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## European civil law seminar:

The new Brussels IIa European Regulation (Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1111 of 25 June 2019 on jurisdiction, the recognition and enforcement of decisions in matrimonial matters and the matters of parental responsibility, an on international child abduction – recast)

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## PROGRAMME

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This seminar is organized by the Belgian Judicial Training Institute and the Belgian section of the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters with the financial support of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Justice and Consumer Affairs.

## LOCATION

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**Hotel Thermae Palace,**  
Koningin Astridlaan, 7, 8400 Ostend/Belgium  
<https://thermaepalace.be>

## LANGUAGE

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The language of the seminar is **French/Dutch with simultaneous translation into English**

## Wednesday 23 March 2022

18 :30 In the afternoon and the evening : arrival of the participants  
19 :00 Check-in  
19 :30 Opening Diner  
Welcoming by **Raf VAN RANSBEECK**, *Director of the Judicial Training Institute*



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## Thursday 24 March 2022

Chair : **Ilse COUWENBERG**, *Judge at the Court of cassation*

8 :30 Welcome and registration

9 :00 **Introduction**,  
**Raf VAN RANSBEECK**, *Director of the Judicial Training Institute*

9 :15 **Brief history**  
**Andrea SCHULZ**, *Liaison Judge of the German federal Ministry in Paris, former national expert at the European Commission*

9 :45 **International jurisdiction**  
**Jan DE MEYER**, *Lawyer, Volunteer Scientific Collaborator at the Ghent University*

10 :30 **Recognition and enforcement**  
**Patrick WAUTELET**, *Professor at the University of Liège*

11 :15 Coffee break

11 :45 **Workshops - session 1** (international jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement)

13 :00 Lunch

14 :00 **Reporting the results of workshop session 1 in the plenary**

14 :30 **International child abduction**  
**Silvia PFEIFF**, *Lawyer, Professor at the Université libre de Bruxelles*

15 :15 **Judicial cooperation**  
**Myriam de HEMPTINNE**, *Judge at the Court of appeal of Brussels, member of international networks (European and The Hague) and legal officer to the Hague conference of international private law*

16 :00 Coffee break



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- 16 :30 **Workshops – session 2** (Child abduction and judicial cooperation)
- 17 :45 End of the day
- 18 :00 Guided tour in Ostend (optional)
- 19 :30 Diner at the hotel (Brasserie Albert)

## Friday 25 March 2022

Chair : **Myriam de HEMPTINNE**, Judge at the Court of appeal of Brussels, member of international networks (European and The Hague) and legal officer to the Hague conference of international private law

- 08 :45 **Arrival and check-in**
  - 09 :00 **Reporting the results of workshop session 2 in the plenary**
  - 09 :30 **Participation of the child**  
*Sara Lembrechts, Researcher at the University of Ghent*
  - 10 :15 **International mediation**  
*Marleen Vaes, International family mediator*
  - 11 :00 Coffee break
  - 11 :30 **Workshops – session 3** (Participation of the child and international mediation)
  - 12 :45 **Reporting the results of workshop session 3 in the plenary**
  - 13 :15 **Closing words and lunch at the hotel**
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