SOCIETAS EUROPaea AND BUSINESS
TRANSNATIONAL MOBILITY

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ABSTRACT: This paper analyses a subject which, for around 35 years, was largely academic, as it could even be seen from its Latin name: the Societas Europaea. Now it is no longer academic, but will it be a real opportunity for the business community? We think it may be, depending on the requirements and willingness to pay a price in the form of a considerable degree of legal uncertainty.

The original concept of the S.E. was a truly European company governed by a single set of rules, irrespective of where its seat was located, and having the freedom to move from one EU Member State to another without being bothered by the traditional obstacles faced by companies subject to national law.

The question we ask ourselves, and try to find an answer as objectively as possible is whether the promise of unrestrained mobility that the S.E. makes can truly be attained or if it remains just that – a promise?

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