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CIVIL LAW AND JUSTICE FORUM
with the participation of 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

Brussels

Room ASP 5 G 3 -European Parliament, Brussels

09:30 - 10:00
OPENING

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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

R.L. Valcarcel Siso, Vice-President in charge of relations with national parliaments (tbc)

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

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, and Prof. Jan von Hein, Freiburg University

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- 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)**
- Prof. Pierre Callé, Paris Sud University (Paris XI)
Michael P. Clancy, Solicitor, United Kingdom (The Law Society of Scotland)
- 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
Eve Pötter LL.M, Legal advisor of the Estonian Chamber of Notaries
- 11: 45 - 12:30** **Debate**

<p>14:30 - 16:30 SESSION II CROSS BORDER FAMILIES AND FAMILIES CROSSING-BORDERS</p>
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- 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 in the EU"**
- Dr Ilaria Pretelli, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Lausanne
- 14:50 - 15:00** **Mediating International Child Abduction Cases**
- Spiros Livadopoulos, Mediator, European Cross-border Family Mediators' Network
- 15:00 - 15:30** **The Brussels IIa Regulation: towards a review?**
- Hans van Loon, The Hague, Member of *Institut de Droit International*,
Former Secretary General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law
- Michael Shotter, Head of Unit on Civil Justice Policy, DG Justice
European Commission
- 15:30 - 16:00** **Debate**

