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PROGRAMME

SEMINAR ON THE COMPARATIVE STUDY ON THE APPLICATION BY RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL JUDGES OF INTERNATIONAL NORMS CONCERNING THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD

Sofia (BG), 8th – 10th May 2018

OBJECTIVE:

To disseminate among South Partner Countries (SPCs), the EuroMed Justice Comparative Study on the application by religious and civil judges of international norms regarding the protection of the best interest of the child in cross-border family disputes.

METHOD:

Up to 4 participants per SPC will take part in the seminar: civil and religious judges from various denominations involved in implementing rights of child, government child protection departments, legal professionals from bar associations, and or from CSOs specialised in this field.

EXPERTS:

- EuroMed Justice Key Experts
- Experts
 - Ms. Dolly Hamad Najjar Expert, Lebanon- Tunisia,
 - Mr Ahmed Bakry El Sayed, Judge Egypt
 - Ms. Nevena VUČKOVIĆ-ŠAHOVIĆ, Serbia
- Bulgarian Ministry of Justice
 - Ms. Adelina HADJISKA

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 8 May 2018

09.00 – 09.15 Opening & Welcome

09.15 – 09.30 **General presentation and introduction of the EuroMed Justice Comparative Study**

- Presentation - EuroMed Justice
- Questions and comments from the participants.

09.30 – 10.45 **International Law on Children: The Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Committee on the Rights of the Child: obligations of the States parties**

- Expert Ms. Nevena VUČKOVIĆ-ŠAHOVIĆ
- Questions and comments from the participants

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 11.15 **Welcome speech Bulgarian presidency of the European Union**

- Mr. Evgeni STOYANOV, Deputy Minister of Justice

11.15 – 12.30 **The Convention on the Rights of the Child and family issues, with jurisprudence of the CRC Committee regarding respective articles on the family environment and parental abductions and the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction**

- Expert Ms. Nevena VUČKOVIĆ-ŠAHOVIĆ
- Questions and comments from the participants

12.30 – 13.45 Lunch Break

13.45 – 15.00 **The best interests of the child as the general principle of international law: meaning, contents and procedural tool in universal and European standards**

- Expert Ms. Nevena VUČKOVIĆ-ŠAHOVIĆ
- Questions and comments from the participants

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee Break

15.30 – 16.45 **ECHR case law on the BIT and parental abductions: Neulinger and Shuruk v. Switzerland, 41615/07, Judgment (6 July 2010) and Maumousseau and Washington v. France (Application No 39388/05)**

- Expert Ms. Nevena VUČKOVIĆ-ŠAHOVIĆ
- Questions and comments from the participants

16.45 – 17.30 Questions and comments from the participants

17.30 [End of the first day](#)

Wednesday 9 May 2018

09.00 – 10.15 **Cross border family disputes. Introduction. Comparative Analyse : Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia**

- Presentation – Ms. Dolly Hamad

10.15 – 11.30 **Comparative Analysis Egypt, Israel, Jordan, and Palestine. Introduction. Methodology. Competent Courts and Conflict of Jurisdiction.**

- Presentation – Mr. Ahmed Bakry

11.30 – 11.45 **Coffee Break**

11.45 – 13.00 **Application of the pertinent articles of the UN CRC: Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia**

- Presentation – Ms. Dolly Hamad

13.00 – 14.30 **Lunch Break**

14.30 – 14.45 **Bulgarian legislation related to the child**

- Ms. Adelina HADJISKA – Bulgarian Ministry of Justice – Child issues

14.45 – 16.00 **Application of the pertinent articles of the UN CRC: Egypt, Israel, Jordan, and Palestine**

- Presentation – Mr. Ahmed Bakry

16.00 – 16.30 **Coffee Break**

16.30 – 17.15 Questions and comments from the participants

17.15 **End of the second day**

Thursday 10 May 2017

09.00 – 10.15 **Dispute Resolution, Cross-border Wrongful Removal and Enforcement of Foreign Decisions. Egypt, Israel, Jordan, and Palestine.**

- Presentation – Mr. Ahmed Bakry

10.15 – 11.30 **Dispute Resolution, Cross-border Wrongful Removal and Enforcement of Foreign Decisions
Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia**

- Presentation – Ms. Dolly Hamad

11.30 – 11.50 **Coffee Break**

11.50 – 13.00 Questions and comments from the participants

13.00 – 14.30 **Lunch Break**

14.30 – 16.00 Concluding Remarks from the experts. Comments from the participants

16.00 **End of the Seminar**
