

EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

Dear colleagues & friends,

We are glad to present you the special issue of Inter EU Law East Journal with the topics presented at the 4th International Conference on European Company Law and Corporate Governance - The Role of Sustainable Company for Sustainable Society in post-COVID-19 time, Zagreb, Croatia, November 26-27, 2020, organized by Department of Law at Faculty of Economics & Business, University of Zagreb.

This year's Conference was special for several reasons. Unfortunately, the global pandemic COVID-19 and the earthquake in Zagreb made it impossible to organize the Conference as originally planned so it was completely managed remotely. This form of Conference, of course, has its advantages, but also one irreparable disadvantage – the inability to make new acquaintances and expand the social network. Nevertheless, we have accomplished its scientific task and made it possible to discuss new topics and raise a number of questions for future research. Second, the Conference was organized as part of the 100th anniversary of the Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb.

The focus of this year's Conference was sustainable company for the sustainable society as an important part of building resilient companies and resilient society announced in the European Green Deal and the Commission's Communication on the COVID -19 Recovery plan:

“- It is important that sustainability is further embedded into the corporate governance framework.

- Sustainability in CG encompasses encouraging business to consider environmental/including climate, biodiversity/, social human and economic impacts in their business decisions and to focus on long-term sustainable value creation rather than short-term financial value.

- Competitive sustainability will contribute to the COVID-19 recovery and the long-term resilience and development of companies.”

The Conference and published papers in this issue reflect and underline previous and new experiences that have been developed, implemented, and refined according to company law and corporate governance standards, resulting from the new circumstances that we all live and work at the moment.

Moreover, the papers are dealing with many important topics that have risen up with EU Taxonomy in line with demands of financial sustainability and

ESG factors, digitalization. The debate between perils of shareholderism and stakeholderism, maintenance of legal capital, and many other interesting topics. We are witnessing a shift to a new paradigm and definition of a corporate purpose to achieve a sustainable company and move to a sustainable society. From the legal, economic, financial perspective there are many new elements authors are dealing with in their research.

It is for sure the start of a new era and we do hope to start a healthier and happier year!

We truly hope you will enjoy the reading and expand your horizons in European Company Law and Corporate Governance.

We wish you all a prosperous 2021!

Hana Horak, Editor-in-Chief

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