



European Institute of Public Administration
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Seminar

How to handle cross border child abduction procedures? Novelties brought by the recast Brussels IIa Regulation

Luxembourg, 13-14 October 2021

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Cross border Family Matters - a tour de table of good practices

Seminar Venue: To be determined

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Objectives: The seminar will deliver in-depth insights on the highly specialized topics related to **EU child abduction cases**. The training will be carried out by leading practitioners tackling the crucial novelties brought by the recast Brussels IIa Regulation which will be applicable as of 1 August 2022. In this vein, the training will focus on jurisdiction, abolishment of the exequatur, harmonized enforcement rules, taking the return decision. The relevant case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights will be specifically discussed in the context of intra EU child abduction cases with reference to the right to a fair trial and the right to respect for private and family life. The training presumes general familiarity with EU law and international family law.

Throughout the discussions specific efforts will be made to blend the theoretical approach with practice oriented learning outcomes through polls, breakout rooms and a workshop session.

WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2021

- 08.30 Registration/Login of participants
- 09.00 **Welcome and mutual introduction**
- 09.15 **EU child abduction - Taking the return decision – time frame, relation to Article 13(1)(b) of the 1980 Hague Convention**
- 10.00 Q&A
- 10.15 Coffee Break
- 10.45 **EU child abduction – Enforcement of the return decision, procedure following a refusal to return**
- 11.30 Q&A
- 11.45 Break
- 12.00 **Crossroads between child abduction and fundamental rights – right to a fair trial**

- 12.45 Q&A
- 13.00 Lunch break
- 14.00 **Crossroads between child abduction and fundamental rights – right to respect for private and family life**
- 14.45 Q&A
- 15.00 Coffee Break
- 15.30 **Workshop – Case studies I**
- 16.00 Q&A
- 16.15 End of Day 1

THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 2021

- 08.20 **Visit to the Court of Justice of the European Union**
- 13.00 Lunch break
- 14.30 **Mediation in child abduction cases**
- 15.15 Q&A
- 15.30 Coffee Break
- 16.00 **Workshop – Case studies II**
- 16.45 Q&A
- 17.00 **Wrapping up**
- 17.15 **Evaluation**
- 17.30 END OF SEMINAR

