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## Europaudvalget

**Til:** Udvalgets medlemmer

**Dato:** 27. januar 2015

### Invitation til interparlamentarisk workshop om international civilret i EU 26/2-15

Til orientering fremsendes invitation fra Europa-Parlamentets retsudvalg ((JURI-udvalget) til en interparlamentarisk workshop med de nationale parlamenter, som finder sted **torsdag den 26. februar 2015 kl. 9:30 – 18.30.**

Europa-Parlamentets Retsudvalg ønsker at skabe dialog mellem medlemmer af Europa-Parlamentet og de nationale parlamenter i EU. Dette gøres i forbindelse med et seminar, hvor fokus er den internationale civilret. Seminaret vil særligt beskæftige sig med lovgivning, der har en grænseoverskridende karakter, f.eks. familieret, køberet, procesret mv.

Temaet for workshoppen er ”Cross-border activities in the EU – Making life easier for citizens”, og det vedlagte program indeholder 3 sessioner:

Session I: Less paperwork for mobile citizens

Session II: Cross-border families and families crossing borders

Session III: Business and consumers' concerns

Det fremgår af den vedlagte invitation, at der kun inviteres én repræsentant fra de nationale parlamenter.

Interesserede medlemmer kan tilmelde sig ved at sende en e-mail til Europaudvalgets sekretariat, [euu@ft.dk](mailto:euu@ft.dk) **senest mandag den 16. februar 2015.**

Med venlig hilsen

Mette Nielsen,

Det Internationale Sekretariat



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Committee on Legal Affairs  
The Chairman

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**For the attention of the Committee Chair responsible in the national Parliament**

Dear Colleague,

As in 2011 and 2013 the Committee on Legal affairs will hold a Workshop together with the participation of National Parliaments. In 2015, Private International Law will be in the focus. "What is in it for Europe's citizens?" shall be the title of this event seeking to bring together Members of your and other 27 National Parliaments in the EU with Members of the European Parliament.

Private International Law aims to deal with the cross-border aspects of all questions related to relationships between private persons. Legislation in that complex field covers areas of the classical civil law, so varied as family law and sales law, but also procedural Law. A number of instruments have been adopted at EU level in order to deal with some of the most crucial matters related to Private International Law (namely the Brussels and Rome Regulations).

It is therefore essential that Members of the EP, as well as Members of national parliaments interact when it comes to legislate. This workshop is intended to facilitate the exchange of views on policies in the field of civil justice, on the basis of the contributions of eminent experts, be they academics or practitioners, bringing issues to the fore.

The meeting will take place on **Thursday 26 February 2015, from 09:30 to 18:30**, in the European Parliament's premises in Brussels.

I am thus very pleased to invite to this meeting a representative of the responsible committee of your Parliament (one from each Chamber for bicameral national parliaments). A first outline of the programme is enclosed. Together with the final version and more detailed practical information will be communicated to your Parliament's or Chamber's services for relations with the European Parliament.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept my invitation, and I am already looking forward to welcoming you at the European Parliament.

With my best regards,

Pavel Svoboda



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**CIVIL LAW AND JUSTICE FORUM**

**Workshop with national Parliaments<sup>1</sup>**

**"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

<sup>1</sup> With the support of the Directorate for relations with National Parliaments - Legislative Dialogue Unit

**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?**

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**