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INAUGURATION OF THE EUROPEAN PLATFORM FOR ACCESS TO PERSONAL AND FAMILY RIGHTS (EPAPFR)

FEBRUARY 19 AND 26, 2021

Online conferences

The EPAPFR (European Platform for Access to Personal and Family Rights in Europe) aims to contribute to the support of anyone facing difficulties relating to international private family law in Europe (EU) by promoting the coordination and cooperation of the legal and social systems established in the territory of the Member States, be they associative or institutional in nature.

This project is part of the European Union's Justice programme established for the period 2014-2020. The Justice programme finances actions with European added value that contribute to the further development of a European area of justice.

The EPAPFR project supports the implementation of European instruments and in particular Directive 2008/52/EC of 21 May 2008 on certain aspects of mediation in civil and commercial matters, the Succession Regulation of 4 July 2012, the Brussels II bis Regulation of 27 November 2003 in matrimonial matters, the Hague Convention of 19 October 1996 on parental responsibility and protection of children, the Council Regulation of 18 December 2008 on matters relating to maintenance obligations, the Rome III Regulation of 20 December 2010 establishing enhanced cooperation in matters of the law applicable to divorce and legal separation.

The project brings together several partners across Europe:

- The Research Centre in International Private Law of University Lyon 3 (CREDIP),
- The Belgian Association for the Law of Foreigners (ADDE),
- The International Social Service in Bulgaria (ISS),
- The University of Liège,
- The German Institute for Youth Human Services and Family Law (DIJUF),

- The University of Verona (UNIVR),
- The Association of Women International Legal Information (FIJI), which carry out the project.

The project consists of linking access to rights services acting as close as possible to the beneficiaries in the following areas in the aim of facilitating effective access to justice or alternative dispute resolution, promoting the training of professionals and the information of beneficiaries, and encouraging the sharing of experience and information between institutional and associative actors in the various Member States.

Due to the health context, the colloquium for the inauguration of the European platform for access to EPAPFR rights will be held in the form of online conferences on 19 and 26 February 2021.

February 19th, 2021: online conference in English

9.30 a.m. Opening of the conference

Presentation of the EPAPFR - Presentation of the project and the challenges of private international law in the context of migration by Caterina Fratea, Associate Professor of European Union Law – University of Verona

9.55 a.m. Maintenance obligations - Dieter Martiny, Professor Emeritus of the European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder), affiliated to the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Private Law (Hamburg)

10.20 a.m. Unaccompanied minors - Philippe Lortie, First Secretary, Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH)

20 minute break

11h05 International Mediation - Miglena Baldzhieva, Lawyer, Head of International Affairs Division, International Social Service-Bulgaria (ISS-Bulgaria) - Sabina Titarenko, Network Development Officer, General Secretariat of the International Social Service

11.30 a.m. Surrogate motherhood - Mia Dambach, former Director of the International Reference Centre - International Social Service, Maria Caterina Baruffi, Full Professor of International Law - University of Verona

11h55 a.m. International child abduction - Thalia Kruger, Professor at the University of Antwerp (Belgium)

12.20 p.m. Kafala - Cinzia Peraro, Junior Researcher of European Union Law - University of Verona and Jeannette Wöllenstein-Tripathi, *Children's Rights Specialist at International Social Service - General Secretariat (Geneva)*

12.45 - 13.00 p.m. Acknowledgements and closing of the first conference

February 26th, 2021: online conference in French

9.30 a.m. Opening of the conference

Presentation of the EPAPFR - Presentation of the European EPAPFR project by Cécile Corso, director of FIJI, PhD in law, research associate at the University of Lyon 3

9h55 a.m. General questions on access to rights and on the implementation of EU regulations - Cyril Nourissat, Professor of Law at the University Jean Moulin - Lyon 3, Director of the Research Centre for Private International Law (CREDIP)

10.20 a.m. Divorce, right of residence and intra-family violence in the EU - Carmen Ruiz-Sutil, Professor of Private International Law at the University of Granada (**intervention in Spanish only**)

20 minute break

11.05 a.m. International protection - Caroline Apers, lawyer, Association pour le droit des étrangers (ADDE), Brussels

11.30 a.m. Unaccompanied minors - Philippe Lortie, First Secretary, Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH)

11.55 a.m. Succession - Patrick Wautelet, Professor of Law at the Faculty of Liège

12.20 p.m. Final conclusion - Ludovic Pailler, Professor of Law at the University Jean Moulin - Lyon 3

12h45 p.m. - Acknowledgements and prospects for the EPAPFR

Further information - Online Conferences

Dates and times:

February, 19th and 26th, 9h30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Login link:

- February, 19th:

Register for Online Conference EPAPFR, February 19th (Day 1) on Feb. 19, 2021 09:30 CET at :

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2809151466791413261>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email explaining how to join the webinar.

- February, 26th:

Register for Online Conference on Feb. 26, 2021 09:30 CET at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2300599851155300109>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email explaining how to join the webinar.

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