



Thursday–Friday 3-4 December 2020  
Academy of European Law (ERA)  
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## EJTN CIVIL JUSTICE SEMINAR (ONLINE)

**EUROPEAN CIVIL PROCEDURE IN FAMILY LAW MATTERS**  
**CI/2020/10**



With financial support from the Justice  
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The online seminar will deliver in-depth insights on highly specialised topics pertaining to diversified aspects of family law (e.g. cross-border divorce and parental responsibility).

The training will be carried out by leading academics and practitioners. Expert speakers will present the Brussels IIa and Rome III Regulations and discuss issues like jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and

cooperation in matters of parental responsibility and child abduction.

In order to combine the theoretical approach with a more concrete one, polls, breakout rooms and workshop sessions will be organised in order to provide a widened knowledge on EU legislation and case law and facilitate the exchange of best practices.

## AGENDA

THURSDAY 3 December 2020		
8.30	Connecting to the videoconference platform	
9.00-9.20	<b>Official opening of the seminar</b> <b>Welcome words by the ERA and EJTN representatives</b>	<b>Angelika Fuchs</b> , Head of Section, ERA <b>Sára Sipos</b> , Senior Project Manager, EJTN Secretariat
	<b>Getting to know each other</b>	
9:20-9:50	<b>Setting the scene: key aspects of the EU <i>acquis</i> in family matters</b>	<b>Maarja Torga</b> , Adviser Supreme Court of Estonia (Civil Chamber)
9:50-10:20	<b>Polls, Q&amp;A and short break</b>	
10:20-11:00	<b>Cross-border divorce within the EU</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jurisdiction rules in the Brussels IIa Regulation</li> <li>• Lis pendens rules</li> <li>• Applicable law (Rome III)</li> </ul>	<b>Maarja Torga</b>
11:00-11:15	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	
11:15-11:30	Coffee break	
11:30-12:00	<b>Cross-border parental responsibility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jurisdiction rules</li> <li>• Prorogation</li> <li>• Recognition and enforcement</li> </ul>	<b>Martina Erb-Klünemann</b> , Judge, Local Court of Hamm
12:00-12:10	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	
12:10-13:00	<b>The hearing of the child in the context of a cross-border family case</b>	<b>Myriam De Hemptinne</b> , Judge, Court of Appeal Brussels <b>Martina Erb-Klünemann</b>
13:00	<b>End of the first conference day</b>	

## FRIDAY 4 December 2020

8:45	Connecting to the videoconference platform	
9:00-9:30	<b>Major CJEU case law on Brussels IIa including habitual residence, <i>forum non conveniens</i> and child abduction</b>	<b>Cristina M. Mariottini</b> , Senior Research Fellow, Luxembourg Max Planck Institute
9:30-9:45	Q&A	
9:45-10:15	<b>Child abduction, including cooperation between courts and central authorities</b>	<b>Myriam De Hemptinne</b>
10:15-10:30	Q&A	
10:30-10:45	Coffee break	
10:45-12:15	<b>WORKSHOP: Cross-border child abduction Practical case study taking into account CJEU case law on Brussels IIa</b>	<b>Maarja Torga</b> <b>Martina Erb-Klünemann</b>
12:15-12:45	<b>Novelties of the Brussels IIa Recast Regulation</b>	<b>Cristina M. Mariottini</b>
12:45-12:55	Q&A	
12:55-13:00	Closing remarks and end of the conference	<b>Angelika Fuchs</b> and <b>Sára Sipos</b>

### ACTIVITY COORDINATOR

**Dr Angelika Fuchs**, Head of Section, European Private Law, Academy of European Law (ERA), Trier

### SPEAKERS

- **Myriam De Hemptinne**, Family Judge on Secondment, Network Judge EJN and International Hague Network of Judges, Court of Appeal, Brussels
- **Martina Erb-Klünemann**, Family Court Judge, Network Judge EJN and International Hague Network of Judges, Hamm
- **Cristina M. Mariottini**, Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law
- **Maarja Torga**, Adviser (Civil Chamber), Supreme Court of Estonia

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