



## Cross-border Civil Litigation: Facilitating the Handling of Cross-border Cases

PAN-EUROPEAN LEGAL SEMINAR FOR  
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Brussels, 21-22 March 2022

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### Speakers

**Francisco de Paula Puig Blanes, Judge, Court of Appeal, Barcelona**

Francisco de Paula Puig Blanes has 27 years of experience in the Spanish Judiciary. He is a member of the Spanish Network on International Judicial Cooperation and of the European Judicial Network in Civil Matters. Francisco is a former Head of the International Relations Department of the Spanish Judicial School of the General Council for the Judiciary of Spain.

**Gediminas Sagatys, Judge, Supreme Court of Lithuania, Vilnius**

Gediminas Sagatys is a judge of the Supreme Court of Lithuania, Civil Law Division and a part-time professor at the Institute of Private Law, Mykolas Romeris University. He is also a network judge at the Hague International Network of Judges. Gediminas is the author of a number of scientific publications on constitutional law, private law and family law issues.

**Cristina-Izabela Truşcă, Court Clerk, Romanian National School of Clerks, Bucharest**

Cristina-Izabela Truşcă is a trainer in the Department of International Relations, specialised in the subject of international judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters. She is involved in several European training projects for court staff. Before joining the National School of Clerks, she worked as a court clerk at a Court of First Instance in Bucharest.

### Key topics

- Brussels I Regulation (recast)
- Service of documents
- Taking of evidence

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## Monday, 21 March 2022

08:45 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 **Opening session: welcome words and introduction to the project**  
*Quentin Balthazart, Head of Office, European Judicial Training Network*  
*Anastasia Patta, Course Director, ERA*

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### I. BRUSSELS I REGULATION (recast)

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Moderator: *Francisco de Paula Puig Blanes*

09:15 **Introduction to the Brussels I Regulation (recast): scope, key provisions and *lis pendens***

10:15 Coffee break

10:30 **WORKSHOP I**  
**Solving the case study in smaller working groups**

11:45 Coffee break

12:00 **Results of the workshop and discussion in plenary**

13:00 Lunch

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### II. SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS

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Moderator: *Gediminas Sagatys*

14:00 **Catching-up session: introduction to the Regulation on service of documents**

15:00 Coffee break

15:15 **WORKSHOP II**  
**Solving the case studies in smaller working groups**

16:30 Coffee break

16:45 **Results of the workshop and discussion in plenary**

17:30 End of the first seminar day

19:00 Dinner at the restaurant "Grimbergen Bruxelles Cafe" (Place Sainte-Catherine)

## 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 coherent 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 in actively applying the EU *acquis* in the area of Civil Justice.

## Who should attend?

Court staff from all EU Member States who need to apply EU law procedures to fulfil judicial or procedural functions.

## Your contact persons



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## Tuesday, 22 March 2022

### III. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

Moderator: *Cristina-Izabela Truşcă*

- 09:00 **Introducing the main features of the Regulation on taking of evidence**
- 10:00 Coffee break
- 10:15 **WORKSHOP III**  
**Solving the case studies in smaller working groups**
- 11:30 Coffee break
- 11:45 **Results of the workshop and discussion in plenary**
- 12:45 **Closing session**  
*Anastasia Patta*
- 13:00 End of the seminar

### Project webpage

If you are interested in more information about the seminar project or would like to have free access to the specially developed training materials, please visit our project webpage at the following link:

<https://court-staff.legaltraining.eu/>

### Project partnership

#### Partner

European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)

#### Supporting organisations

**Austria** – Federal Ministry of Justice

**Belgium** – Judicial Training Institute

#### Bulgaria

- National Institute of Justice
- Foundation European School of Enforcement

**Croatia** – Judicial Academy

**Czech Republic** – Judicial Academy

**Estonia** – Supreme Court

**Finland** – National Courts Administration

**France** – National School for Clerks

#### Germany

- Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (BMJV)
- Ministry of Justice of Baden-Wuerttemberg
- Judicial Academy of North Rhine-Westphalia
- Ministry of Justice, Rhineland Palatinate

**Hungary** – National Office for the Judiciary

**Latvia** – Judicial Training Centre

**Lithuania** – National Courts Administration

**The Netherlands** – Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary

**Poland** – National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution

**Portugal** – Ministry of Justice (DGAJ)

**Romania** – National School of Clerks

**Slovenia** – Ministry of Justice, Judicial Training Centre

**Spain** – Centre for Legal Studies

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