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The EU strategy 2020 includes ambitious plans for e-regulation that could improve Europe's competitiveness. However, the European states have very different legal frameworks in this field. This book introduces flagship initiatives and provides a detailed overview and analysis of the current standards and latest developments, offering practical insights and guidelines for practitioners and policy-makers alike. Further, as it discusses the main areas of e-regulation, it can serve as a useful platform for university education in light of the growing need for new kinds of specialists, i.e. IT lawyers. The book concentrates on fields that are directly affected by e-regulation such as cyber-security, databases, computer programs, e-governance, IP and competition law, and informatics.