European legal systems have historically been a source of inspiration for most national legal systems in other parts of the world and we continue to observe developments in European legal systems with great interest. The integration of European legal systems in private and commercial law fields has been accelerating. In 1989 the European Parliament made its first call for preparatory work for a European Civil Code to commence – a move which would have great significance for the Common Law legal family. This paper examines integrative initiatives of the EU with relevance for Property Law, broadly defined, beside international convergence tendencies in the field that are being driven by globalisation, and traces their trajectory.

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