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Dear Daniela ,

Another half a year gone by, with legal complexities and business challenges not looking to stop any time soon. Tight elections in Europe and beyond in a very unstable political climate, M&A and cross-border challenges arising from such instability, the increasing necessity to use tech to get the potential productivity boost, in addition to every tech solution now implementing their own half-baked AI offerings.

These are undoubtedly times where positivity is key - for better or worse, these are challenges that we collectively must overcome, in particular if we seek to have further European cooperation. In an increasingly competitive environment, either on an individual level, business level or on (supra)national level, the more cohesive and harmonised Europe can become, the more prosperous future awaits.

Communication in all of this is key. Whether it concerns business relationships with state actors or, in our case, lawyers coming together across Europe, we are stronger together.

EUROPEAN COMPANY LAWYERS REVIEW 2024/25 - RELEASED!

ECLA is proud to announce the European Company Lawyers Review 2024/25 - a comprehensive overview of the legal status of corporate lawyers in European countries and beyond, giving an in-depth look into the legal developments affecting company lawyers and enabling the readers the opportunity to compare jurisdictions and their impact. It provides for a regulatory overview of the status of corporate counsel and for jurisdictional insights on case law, legal developments, and other developments concerning the in-house counsel profession, serving as a milestone for in-house counsel advocacy across Europe.

To fully leverage the insights offered by the European Company Lawyers Review 2024/25, all in-house counsel should actively engage with the content and participate in the broader dialogue it fosters.

To purchase the publication, either a digital or a physical copy, please [click here](#). Please note that a sample version is also available for free, which will give a better understanding of what information is presented and how. As this is a major milestone in corporate legal publications, all feedback is welcome!

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General Counsel Roundtable

We have already organised several highly impactful roundtable series in 2024. Currently, we have two very exciting sessions scheduled:

- General Counsel Roundtable - **Milan**
 - **Topic:** From Trends to Tech: Comprehensive Strategies for M&A Success
 - **Location:** Magna Pars - L'Hotel a Parfum
 - **Date:** 26-27 September

- [Register here](#)
- General Counsel Roundtable - **Rome**
 - **Topic:** Antitrust and Competition Law
 - **Location:** Rome Cavalieri Hotel
 - **Date:** 21-22 November
 - [Register here](#)

Please note that the event series is exclusively reserved for General Counsel/Heads of Legal/corporate lawyers in similar positions. Registrants need to only organise their travel arrangements – participation and accommodation are included in the invitation.

GENERAL COUNSEL FORUM EUROPE: Berlin 07-08 October 2024

Our 2024 1.5-day annual conference will take place in Berlin, Germany! The conference will include a variety of discussions most intriguing and relevant for corporate lawyers.

The goal of the Forum is simple - to bring together European corporate lawyers from all four corners of Europe to share some laughs and ideas over a variety of discussion topics. The semi-professional setting is ideal to gain new insights from peers in same or different industries and to understand the overarching challenges that European corporate lawyers are facing. As our last year's conference was considered a major success, we are excited to repeat the atmosphere.

[The event website is accessible here.](#) Join us today and see, how Europe tackles its latest legal challenges!



Corporate Counsel Academy 2024: Gain expert training online - made for in-house counsel.

We have a diverse and exciting schedule set up for 2024. Suitable for corporate lawyers of all levels, the online courses enable you and your legal team to gain valuable knowledge and expertise in a convenient manner

For our summer schedule, we have one more AI course planned. This well-acclaimed session will help lawyers understand the practical nuances of large language models and how they can be properly utilised.

- AI For In-house Counsel
 - 19 July 09:30-13:00 CEST
 - 3 hours
 - [Learn more here](#)

Our Fall 2024 schedule is also now live - from practical legal skills such as negotiation or drafting contracts to more advanced forms, we are certain that there are workshops suitable for lawyers of all types from all across Europe.

For more information and to register, please click the link below.

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Another EU Antitrust Action Against Microsoft: A New Chapter in a Longstanding Saga

On June 26, 2024, the European Commission issued a Statement of Objections to Microsoft, indicating its preliminary view that the tech giant has violated EU antitrust laws by tying MS Teams, its communication, collaboration, and conferencing platform, to its popular productivity and corporate software suites, Office 365 and Microsoft 365. This move marks the latest development in the EU's ongoing scrutiny of Microsoft's market practices, particularly concerning its software bundling strategies, one which has ongoing for the better part of two decades.

[→ Read more](#)

Let us know your thoughts!

A network is only as strong as the enthusiasm of its members. For that purpose, we would like to strongly encourage company lawyers to utilise our platform fully. Whether it is about a recent (inter)national legal/regulatory development, or about the evolving role of the profession, or about other challenges that lawyers must tackle, from ESG to AI - get it touch with us and share our thoughts with your peers!

[→ Get in touch!](#)

Unfortunately we had a technical issue sending out the newsletter in time. We sincerely apologise for this delay. We hope that we have built enough goodwill over the past years to make this a one-time issue.

I would like to personally thank everyone who has supported our network. We hope to continue the fascinating dialogue that we have had on the evolving profession and the challenges that await. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to get in touch with us!

Kind regards



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