

Training of Trainers

EU Judicial Cooperation in Family Matters and available EU Digital Tools

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Venue: [Zoom room](#)

PROGRAMME

Objectives: Judicial cooperation in family law has seen substantial growth within the EU over the past two decades. This is attributed, on the one hand, to the rise in cross-border movement of persons and, on the other hand, to the implementation of specific EU Regulations that simplify cross-border litigation in this area of the law. However, these instruments often remain unfamiliar to practitioners, court staff, and other legal professionals. As a result, training seminars and workshops are essential for raising awareness about their existence and how they function.

This seminar is the third in a series of 'Training the Trainers' online sessions focused on preparing and delivering courses on various EU civil procedural instruments, with a special emphasis on the use of Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) in these proceedings. The aim of these seminars is to equip participants with the essential tools and techniques needed to organize their own seminars in the specified areas.

In this context, the primary objective of the seminar is to acquaint participants with the following instruments in family law, emphasizing the challenges involved in teaching them and strategies to overcome those challenges, while taking into account the specific audience for whom they are designing the training:

- The Brussels II-ter Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2019/1111) and the 1980 HCCH Convention
- The Rome III Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 1259/2010)
- The Maintenance Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 4/2009)
- The Regulation on matrimonial property regimes (Regulation (EU) 2016/1103)
- The Regulation on the property consequences of registered partnerships (Regulation (EU) 2016/1104)

Along with guidance on how to develop training programs, participants will also gain access to available online resources and key rulings from the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), which can be used when designing their own training seminars.



Furthermore, the seminar will cover recent developments in the digitalization of justice, particularly the e-Codex Regulation (No 2022/850) and the EU Digital Justice Regulation (No 2023/2844), as these may influence the operation of EU instruments in family law matters.

From a **methodological perspective**, this module will combine presentations and discussions with two workshops consisting of case studies. One case study will be given to the participants to be solved during the seminar based on the background and questions provided by the trainees. In the second workshop, participants will have to prepare a model case study in groups relying on the instructions received from the seminar organizers before the seminar happens. Trainees will assess and comment on the case studies elaborated by the participants.

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TUESDAY 25 March 2025

08.30 Login to the platform

09.00 Welcome of participants and introduction to the programme

09.15 **Judicial cooperation in family matters at the EU level and digitalization: The impact of the e-Codex system and the EU Digital Justice Regulation**

- Overview of the evolution and existing legal instruments in the field of judicial cooperation in family matters at the EU level
- Explanation of the e-Codex system and of the EU Digital Justice Regulation
- Analysis of the impact of the digitalisation of justice on the functioning of the different EU judicial cooperation instruments in family matters

Dr Cristina M. Mariottini



- 10.00 Q&A
- 10.15 Break
- 10.30 **The EU Regulations on Matrimonial Matters**
- Brief exposition of the key aspects of the jurisdiction and applicable law in matrimonial matters (Brussels II-ter and Rome III Regulations)
 - Key practical aspects of the matrimonial matters regime that should be highlighted during a training session about these instruments
 - Available online sources that could help to assist the preparation of a training session about matrimonial matters
- Prof. Nadia Rusinova**
- 11.15 Q&A
- 11.30 Break
- 11.45 **The EU instruments on Parental Responsibility and International Child Abduction**
- Brief exposition of the key aspects of parental responsibility and international child abduction (Brussels II-ter Regulation and 1980 HCCH Convention)
 - Key practical aspects of parental responsibility and international child abduction that should be highlighted during a training session about these instruments
 - Available online sources that could help to assist the preparation of a training session about parental responsibility and international child abduction
- Prof. Ester Di Napoli**
- 12.30 Q&A
- 12.45 Lunch break
- 13.45 **Workshop on the EU Regulations on family matters**
Prof. Nadia Rusinova, Dr Cristina M. Mariottini
- 14.30 **End of the first day**

WEDNESDAY 26 March 2025

- 08.30 Login to platform
- 09.00 **The EU Regulation on Maintenance Obligations**
- Brief exposition of the key aspects of maintenance obligations (Regulation (EC) No 4/2009)
 - Key practical aspects of maintenance obligations that should be highlighted during a training session about this instrument
 - Available online sources that could help to assist the preparation of a training session about maintenance obligations
- Prof. Ester Di Napoli**



- 9.45 Q&A**
- 10.00 Break**
- 10.15 The CJEU case law on the EU regulations on family matters**
- How to approach the explanation of a judgment of the CJEU
 - The relevance of the CJEU case law for the interpretation of the EU self-standing civil proceedings
 - The incorporation of CJEU judgments in the application of the EU self-standing civil proceedings by national courts
 - Tracing the CJEU case law through data basis
- Dr Cristina M. Mariottini**
- 11.00 Q&A**
- 11.15 Break**
- 11.30 Workshop: Exposition and assessment of the case studies elaborated by the participants**
- This session will be devoted to presentations of the case studies that participants should have elaborated on the basis of the instructions provided by the organizers before the seminar takes place
 - Some participants will present their case studies
 - Trainers will comment and provide assessment on the case studies elaborated by the participants
- Prof. Ester Di Napoli, Dr Cristina M. Mariottini**
- 12.15 Q&A**
- 12.30 Wrapping-up**
- 12.45 Evaluation**
- 13.00 END OF SEMINAR**

