

Editorial

Without Further Ado

Let us move without further ado to the content of the new issue of the European Review of Private Law, which brings together a rich and diverse collection of contributions addressing different current developments of private law in Europe. We begin with *Geraint Howells* and *Duncan Fairgrieve*'s insightful article, 'The New Product Liability Directive: Steadily Expanding Liability?', which critically examines the revised EU Product Liability Directive. They highlight key innovations, such as the inclusion of software as a 'product' and changes to the burden of proof, while also expressing concern about the Directive's failure to address fundamental conceptual questions surrounding strict liability.

The second contribution of this issue titled 'The Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive and the Doctrine of Privity of Contract' by *Frederik Skamris Holm* and *Kim Østergaard*, explores how this new Directive challenges the classical doctrine of privity in contract law. By extending responsibilities along the supply chain, the Directive introduces a new logic to business-to-business relationships in European Private Law.

In 'The Architecture of EU Law Enforcement', *Fabrizio Cafaggi* and *Paola Iamiceli* propose a principled framework for understanding the complementary application of sanctions and remedies within EU law. Through a detailed analysis of effectiveness, proportionality, and dissuasiveness, the article sheds light on the systemic foundations of enforcement in the European legal order.

The fourth article, 'Towards a High Level of Protection for Passengers in the EU in the Context of Multimodal Transport' by *Hai Anh Le*, *Wouter Verheyen* and *Esther van Zimmeren*, addresses a timely issue, namely the gap between EU regulatory ambitions and the reality of platform-based multimodal mobility. The authors call for a recalibration of passenger rights to meet the demands of new transport infrastructures.

In 'A Comparative Analysis of the Homeward Trend', *Nathan Willems* analyses the mechanisms by which national courts avoid applying foreign law in private international law cases. By doing so the author illuminates the tension between legal certainty and practical adjudication.

Antonio Legerén-Molina's contribution, 'Property Regimes of European Spouses and Partners', explores whether there is a trend toward harmonization in the patrimonial regimes of couples in Europe. Drawing on a broad comparative study, the article offers insights into the convergence and divergence of family property law.

In a novel methodological contribution, 'The Right to Property in the ECHR: an Exploratory Data Science Analysis', *Michel Vols* and *Mohammad*

Mohammadi apply topic modelling and network analysis to case law under Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 to the ECHR. This paper breaks new ground in its integration of data science with private law scholarship.

This issue concludes with two shorter contributions. First, the conference report by *Marko Andjic*, *Philip Steitz* and *Maren Wöbbeking*, summarizes the key findings of the conference ‘Tools for Better Enforcement of EU Law in the Digital Space’ held at the University of Osnabrück. The report highlights debates on the interplay of public and private enforcement in data-driven regulatory regimes. Finally, *Begüm Kilimcioğlu* reviews the Routledge Handbook of Private Law and Sustainability, edited by Marta Santos Silva, Andrea Nicolussi, Christiane Wendehorst, Pablo Salvador Coderch, Marc Clément, and Fryderyk Zoll. The book review appreciates the handbook’s interdisciplinary scope and its ambitious aim to reframe private law as a tool for sustainability.

We hope that this issue will stimulate further scholarly engagement with European Private Law. Enjoy reading!

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