



ERA training workshops on European Civil Justice:

- Cross-border divorce and maintenance
- Parental responsibility and child abduction
- The European Small Claims Procedure



Workshops on cross-border divorce and maintenance

There are currently around 16 million international couples in the EU. Family members often end up living in different countries, when such families break up - a situation that is fraught with difficulties from a family law point of view. These difficulties include, for example, knowing which courts have jurisdiction to hear a divorce application, which law is applicable to such a divorce or the issue of enforcement of maintenance obligations abroad.

The objectives are:

- to provide expert training on Regulation Brussels II bis, Regulation Rome III and the Maintenance Regulation
- to raise awareness of the interrelationship between EU, international and domestic legislation on cross-border divorce and maintenance cases
- to reinforce knowledge of the preliminary ruling procedure through case studies
- to provide participants with a practical introduction to e-justice tools
- to promote contacts between national judges from different member states and provide participants with valuable networking opportunities.



Upcoming workshops

Italy, 2014

in cooperation with the *Scuola Superiore della Magistratura Italiana*

Event number: 114DV61

Language: Italian

Target group: judges dealing with family matters

Application deadline: to be announced

Barcelona, 6-8 October 2014

in cooperation with the *Escuela Judicial de España*

Event number: 114DV62

Language: Spanish

Target group: judges dealing with family matters

Application deadline: 24 August 2014

Paris, 27-29 October 2014

in cooperation with the *École nationale de la magistrature*

Event number: 114DV60

Language: French

Target group: judges dealing with family matters

Application deadline: 17 September 2014

Workshops on parental responsibility and child abduction

With an estimated one million divorces of international couples in the EU every year, children often end up living in a different country than one of the parents. This situation raises a number of legal questions, as, for example, which courts have jurisdiction to hear a case on matters of parental responsibility, how a judgment will be recognised and enforced in another Member State and how cross-border parental child abduction can be prevented.

The objectives are:

- to provide expert training on Regulation Brussels IIbis, including the main provisions in parental responsibility matters, the rules on international child abduction cases
- to raise awareness of the interrelation of EU, international and domestic legislation on cross-border parental responsibility cases
- to provide participants with a practical introduction to the preliminary ruling procedure
- to allow participants to explore the possibilities offered by cross-border family mediation
- to promote contacts between national judges and lawyers from different member states and provide participants with valuable networking opportunities.



Upcoming workshops

Trier, 5-7 May 2014

Event number: 114DV64

Language: German

Target group: judges dealing with family matters

Application deadline: 31 March 2014

Barcelona, 8-10 October 2014

in cooperation with the *Escuela Judicial de España*

Event number: 114DV65

Language: Spanish

Target group: judges dealing with family matters

Application deadline: 24 August 2014

Paris, 29-31 October 2014

in cooperation with the *École nationale de la magistrature*

Event number: 114DV63

Language: French

Target group: judges dealing with family matters

Application deadline: 17 September 2014

For further information please visit

https://www.era-comm.eu/EU_Civil_Justice_Training_Modules/about.html

Workshops on the European small claims procedure

Regulation (EC) No 861/2007 establishing a European Small Claims Procedure (ESCP) aims at simplifying and speeding up litigation concerning small claims in cross-border cases, and at reducing costs by offering an optional tool in addition to the existing possibilities under national laws. The procedure is available for cross-border claims not exceeding 2000 Euros, and the judgments given do not require a declaration of enforceability in other member states.

The workshop will provide participants with a detailed presentation of the ESCP and practical experience with its application. Face-to-face presentations will be combined with group exercises, IT-supported learning raising awareness of the available e-justice tools and interactive sessions promoting the exchange of good practice and experience.



Upcoming workshops

Brussels, 21 March 2014

in cooperation with the *Institut de Formation Judiciaire*

Event number: 114DV54

Language: English

Target group: judges and judicial staff

Application deadline: 26 February 2014

Brussels, 28-29 April 2014

in cooperation with the *Institut de Formation Judiciaire*

Event number: 114DV55

Language: English

Target group: judicial trainers

Application deadline: 20 March 2014

Upcoming workshops

Trier, 15-16 September 2014

Event number: 114DV57

Language: English

Target group: judicial trainers

Application deadline: 31 July 2014

Paris, 27-28 November 2014

in cooperation with the *École nationale de la magistrature*

Event number: 114DV59

Language: French

Target group: judges and judicial staff

Application deadline: 15 October 2014

Trier, 4-5 December 2014

Event number: 114DV58

Language: German

Target group: judges and judicial staff

Application deadline: 31 October 2014

For further information please visit

https://www.era-comm.eu/EU_Civil_Justice_Training_Modules/about.html

About the project

The workshops will implement the training modules prepared by ERA in cooperation with, and on behalf of, the European Commission in the context of the Framework Contract JUST/2010/JCIV/PR/0016/A4. The objective of this project is the creation of stand-alone training modules on the European legislative instruments for cross-border cooperation in civil matters, to become available to any party or institution interested in the provision of judicial training in this area of European law.

Find out more about the project here:

https://www.era-comm.eu/EU_Civil_Justice_Training_Modules/about.html

Partnership with national judicial training actors

For this project, ERA has been able to secure the partnership of the national judicial training actors:

- *Austria*: Federal Ministry for Justice
- *Finland*: Ministry of Justice
- *Germany*: Federal Ministry of Justice
- *Latvia*: Latvian Judicial Training Centre
- *Poland*: National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution
- *Romania*: Superior Council of the Magistracy
- *Slovenia*: Judicial Training Centre of the Ministry of Justice
- The Judicial Academy of the Czech Republic, as a 'supporting institution'.

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Workshop materials

- **E-learning course** providing an overview of the Regulations analysed in the workshop
- **Background material** including related EU legislation and jurisprudence
- **Links to online tools and legal databases** enabling the application of the Regulations analysed in the workshop
- **Case studies** to be implemented during the workshop
- **General bibliography** with representative publications and jurisprudence from the member states.
- **National section** with information on the application of EU family law in the member states (*only in workshops on EU family law*)
- **Trainer's pack** with information and materials assisting in the organisation of further workshops (*only in workshops addressed to judicial trainers*)

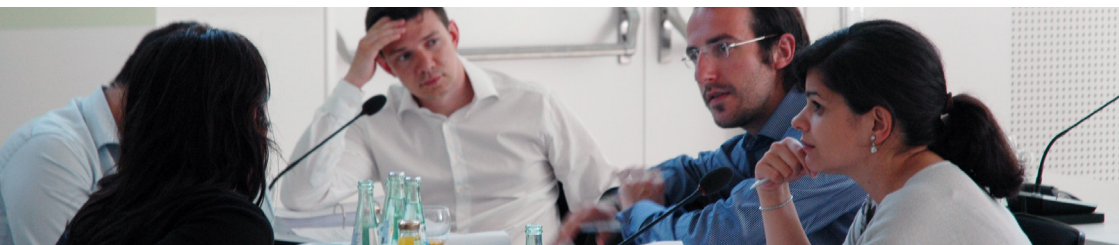
Conditions of participation

- Participation on selection due to the limited number of participants
- No seminar fee
- Travel costs will be covered up to 400 Euros
- Accommodation of participants during the workshop will be covered by the project budget (1-3 nights, depending on the length of the workshop)

How to apply?

Should you wish to apply please visit for more information this dedicated space at our website:

https://www.era-comm.eu/EU_Civil_Justice_Training_Modules/workshops.html







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