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Preface

This work stems from the curiosity shown by some young scholars, who, aware of the ease with which it is now possible to identify the case law and doctrine of their countries of origin, required to be able to also access an (at least synthetic) illustration of the company law of central European countries. Complying with this curiosity, we initiated contacts with various university colleagues of the European countries with higher population density (in particular the Faculty of Law of the University of Leeds, Lüneburg, Maastricht, Madrid-Complutense, Milan, Paris-Sorbonne, Timisoara, Warsaw) and proposed to compile a Treatise of European Corporate Laws.

Our proposal has found immediate support by the publisher C.H. Beck, always attentive in trying to facilitate the dialogue between academics and practitioners of different nations. The participation of our colleagues Joan Loughrey, Steins Bisschop, Juana Pulgaz Ezquerro, Alain Pietrancosta, Lucien Bercea, Adam Opalski, who took on responsibility for their jurisdictions with great enthusiasm and dedication, has allowed the work to be published. We owe them our deepest gratitude.

The book contains also a part dedicated to the company law of the United Kingdom, given that, at the start of the project, the country was a member of the European Union. We believe that this part remains of high interest despite the subsequent political events and the leave of the country from the Union, last but not least because of the future relationship with our close neighbour.

We are greatly indebted to all authors who contributed their learned articles and allowed the the completion of the volume; we would like also to thank Valerio Giannetta and Mattia Maggioni for their help in finalizing the manuscripts.

Against the background of ever increasing corporate mobility in Europe, the book hands over a key to the corporate laws of core jurisdictions. May European law gain insights and inspiration for future harmonisation. We hope therefore that we can make a valuable comparative law contribution and that the book will be kindly received by practitioners and academics.

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