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Preface

Published jointly by the European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law (ECTIL) and the Institute for European Tort Law (ETL), this Yearbook provides information on tort law developments in Europe in 2020 and an in-depth analysis of these developments. It includes reports from most EU Member States, plus England and Wales, Norway and Switzerland, and an overview of developments in the field of EU law. Moreover, it contains a report on developments in Israeli tort law. In conclusion, a comparative analysis evaluates selected highlights and identifies emerging trends.

The Yearbook is associated with the Annual Conference on European Tort Law, which is held each year in the week after Easter. The 20th Annual Conference, including presentations on some of the developments addressed more fully in these pages, took place online from 8 to 9 April 2021. While attendance and feedback to our ACET@home was great, we nevertheless very much hope that we will be able to meet again in person in Vienna next year for the 21st Annual Conference, which is scheduled for 21 to 23 April 2022. Papers from the themed Saturday morning session of the Conference appear each year in a special issue of the Journal of European Tort Law. This year, the theme was ‘Duty to Prevent Harm’. The papers can be found in vol 12 no 2 of the Journal.

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