



WORKSHOP: BETTER APPLYING THE EU REGULATIONS ON FAMILY AND SUCCESSION LAW

Prague, 12-13 December 2017

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Speakers

Zuzana Fišerová, Junior Deputy Minister and Director of the International Department for Civil Matters, Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic, Prague

Zuzana Fišerová is the Junior Deputy Minister and Director of the International Department for Civil Matters at the Ministry of Justice. She represents the Czech Republic in various international organisations and committees. She regularly lectures for judges at the Judicial Academy of the Czech Republic, EJTN and ERA.

Jan-Ger Knot, Assistant Professor, Deputy Judge and Legal Advisor, Groningen

Jan-Ger Knot works as assistant professor in private international law at the University of Groningen. He also serves as deputy judge at the Arnhem-Leeuwarden Appeals Court and as legal advisor for *PlasBossinade* in Groningen. He holds a PhD from the University of Groningen in the field of international succession law.

Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens, Family Law Attorney, Potsdam
Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens is a practising attorney who, from the beginning of her professional career, specialised in family law. Since July 2014 she has been working in Kosovo as a key expert responsible for a team working on family law, inheritance law and law of persons as part of a draft civil code for Kosovo.

Key topics

- Parental responsibility in a cross-border context (including child abduction)
- Cross-border divorce and maintenance
- Cross-border successions

Language
English

Event number
117DT40

Organisers
ERA (Cecilia Holmsten) in cooperation with the Czech Bar Association



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Better Applying the EU Regulations on Family and Succession Law

Tuesday, 12 December 2017

08:45 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 **Opening of the workshop**
Cecilia Holmsten, ERA

I. CROSS-BORDER DIVORCE AND MAINTENANCE

Speaker: *Zuzana Fišerová*

09:05 **Introduction to the key provisions of Brussels IIa, Rome III, Maintenance Regulation, 2007 Hague Convention and Hague Protocol**

10:00 **WORKSHOP I**
Solving the case-study in smaller working groups

11:30 Coffee break

11:45 **Results of the workshop: discussion in plenary**

12:45 Lunch

II. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY IN A CROSS-BORDER CONTEXT, INCLUDING CHILD ABDUCTION

Speaker: *Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens*

14:00 **Catching-up session: the relevant provisions of Brussels IIa and the 1980 & 1996 Hague Conventions**

14:45 Coffee break

15:00 **WORKSHOP II**
Solving the case-study in smaller working groups

16:30 **Results of the workshop: discussion in plenary**

17:30 **End of the first workshop day**

19:00 Joint dinner

Objective

The objective of this workshop is to address the various EU Regulations on family and succession law. The different Regulations and the relevant Hague Conventions will be presented and dealt with in a practice-oriented way at an introductory level, which makes it suitable for participants who have little or no prior experience in the field of European family and succession law.

Who should attend?

Legal practitioners from all EU Member States. Lawyers in private practice are particularly encouraged to apply.

You will learn...

- which proceedings exist for the return of the child in a case of child abduction
- about the rules of jurisdiction that determine in which Member State proceedings on cross-border divorce can be initiated
- how to identify the applicable law in cross-border succession cases
- what the abolishment of the "exequatur" in the Maintenance Regulation is and how the enforcement of maintenance decisions within the EU works

What participants said last year

"It was very helpful to apply theory into practice and understand how the regulation can be applied"

"The seminar was very interactive"

"High-level speakers and very good supporting documents"

"Excellent organisation"

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III. CROSS-BORDER SUCCESSIONS

Speaker: *Jan-Ger Knot*

09:00 Introducing the main features of the Succession Regulation

09:45 **WORKSHOP III**
Solving the case-study in smaller working groups

11:15 Coffee break

11:30 Results of the workshop: discussion in plenary

12:30 Closing session

12:45 End of the workshop

Save the date

Workshop on “Better Applying the EU Regulations on Family and Succession Law”

- Advanced level

Trier, 1-2 February 2018

Under the Justice Programme 2014-2020, ERA is implementing a project regarding the EU Regulations on family and succession law together with 10 judicial training bodies and bar associations from 11 Member States and with the support of the European Judicial Training Network and 4 associate partners. The main objective is to develop training materials to aid legal practitioners to actively apply several EU Regulations in the field of civil justice.

The seminar in February 2018 will provide a more advanced follow-up to this workshop and is open to workshop participants as well as to other practitioners.

Language: English

Target groups: Open to all legal professionals from all EU Member States

Event number: 118DT04

More: www.era-comm.eu/Better_Applying_the_EU_Regulations

For programme updates: www.era.int
Programme may be subject to amendment.

Conference dinner

All participants are warmly invited to attend the conference dinner on 12 December.

CPD

ERA's programmes meet the standard requirements for recognition as Continuing Professional Development (CPD). This event corresponds to **10 CPD hours**.

Save the date

Conference on Cross-border Successions

Trier, 17-18 May 2018

Annual Conference on European Family Law 2018

25-26 October 2018

e-Learning

Paying Inheritance Tax Twice?

Alain Steichen

Internationales Familienvermögensrecht

Prof. em. Dr. Dieter Martiny

More on:

www.era-comm.eu/elearning/familylaw

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For further information on the project, please visit the specially developed project webpage

Better Applying the EU Regulations:

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Participation

Please note that the number of places available is limited (20 places for this seminar). Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis (preference will be given to lawyers in private practice).

Registration fee

€ 235.00

Travel expenses

Travel costs are not covered by ERA.

Accommodation

The participation fee includes hotel accommodation: maximum 2 nights at the hotel booked by ERA will be covered directly by ERA. Moreover, the participation fee includes lunch and dinner on the first conference day.

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