The EU Inc.: A New Challenge for Company Law in Europe?

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The project **"The EU Inc.: A New Challenge for Company Law in Europe?"** explores current developments in European company law, with a particular focus on the proposed **"28th Regime" (EU Inc.)**, one of the most significant contemporary initiatives in this field. The concept aims to establish an optional supranational corporate framework that would provide entrepreneurs, especially innovative businesses and start-ups, with an alternative to national company forms while facilitating cross-border business activities within the European Union.

Bringing together researchers from Charles University, Paris-Panthéon-Assas University, the University of Copenhagen and the University of Warsaw, the project examines the legal implications of introducing a unified European corporate framework. The project is coordinated by Charles University, whose Faculty of Law contributes expertise in company law, European law and comparative legal analysis. Doctoral researchers from the Faculty of Law are also actively involved in the project. The research focuses on key legal questions arising from the EU Inc. proposal, including its relationship with national company law regimes, mechanisms for the protection of creditors and employees, the position and liability of company directors, and the broader implications of a harmonised corporate framework for the functioning of the EU internal market. Through a comparative and interdisciplinary approach, the project will assess both the opportunities and challenges associated with the introduction of the 28th Regime.

As part of Flagship 2, Europeanness: Multilingualism, Pluralities, Citizenship, the project contributes to ongoing discussions on European integration and the development of common legal frameworks within the European Union. By examining the feasibility and consequences of a supranational corporate form, it addresses important questions concerning European legal identity, regulatory diversity and economic cooperation across Member States.

The main outputs of the project will include an international academic conference hosted by the Faculty of Law of Charles University on 13 November 2026 and a jointly authored comparative research study. Through collaborative research, academic exchange and the active involvement of doctoral students, the project aims to strengthen international cooperation within the 4EU+ Alliance and contribute to the scholarly debate on the future of European company law.

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"4EU+Synergy provided us with an ideal framework for launching a new international collaboration and establishing a network of researchers with a shared academic interest. The project allows us to coordinate the results of our research and prepare joint publications with international impact. At the same time, we are involving early-career researchers and PhD students in the collaboration, and we see the project as a springboard for longer-term research collaboration within 4EU+."