

25th Annual Conference on European Tort Law

April 8 to 10, 2026 | Vienna

Essential information on court practice and legislation in
the area of tort law in 2025. Including a Special Session on
'Harmonisation of Tort Law Revisited'.

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Overview

The Annual Conference, which celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2026, provides a unique opportunity for both practitioners and academics to discover the most significant tort law developments from across Europe in 2025. Experts from each of the many jurisdictions represented discuss 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 2025' will be published in autumn 2026. The national reports are followed by an overview of EU law developments and a comparative, concluding summary, which critically assesses the most important trends and issues to emerge.

A Special Session on Friday will revisit the issue of harmonisation of tort law, exploring the contemporary relevance of efforts to achieve greater coherence among the tort law systems in Europe and what lessons the developments during the first quarter of the 21st century may offer in this respect. Bjarte Askeland will address the topic of harmonisation within court practice, Marta Infantino's presentation will cover tort law reforms and European statutory laws, and Paula Giliker will reflect on EU intervention into the law of tort and the extent to which it acts as a force for the harmonisation of European tort law.

Two additional events have been scheduled for the anniversary Conference. The Conference will commence on the evening of Wednesday, April 8, with an opening lecture by Helmut Koziol on 'Rethinking the Law of Loss Allocation', and will conclude with an Early Career Panel, offering emerging scholars and early career academics the opportunity to present their work at the Conference.

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Programme

Austrian Academy of Sciences, Festive Hall, Dr. Ignaz Seipel-Platz 2, 1010 Vienna

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026

Opening Lecture

18:30 **Helmut Koziol:** Rethinking the Law of Loss Allocation

Followed by a reception

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026

Developments in Tort Law in Europe 2025

- 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
- 19:30** Optional Heurigen Evening in Grinzing

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026

Comparative Remarks, Special Session 'Harmonisation of Tort Law Revisited' & Early Career Panel

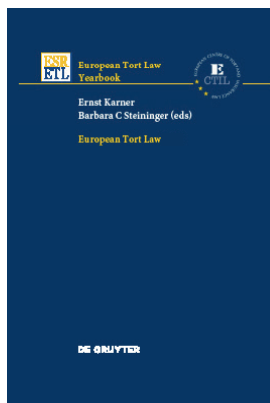
- 09:00** **Bernhard A Koch:** Comparative Remarks
Discussion
- 09:50** **Barbara C Steininger:** Introduction
Bjarte Askeland: Court Practice and Harmonisation – Status and Challenges
in the Face of Modern Tort Law
- 10:40** Break
- 11:00** **Marta Infantino:** Tort Reform in a Quarter-Century. Are European Statutory
Laws Converging?
Paula Giliker: EU Law as a Force for Harmonisation of the Law of Tort
- 12:30** Lunch
- 13:30** **Panel discussion**
- 14:30** **Early Career Panel I**
- 15:15** Break
- 15:35** **Early Career Panel II**
- 16:30** End of conference

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EUROPEAN TORT LAW YEARBOOK

The Yearbook European Tort Law 2025 will be published in November 2026 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 Institute for European Tort Law of the Austrian Academy of Sciences and the University of Graz (ETL) and the European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law (ECTIL, an independent association) 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. ETL and ECTIL 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.egt.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 ETL and ECTIL by De Gruyter. Following the Conference, the papers from the Special Session on 'Harmonisation of Tort Law Revisited' will be published in a special issue of the Journal. For further information, see www.degruyter.com/jetl.

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