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Policy Department C - Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs for the Committee on Legal Affairs

CIVIL LAW AND JUSTICE FORUM

Workshop with national Parliaments¹
"Cross-border activities in the EU - Making life easier for citizens"

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday, 26 February 2015 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-18:30 Room Altiero Spinelli 5 G 2, European Parliament, Brussels

09.00 - 09.30 Registration of participants
Altiero Spinelli building entrance (ASP)

09:30 - 10:00 OPENING

09:30 - 09:40	Welcome and opening remarks: What is it all about?
	Pavel Svoboda, Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs
09:40 - 09:50	Using EU private international law to facilitate the free movement of citizens
	Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Vice-President in charge of relations with national Parliaments
09:50 - 10:00	The Latvian Council Presidency -agenda for the area of civil law
	Inese Libina-Egnere, Vice-speaker of the Saeima and Vice-chair of the Legal affairs committee

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10:00 - 12:30
SESSION I
LESS PAPER WORK FOR MOBILE CITIZENS

10:00 - 10:10 Opening remarks: Towards a European Code on Private International Law?

Prof. Giesela Rühl, Jena University Prof. Jan von Hein, Freiburg University

10:10 - 10:30 Promoting the free movement of citizens and businesses by simplifying the acceptance of certain public documents in the EU and beyond (Proposal for Regulation, COM(2013) 228)

Eve Potter, Notary, Estonia

[Dr. Walter Pintens, Secretary General of the International Commission on Civil Status, Professor at Leuven University, OR Peter M. Beaton, Expert/consultant in European Civil and Private International Law, The Hague, OR Dr Sophie Gaudemet, Paris-Sud University, Jean Monnet Faculty]

10:30 - 11:00 Debate, opened by Mady Delvaux, MEP, rapporteur for the public documents proposal

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 - 11:25 Towards European Model Contracts for Succession and Family Law?

Prof. Christiane Wendehorst, Vienna University

11:25 - 11.45 EU Regulation 650/2012 on successions and on the creation of a European Certificate of Succession

Kurt Lechner, Notary Chamber of Palatinate, Germany Prof. Patrick Wautelet, Liège University, Law School (*tbc*)

11: 45 - 12:30 Debate

14:30 - 16:30 SESSION II CROSS BORDER FAMILIES AND FAMILIES CROSSING-BORDERS

14:30 - 14:40 Opening remarks

Mairead McGuinness, Vice-President, European Parliament Mediator for parental child abduction,

14:40 - 14:50 Presentation of study: "Cross-border parental child abduction"

Dr Ilaria Pretelli, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law

14:50 - 15:20 The Brussels IIa Regulation: towards a review?

European Commission N.N.: presentation of the outcome of the public consultation on Brussels IIa

Hans van Loon, The Hague, Member of *Institut de Droit International*, Former Secretary General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law

15:20 - 15:50 Debate

15:50 - 16:00	Name Law - is there a	need to legislate?
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Prof. Paul Lagarde, Université Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne)

16:00 - 16:30 Debate

	16:30 - 18:30 SESSION III BUSINESS AND CONSUMERS' CONCERNS
16:30 - 16:40	Opening remarks on private international law as a regulatory tool for global governance
	Dr Harm Schepel, Professor of Economic Law, Brussels School of International Studies, University of Kent at Brussels
16:40 - 16:50	The European Small Claims Procedure and the new Commission proposal
	Dr Pablo Cortés, University of Leicester
16:50 - 17:20	Debate, opened by Lidia Geringer de Oedenberg, MEP, rapporteur for the review of the Small Claims regulation
17:20 - 17:30	Mediation as Alternative Dispute Resolution (the functioning of Directive 2008/52/EC on certain aspects of mediation in civil and commercial matters)
	Prof. Giuseppe De Palo ADR Center Srl
17:30 - 17:40	The 2005 Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements and the recast of the Brussels I Regulation
	Dr. Gottfried Musger, judge at the Austrian Supreme Court (OGH)
17:40 - 18:20	Debate
18:20 - 18:30	Conclusions
	Pavel Svoboda, Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs
18:30	End of the Workshop