

A G E N D A

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- I. Internet and Insurance: spotting new risks and emerging liabilities**
 1. Network security: suitable tools, frequent attacks and protecting mechanisms
 2. Cloud computing: legal concerns related to security issues and data confidentiality. Data protection.
 3. The development and exploitation of P2P software enabling file sharing: problems, actions to be undertaken and potential damages
 4. ISP liability on grounds of third parties' comments published or hosted on their websites. The issue of the neutral position.
 5. New electronic liabilities: electronic gambling, electronic money and payment services provision

- II. Liability and Insurance related to damages caused by Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs): Environmental damages and purely economic damages**
 - A) General Overview**
 1. Damages caused by GMOs: special features
 2. Differences between Civil liability and Environmental liability
 3. Legal framework for Environmental liability: core elements, legal concept of environmental damage and exclusions
 4. Environmental insurance: binding character, characteristics, insurance practice (coverage, time limits, exclusions)

 - B) Sector-based approach: a Case Study – Genetically Modified Crops**
 1. International situation: pros and cons
 2. Regulatory models
 3. Damages likely to be caused by GMOs and liability cases: environmental damages, purely economic damages caused to neighbouring farmers, breach of contract, violation of patents.
 4. Causal link. The problem of diffuse damages
 5. Cases where liability is waived