IDEC was created in 2003, in Trier (Germany) by former MEP Willi Rothley, the father of the 4th MID

The foundation members were the ADAC, the Council of Bureaux, National Insurance Associations, lawyers and insurers.

The Institute was then transferred in 2009 to Luxembourg. It currently has around 200 private and corporate members from about 15 European countries.

It is a melting pot of major European stakeholders in the field of European Contract and Tort Law, such as Associations for victims, Lawyers, Professors of Law, National Insurer’s Bureaux, National Insurance Associations, and Reinsurers.

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Promoting the exchange of academic knowledge and practical experience

Offering a platform of discussion on a high level basis among the major European stakeholders

Pursuing the dialogue with European decision makers

Supporting scholarship and research in the area of Private International Law

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The Institute is currently putting its effort in establishing an “Academic Advisory Committee”, a scientific advisory board. 3-4 dozen Professors, working at Universities all over Europe shall be found on this AAC-list. Those Professors have a specialization in traffic law, especially third-part liability- and insurance law, but also in social security law and associated fields, which in the end belong to traffic law.

The AAC should represent all of Europe – thus also countries, which are not member countries of the EU. We are looking for relevant traffic law experts of the largest European countries, but also interested Professors of smaller countries so that all European regions will be represented. The membership in the AAC is honorary. Members are willing to give advice on legal matters to the Board. They are willing to participate in projects and proposals of the Institute and provide an individual scientific contribution at the annual congresses, the “European Traffic Law Days”, and are in general also willing to deliver speeches at seminars. Finally, the AAC will be invited to organize a Europe-wide book prize for issues related to Traffic Law and recommend the prize-winners to the Board.

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- Responsibility of local authorities for their road infrastructure
- Intelligent vehicles: Perspectives
- Limitation rules in cross-border RTAs
- Comparative law: Rome II vs The Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements.
- Applicable law and forum shopping – latest Case Law
- Trucks and trailers: liability and recoursary actions among insurers.

RECENT KEY TOPICS

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