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## Foreword

Dear Fellow Reader,

In February 2022, the EU Commission released the Proposal for a Data Act. From then on, manifold discussions within the political realm as well as in academia have taken place. In December 2023, a final version was agreed on by the respective EU actors – and the Data Act finally entered into force in January 2024.

Against this background, this volume aims to provide those interested in the Act (but maybe not engaged with this piece of regulation so far) with a concise, but detailed introduction to the new regulation, its articles, and its recitals. The Data Act, its concept, and its instruments are presented, explained, evaluated, and put into context. References to the actual wording of articles and recitals were oftentimes included. Reference is given throughout to the significant share of literature on the Data Act and, if needed to, the proposal(s). Inevitably, being an Introduction, we could not deep dive into every detail of the Data Act.

We like to highlight, however, that this introduction also puts an emphasis on aspects of the Act that have been less discussed so far, for example a deep-dive has been made in Chapter IX with regard to the highly important provisions on switching and interoperability between data processing services (Art. 23-31, 33-35). Furthermore, the bibliography at the end of this volume provides you – as comprehensively as possible – with further literature on the final version of the Act as well as on the draft version(s).

This Introduction to the Data Act is based on and has partly been pre-published in an earlier version (mirroring the legislative process and the proposals of the Data Act) as Hennemann, M. / Karsten, B. / Wienroeder, M. / Lienemann, G. / Ebner, G. (Eds.), *The Data Act Proposal – Literature Review and Critical Analysis, Part I – III (2023) University of Passau IRDG Research Paper Series No. 23-01, 23-02, 23-03*. We have, however, made substantial changes to this earlier version and have updated all parts to the final version of the Act.

This Introduction to the Data Act also builds upon further publications by the authors to the final version of the Data Act (Hennemann, M. / Steinrötter, B., *Der Data Act – Neue Instrumente, alte Friktionen, struk-*

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We are more than happy to hear your thoughts on this introduction, about what we have missed and – maybe also – what you liked. Please drop us an e-mail to [moritz.hennemann@jura.uni-freiburg.de](mailto:moritz.hennemann@jura.uni-freiburg.de).

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