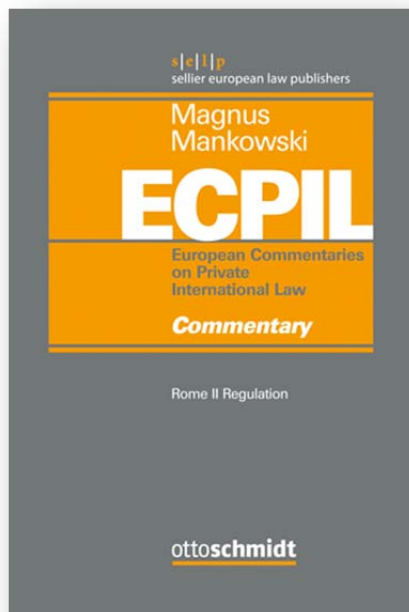


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Preface

Together with its sister, the Rome I Regulation, the Rome II Regulation, is the core of European private international law. To emphasise its imminence would be tantamount to carrying owls to Athens. It has found its place in the hearts and minds of practitioners and academics alike all over Europe. Its inception marked the start of EU legislation on conflict of laws. It premiered and pioneered since it was the first codificatory project of the EU in the field of PIL to see the light.

The effort of completing a truly pan-European commentary mirrors the pan-European nature of its fascinating object. This commentary for the first time assembles a team of very prominent and renowned authors from total Europe. The authors' geographical provenience stretches from the Netherlands to the Czech Republic and Poland, and from Italy, Spain and Portugal to Sweden. The time has been definitely ripe to start such a venture already for quite a while.

This commentary is the first full scale article-by-article commentary on the Rome II Regulation in English by a pan-European team, to address. It is truly European in nature and style. It provides thorough and succinct in-depth analysis of every single Article and offers most valuable guidance for lawyers, judges and academics throughout Europe. It is an indispensable working tool for all practitioners involved in this field of law.

Everyone who has ever undertaken the venture to edit a multi-author work only too well knows about the absolute necessity of competent assistance. The editors thus are absolutely grateful and cannot remotely express the thanks and accolades due to our backing team at Hamburg in a proper fashion. Without them it would have been virtually impossible to complete this commentary. Naemi Czempiel and Helen Loose with sheer and utter indefatigability undertook the burdensome task of compiling the index and the Table of Cases of decisions by the ECJ and the CJEU. The list of Abbreviations was prepared by Professor Mankowski. Secretarial support was rendered by Primrose Holders. Very special thanks are due to the division of Otto Schmidt that formerly was Sellier European Law Publishers, in person Andreas Pittrich and Anna Rosch. Apart from being incredibly patient and well-minded they kept the faith in this project (what was not the easiest task at times).

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