



THE EUROPEAN CENTRE OF TORT AND INSURANCE LAW

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Founded in 1999, the European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law (ECTIL) is an independent private association based in Vienna, which conducts research on tort law and its interrelations with insurance law on a broad comparative basis. The results of this research are presented at national and international conferences and published in books and journals. ECTIL's research output includes almost 100 volumes covering topical and future-oriented issues as diverse as artificial intelligence, climate damage, terrorism or Directors' and Officers' (D&O) liability insurance. With a distinctive network of more than 500 renowned experts in liability and insurance law from more than 50 jurisdictions from around the globe, ECTIL actively promotes international scientific cooperation and enhances the exchange of ideas between scientists and practitioners.

Since its foundation, ECTIL has also served as the institutional home of the European Group on Tort Law, and was thus involved in the drafting of the Principles of European Tort Law (PETL), a project aiming at the development of a comprehensive concept for a future harmonisation of tort law in Europe. ECTIL continues to participate in the ongoing research work conducted in this framework.

ECTIL cooperates with the Institute for European Tort Law of the Austrian Academy of Sciences and the University of Graz (ETL) as well as with several European and Chinese partner institutions and the World Tort Law Society.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN TORT LAW

Since 2002, ECTIL and its cooperation partner ETL have organised the Annual Conference on European Tort Law (ACET), which takes place in Vienna and provides a unique opportunity for both practitioners and academics to obtain concise information about the most significant tort law developments from across Europe in the previous year and to discuss them in detail with experts from the respective legal systems. A Special Session focuses on a particularly relevant tort-related theme every year (e.g. Duty to Prevent Harm, Liability for Emerging Digital Technologies, Climate Change and Environmental Liability, Liability for Unknown Risks). The Conference has become the place to go for academics and practitioners interested in tort law and is, on average, attended by approx. 200 participants from more than 35 jurisdictions.



CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES WITH PARTICULAR RELEVANCE FOR THE INSURANCE BUSINESS

Civil Liability for Artificial Intelligence

Initiated by the European Commission, this study is the first to analyse the largely unresolved question as to how damage caused by artificial intelligence (AI) systems is allocated by the rules of tortious liability currently in force in the European Union, to examine whether – and if so, to what extent – national tort law regimes differ in that respect and to identify possible gaps in the protection of injured parties.

Scarce Resources and the Civil Liability of Hospitals: Comparing European Legal Responses

This project examines the urgent and challenging question of how resource limitations affect the civil liability of hospitals. The innovative starting point of the study is that the complex subject is examined from a comparative law perspective on the basis of a multi-angled approach, taking into account not only liability law but also social insurance law, medical law, the economic analysis of law and private insurance law. The results will be of interest for practitioners and researchers as well as for endeavours to harmonise European tort law in this respect.

Liability for Human Rights Violations and Environmental Damage in Supply Chains

European jurisdictions have witnessed approaches to apply tort law mechanisms to remedy human rights violations and environmental harm in global supply chains both on the legislative level (French *Loi de vigilance*, German *Lieferkettensorgfaltspflichtengesetz*, Commission Proposal for a Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence) as well as in the court room. The project will examine the fundamental questions concerning the foundation for tort-based solutions by focusing the comparative study on the conditions for attributing tortious liability to companies at the top of the supply chain.

PREVIOUS PUBLICATIONS ON INSURANCE LAW AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF LAW

In order to analyse the complex interrelation between tort law, on the one hand, and insurance law and economic considerations on the other, the latter two aspects are also regularly taken into account in ECTIL's research: **insurance law questions** were considered, e.g., in the field of Medical Liability, Genetically Modified Organisms, Aggregation and Divisibility of Damage, Employers' Liability and Workers' Compensation; **economic analysis of law perspectives** were included, e.g., in the studies on No-Fault Compensation in the Health Care Sector and on Tort and Regulatory Law.

Several of ECTIL's completed projects focus on insurance law topics:

- D&O Liability Insurance
- Compulsory Liability Insurance from a European Perspective
- Financial Compensation for Victims of Catastrophes. A Comparative Legal Approach
- Tort Law and Liability Insurance
- Abschlussprüfer. Haftung und Versicherung
- Terrorism, Tort Law and Insurance. A Comparative Survey
- Liability for and Insurability of Biomedical Research with Human Subjects in a Comparative Perspective
- Deterrence, Insurability and Compensation in Environmental Liability. Future Developments in the European Union

A list of all the published ECTIL studies is available at www.ectil.org (-> Publications).

FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND BENEFITS

As a non-profit organisation, ECTIL is dependent on financial subsidies and recognised by the Austrian tax authorities as a donation-privileged research institution. ECTIL strives to broaden its financial basis through donations and the annual fees of **Supporting Members** (min. fee € 1,500 p.a.) and **Sponsors** (min. fee € 5,000 p.a.):

Benefits for Supporting Members and Sponsors:

- **discounted rate** for the **Annual Conference on European Tort Law** (50% discount for the first participant and 75% discount for each further participant)
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- free copy of selected further **publications of ECTIL** published in the years of support

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