



EUROPEAN CENTRE OF  
TORT AND INSURANCE LAW



INSTITUTE FOR  
EUROPEAN TORT LAW

# 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on European Tort Law

April 20 to 22, 2017 | Vienna (Austria)

Essential information on court practice and legislation in the area of tort law in 2016. Including a Special Session on 'Climate Change and Environmental Liability'.

# ACET

# 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 2016. 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 2016' is going to be published in autumn 2017.) 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.

Thursday evening sees the Conference begin with an opening lecture, to be delivered by Pierre Widmer (Bern), and it concludes with a Special Session on 'Climate Change and Environmental Liability' on Saturday morning. The Conference provides many and varied opportunities for discussion and debate, both during the formal proceedings and the breaks and informal events.

For further information please visit [www.acet.ectil.org](http://www.acet.ectil.org)

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**I Durant** Louvain (Belgium)

**S Drukteinienė** Vilnius (Lithuania)

**J Fedtke** Passau (Germany)

**M Hinteregger** Graz (Austria)

# Programme

## THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017

Austrian Ministry of Justice (Palais Trautson), Museumstrasse 7, 1070 Vienna

18:00 Welcome Address

**18:10 Pierre Widmer:** Meditations of an Elderly Tortsman.  
Seeking Simplicity, Plausibility and Adequacy

19:15 Reception

## FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017

Austrian Supreme Court/Palace of Justice, Festive Hall, Schmerlingplatz 11, 1010 Vienna

### 09:00 Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, The Czech Republic, Denmark, England & Wales, Estonia

10:40 Coffee break

### 11:00 Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:

Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia

12:30 Lunch Break (light buffet provided)

### 13:30 Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:

Lithuania, Malta, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Scotland

15:10 Coffee Break

### 15:30 Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:

Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, European Union

**16:45 Gregor Christandl:** Comparative Remarks

17:15 Close

19:30 Heurigen Evening

## SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017

Austrian Supreme Court/Palace of Justice, Festive Hall, Schmerlingplatz 11, 1010 Vienna

### Special Session: Climate Change and Environmental Liability

**09:00 Martin Spitzer:** Liability for Climate Change – Cases, Challenges & Concepts

**Giedrė Kaminskaitė-Salters:** Climate Change Liability in the English Law of Torts:  
A Real Possibility?

10:30 Coffee Break

**11:00 Philip Sutherland:** Climate Change Mitigation and the Legal Responsibilities of Enterprises: the Drafting of Global Principles

**Monika Hinteregger:** Civil Liability and the Challenges of Climate Change:  
A Functional Analysis

13:00 Close

## ACCOMMODATION IN VIENNA

ECTIL and ETL have provisionally booked a number of rooms for conference participants at *Motel One Wien Westbahnhof* (€ 80.24 for a single room incl. breakfast; € 105.12 for a double; an additional charge of € 30.76 is also payable for the final night – Saturday 22 to Sunday 23. Available until March 7, 2017). A credit card number is required to secure reservations.

The hotel is a ten-minute underground ride from the Conference venues.

To receive a booking form, please contact us at [zeiler@ectil.org](mailto:zeiler@ectil.org).

### Motel One Wien Westbahnhof

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Web: [www.motel-one.com/en/hotels/wien/wien-westbahnhof](http://www.motel-one.com/en/hotels/wien/wien-westbahnhof)

## HEURIGEN EVENING

Enjoy a casual get-together with your fellow participants and the Conference speakers, as well as the ECTIL/ETL team, on Friday evening (April 21, 2017) over Viennese wines and Austrian specialities.

The Viennese term *Heurigen* denotes both the wine harvested during the previous autumn and the local taverns where it is sold. Most of these inns can be found in picturesque villages set against the backdrop of vineyards at the edge of the Vienna Woods.

Price per person: € 39 (including food and beverages). If at all possible, early booking and payment would be much appreciated (ideally alongside Conference registration).

## 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](http://www.ectil.org) and [www.etl.oeaw.ac.at](http://www.etl.oeaw.ac.at). 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](http://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 'Climate Change and Environmental Liability' will be published together in a special issue of the journal. For further information, see [www.degruyter.com/jetl](http://www.degruyter.com/jetl).

## ECTIL SUPPORTING MEMBERS

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# Registration Form

Kindly return this form either by fax or as a scanned email attachment, preferably **before Wednesday, March 22, 2017**. Please use one form for each registrant!

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I hereby register for the **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on European Tort Law** in Vienna from **Thursday, April 20, 2017 to Saturday, April 22, 2017**.

- I will attend the reception on Thursday, April 20, 2017 (included in the fee).
- I will attend the Heurigen evening on Friday, April 21, 2017 (€ 39 extra).
- I would like to receive the MOTEL ONE WIEN booking form to make a room reservation.

**Conference Fees** (including Conference materials, reception, buffet lunch on Friday and refreshments):

- Supporting Member\*      € 250 for the first participant (includes one volume of the Yearbook), **early booking discount fee for registration by February 22, 2017: € 200**; € 100 for additional participants (Conference only; Yearbook optional at approx. € 85 extra)
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- Jurists in training      € 40 Conference only; Yearbook optional at approx. € 85 extra) **early booking discount fee for registration by February 22, 2017: € 35**

*\*In order to qualify for the Supporting Member's fee, you must be a current Supporting Member of ECTIL with all applicable annual fees paid (see [www.ectil.org](http://www.ectil.org) for details).*

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Please charge the applicable fee to the following credit card account:

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I am aware that **cancellations** must be made in writing before **April 10, 2017** in which case I will receive a refund (less € 20 administration charge). Refunds will not be considered for requests received after this date.

Date

Signature