



*Policy Department C - Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs  
for the Committee on Legal Affairs*

**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

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**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**

