



## Eurojuris Practice Groups meeting 2021

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International Litigation, ADR and Contracts Group

### Meeting report

19 participants from 8 countries

#### **new German supply chain law and similar legislation**

Christian Schlemmer explained the regulations of the coming German supply chain law which shall hold companies liable for tracing intermediate goods or finished products procured abroad at all stages of their supply chain for any production processes that are harmful to the environment or violate labor conditions.

In an open discussion on similar legislation in other states and on an EU-basis we saw that also in the countries the regulations are already in place (UK Modern Slavery Act, Bribery Act) or in the legislative loop (EP proposal for a directive on corporate due diligence and corporate accountability, EC proposal for a Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive).

One will have to react by taking these regulations into account and passing the obligations on to the suppliers when drawing up a contract.

#### **Enforcement of judgements and arbitral rulings in the UK after BREXIT**

There are key changes related to enforcement of judgments from EU countries before the Courts of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, following the end of the UK's transition period out of the European Union on 1 January 2021.

Angharad Parry a barrister at Twenty Essex Chambers in London, with a practice in both litigation and arbitration, showed us the uncertainty related to Brexit putting some EU members back to bilateral treaties with the UK and the others to statutory regime or common law principles of recognition and enforcement.

She strictly recommended to add an arbitration clause to any new or existing contract with UK parties as the New York Convention will apply unchanged and provide a reliable ground for the recognition and the enforcement of foreign arbitral awards.

**Next Meeting: Paris, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021, see programme enclosed**