

# WHAT'S NEW IN EU FAMILY LAW?

High-level conference on the Brussels IIb Regulation



THURSDAY,  
8 SEPTEMBER 2022  
13.00 TO 16.00

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Draft Programme

8 September 2022, 13.00-16.00  
The European Parliament, Brussels  
with on-line participation via Interactio  
EN, DE, FR, IT, ES, PL, EL, PT, BG, RO

13.00 - 13.15

Opening keynote speeches

**Mrs. Ewa Kopacz** Vice President and European Parliament  
Coordinator on Children's Rights

**Mr. Didier Reynders**, Commissioner for Justice

13.15 - 14.30

**Experts' Panel on Brussels IIb Regulation**

Introduction and moderation

**Mr. Adrian Vazquez Lazara**, Chair of the Committee on Legal  
Affairs

- The road to Brussels IIb and the key changes introduced by the Regulation.

**Dr. Miloš Hat'apka**, *Justice and Home Affairs Counsellor,  
Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the EU*

- Applying Brussels IIb - The updated Practice Guide to the Regulation  
**Dr. Boriانا Museeva**, *Associate professor of Private International Law at Sofia University and Attorney-at-law at Musseva and Ivanov Attorney Partnership*
  
- The view from the Bench - Perspective from a practicing judge on the new Regulation.  
**Ms. Martina Erb-Klünemann**, *Family judge in Germany, liaison judge in European Judges Network and International Hague Network of Judges*
  
- Mediation in the spotlight - the role of mediation in cross-border family disputes under Brussels IIb  
**Ms. Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome**, *Mediator and trainer, International Mediation Centre for Family Conflict & Child Abduction (MiKK)*

14.30-15.50

## **Open Floor Q&A**

### Introduction and Moderation

**Mr. Arnaud Gillard**, Family Law Committee, Council of Bars & Law Societies of Europe

Discussion and exchange of views

The floor will be open for comments, questions and suggestions from the participants.

### Closing remarks

**Mr. Marcus Brückner** - *Secretary General of the EJTN*