



## WORKSHOP: BETTER APPLYING THE EU REGULATIONS ON FAMILY AND SUCCESSION LAW

Prague, 12-13 December 2017

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GRADE**  
YOUR LEGAL  
EXPERTISE

**Family  
Law**



### Speakers

**Ulf Bergquist**, Senior Partner, Bergquist & Partners, Stockholm

Ulf Bergquist is a senior partner at Bergquist & Partners Law Firm in Stockholm, a law firm which he founded. He has been a member of the European Commission's expert groups on succession law and on matrimonial law. He is a co-author of the Commentary to the EU Regulation on Succession.

**Zuzana Fišerová**, Junior Deputy Minister and Director of the International Department for Civil Matters, Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic, Prague

Zuzana Fišerová is the Junior Deputy Minister and Director of the International Department for Civil Matters at the Ministry of Justice. She represents the Czech Republic in various international organisations and committees. She regularly lectures for judges at the Judicial Academy of the Czech Republic, EJTN and ERA.

**Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens**, Family Law Attorney, Potsdam

Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens is a practising attorney who, from the beginning of her professional career, specialised in family law. Since July 2014 she has been working in Kosovo as a key expert responsible for a team working on family law, inheritance law and law of persons as part of a draft civil code for Kosovo.

### Key topics

- Parental responsibility in a cross-border context (including child abduction)
- Cross-border divorce and maintenance
- Cross-border successions

Language  
English

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117DT40

Organisers  
ERA (Cecilia Holmsten) in  
cooperation with the Czech Bar  
Association



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# Better Applying the EU Regulations on Family and Succession Law

## Tuesday, 12 December 2017

08:45 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 **Opening of the workshop**  
*Cecilia Holmsten, ERA*

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### I. CROSS-BORDER DIVORCE AND MAINTENANCE

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Speaker: *Zuzana Fišerová*

09:05 **Introduction to the key provisions of Brussels IIa, Rome III, Maintenance Regulation, 2007 Hague Convention and Hague Protocol**

10:00 **WORKSHOP I**  
**Solving the case-study in smaller working groups**

11:30 Coffee break

11:45 **Results of the workshop: discussion in plenary**

12:45 Lunch

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### II. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY IN A CROSS-BORDER CONTEXT, INCLUDING CHILD ABDUCTION

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Speaker: *Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens*

14:00 **Catching-up session: the relevant provisions of Brussels IIa and the 1980 & 1996 Hague Conventions**

14:45 Coffee break

15:00 **WORKSHOP II**  
**Solving the case-study in smaller working groups**

16:30 **Results of the workshop: discussion in plenary**

17:30 **End of the first workshop day**

19:00 Joint dinner

## Objective

The objective of this workshop is to address the various EU Regulations on family and succession law. The different Regulations and the relevant Hague Conventions will be presented and dealt with in a practice-oriented way at an introductory level, which makes it suitable for participants who have little or no prior experience in the field of European family and succession law.

## Who should attend?

Legal practitioners from all EU Member States. Lawyers in private practice are particularly encouraged to apply.

## You will learn...

- which proceedings exist for the return of the child in a case of child abduction
- about the rules of jurisdiction that determine in which Member State proceedings on cross-border divorce can be initiated
- how to identify the applicable law in cross-border succession cases
- what the abolishment of the "exequatur" in the Maintenance Regulation is and how the enforcement of maintenance decisions within the EU works

## What participants said last year

"It was very helpful to apply theory into practice and understand how the regulation can be applied"

"The seminar was very interactive"

"High-level speakers and very good supporting documents"

"Excellent organisation"

## Your contact persons



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## Wednesday, 13 December 2017

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### III. CROSS-BORDER SUCCESSIONS

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Speaker: *Ulf Bergquist*

09:00 **Introducing the main features of the Succession Regulation**

09:45 **WORKSHOP III**  
**Solving the case-study in smaller working groups**

11:15 Coffee break

11:30 **Results of the workshop: discussion in plenary**

12:30 Closing session

12:45 End of the workshop

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## Save the date

### Workshop on “Better Applying the EU Regulations on Family and Succession Law”

- Advanced level

Trier, 1-2 February 2018

Under the Justice Programme 2014-2020, ERA is implementing a project regarding the EU Regulations on family and succession law together with 10 judicial training bodies and bar associations from 11 Member States and with the support of the European Judicial Training Network and 4 associate partners. The main objective is to develop training materials to aid legal practitioners to actively apply several EU Regulations in the field of civil justice.

The seminar in February 2018 will provide a more advanced follow-up to this workshop and is open to workshop participants as well as to other practitioners.

**Language:** English

**Target groups:** Open to all legal professionals from all EU Member States

**Event number:** 118DT04

**More:** [www.era-comm.eu/Better\\_Applying\\_the\\_EU\\_Regulations](http://www.era-comm.eu/Better_Applying_the_EU_Regulations)

For programme updates: [www.era.int](http://www.era.int)  
Programme may be subject to amendment.

## Conference dinner

All participants are warmly invited to attend the conference dinner on 12 December.

## CPD

ERA's programmes meet the standard requirements for recognition as Continuing Professional Development (CPD). This event corresponds to **10 CPD hours**.

## Save the date

### Conference on Cross-border Successions

Trier, 17-18 May 2018

### Annual Conference on European Family Law 2018

25-26 October 2018

## e-Learning

### Paying Inheritance Tax Twice?

*Alain Steichen*

### Internationales Familienvermögensrecht

*Prof. em. Dr. Dieter Martiny*

More on:

[www.era-comm.eu/elearning/familylaw](http://www.era-comm.eu/elearning/familylaw)

# Application procedure

## Better Applying the EU Regulations on Family and Succession Law

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### Applications for

#### Better Applying the EU Regulations on Family and Succession Law

can be made online until 25 October 2017 on:



[www.era.int/?127255&en](http://www.era.int/?127255&en)



For further information on the project, please visit the specially developed project webpage

**Better Applying the EU Regulations:**

<http://bit.ly/2f2Q9rL>

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#### Participation

Please note that the number of places available is limited (20 places for this seminar). Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis (preference will be given to lawyers in private practice).

#### Registration fee

€ 235.00

#### Travel expenses

Travel costs are not covered by ERA.

#### Accommodation

The participation fee includes hotel accommodation: maximum 2 nights at the hotel booked by ERA will be covered directly by ERA. Moreover, the participation fee includes lunch and dinner on the first conference day.