl.

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