



Cross-Border Enforcement of Civil-Law Claims: Simplified European Procedures

Introductory pan-European legal seminar for court staff and bailiffs

Sofia, 14-15 March 2024



EXCELLENCE IN
EUROPEAN LAW¹

Speakers

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Xandra Kramer is professor of civil justice at the Erasmus University Rotterdam and of private international law at Utrecht University. She is a deputy judge in the District Court of Rotterdam. Her research focuses on access to justice and justice innovation, the functioning of civil justice systems, international contracts, and complex transnational litigation.

Key topics

- Brussels I Regulation (recast)
- European Enforcement Order
- European Payment Order
- European Small Claims Procedure
- Digitalisation of justice

Language
English

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Organisers
ERA (Jaroslav Opravil) in cooperation with the Bulgarian National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

Location
National Institute of Justice,
14, Ekzarh Yossif str., 1000 Sofia



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Thursday, 14 March 2024

08:45 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 **Opening session: welcome words and introduction to the project**
Representative of NIJ
Jaroslav Opravil, ERA

I. BRUSSELS I REGULATION (recast) & EUROPEAN ENFORCEMENT ORDER

Moderator: *Remigijus Jokubauskas*

09:15 **Introduction to the Brussels I Regulation (recast): provisional measures, recognition and enforcement**

10:00 **Scope and functioning of the European Enforcement Order**

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **WORKSHOP I**
Solving the case study in smaller working groups

12:15 **Results of the workshop and discussion in plenary**

13:00 Lunch

II. EUROPEAN PAYMENT ORDER

Moderator: *Aleš Galič*

14:00 **Catching-up session: the Regulation creating a European Order for Payment Procedure**

15:00 **WORKSHOP II (with coffee & tea)**
Solving the case studies in smaller working groups

16:15 **Results of the workshop and discussion in plenary**

17:00 End of the first seminar day

19:00 Seminar dinner

Objective

The objective of this seminar is to offer training on the applicability of the EU legislative instruments in civil cases. The different Regulations facilitating the handling of cross-border cases will be presented and dealt with in a practice-oriented way at an introductory level, which makes it suitable for participants who have no prior or little experience in this field.

Methodology

This training event is conceived as a workshop based on solving case studies, thus ensuring the active involvement of participants and a continuous exchange of knowledge and best practice. The training materials have been developed by renowned EU experts and aim to aid court staff and bailiffs in actively applying the EU *acquis* in the area of civil justice. The case studies include exercises that require participants to visit and use the forms/tools available on the e-Justice Portal, and to search for the relevant case law by using the European case-law search engine. Discussions in the context of digitalisation in judicial cooperation are thus actively promoted.

Who should attend?

Court staff and bailiffs from EU Member States who need to apply EU law procedures to fulfil judicial or procedural functions. Participation is only possible upon nomination by the project partners.

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Friday, 15 March 2024

III. EUROPEAN SMALL CLAIMS PROCEDURE

Moderator: *Xandra Kramer*

- 09:00 **Main features of the Regulation establishing a European Small Claims Procedure**
- 10:00 **WORKSHOP III**
Solving the case studies in smaller working groups
- 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:45 **Results of the workshop and discussion in plenary**
- 12:45 **Closing session: further ERA and EJTN training offers for court staff and bailiffs**
Jaroslav Opravil
- 13:00 End of the seminar and lunch

About the Project

The seminar is part of a large-scale project co-funded by the European Commission entitled "Training court staff and bailiffs in European cross-border civil and criminal law procedures". The project brings together 18 organisations from different countries that will tackle the deficiencies of court staff and bailiffs' training by adopting a modern and practical approach to EU judicial training. 10 language training events and 11 pan-European legal seminars will be offered in face-to-face, hybrid and online formats.

Project partnership

Beneficiaries

European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)
Belgium – Judicial Training Institute
Bulgaria – National Institute of Justice
Romania – National School of Clerks

Associated partners

European Union of Judicial Officers (UEHJ)
Austria – Federal Ministry of Justice
Croatia – Judicial Academy
Czech Republic – Judicial Academy
Estonia – Estonian Prosecutor's Office
Finland – National Courts Administration
France – National School for Clerks
Lithuania – National Courts Administration
North Macedonia – Academy for Judges and Public Prosecutors "Pavel Shatel"
The Netherlands – Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary
Poland – National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution
Slovenia – Ministry of Justice, Judicial Training Centre
Spain – Centre for Legal Studies

Programme may be subject to amendment.

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Terms and conditions of participation

Selection

1. Participation is on selection and free of charge. The number of places available is limited (30 places). Participants should have a working knowledge of English.
2. Interested court staff may register via their respective national training institutions. Interested bailiffs may register via UEHJ. Applications should be submitted before **12 January 2024**. A response will be sent to every applicant after this deadline. **We advise you not to book any travel before you receive our confirmation.**

Travel and Accommodation

3. Participants will receive a fixed contribution towards their travel expenses and are asked to book their own travel. The condition for payment of this contribution is to sign all attendance sheets at the event. No supporting documents are needed. The amount of the contribution will be determined by the **EU unit cost calculation guidelines**, which are based on the distance from the participant's place of work to the seminar location and will not take account of the participant's actual travel and accommodation costs.

Travel costs from outside Bulgaria: participants can calculate the contribution to which they will be entitled on the European Commission website (<https://era-comm.eu/go/calculator>). The distance should be calculated from their place of work to the seminar location.

For those travelling within Bulgaria, the contribution for travel is fixed at €12 (for a distance between 50km and 400km). Please note that no contribution will be paid for travel under 50km. For more information, please consult p.10 on <https://era-comm.eu/go/unit-cost-decision-travel>.

4. Accommodation will be booked and paid for directly by the organisers for two nights for international participants and national participants travelling more than 50km one-way.
5. Successful applicants will be sent the relevant claim form and information on how to obtain payment of the contribution to their expenses. Please note that no payment is possible if the registered participant cancels their participation for any reason.

Other services

6. Beverages consumed during the event, one lunch and one joint dinner are offered by ERA. No per diems will be offered.

Participation

7. Participation at the whole seminar is required and participants' presence will be recorded.
8. A list of participants including each participant's address will be made available to all participants unless ERA receives written objection from the participant no later than one week prior to the beginning of the event.
9. The participant will be asked to give permission for their address and other relevant information to be stored in ERA's database in order to provide information about future ERA events, publications and/or other developments in the participant's area of interest.
10. A certificate of attendance will be distributed at the end of the seminar.

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