

Conference

Monetary claims and securing assets

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PROGRAMME

Objectives: Over the years, a number of Regulations were adopted at EU level in an effort to facilitate and simplify access to justice in cross-border litigation. While the 'Brussels I-bis Regulation' (Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters) is the cornerstone of the regulatory civil justice framework of the EU, creditors may also rely on the Regulations of the so-called '2nd generation' to enforce their monetary claims and secure assets. These Regulations are:

- Regulation (EC) No 805/2004 of 21 April 2004 creating a European Enforcement Order for Uncontested claims (EEO);
- Regulation (EC) No 1896/2006 of 12 December 2006 creating a European Order for payment procedure (EPO);
- Regulation (EC) No 861/2007 of 11 July 2007 establishing a European Small Claims Procedure (ESCP);
- Regulation (EU) No 655/2014 of 15 May 2014 establishing a European Account Preservation Order procedure to facilitate cross-border debt recovery in civil and commercial matters (EAPO), as well as its implementing Regulation (EU) No 2016/1823 of 10 October 2016 establishing the forms.

The recent efforts to digitalize cross-border procedures to allow an electronic filing of European uniform procedures claims and exchange of documents between Member States have also raised awareness as to the complexity and the impact of national procedural rules on the application of the European uniform procedures.

Against this background, the conference provides an in-depth analysis of selected cross-cutting issues, especially in the field of cross-border cooperation in enforcement matters, including vis-à-vis the digitalization of justice.



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TUESDAY 01 October 2024

- 08.30 Registration/Login of participants
- 09.00 **Welcome of participants and introduction to the programme**
Cristina M. Mariottini
- 09.15 **The EPO and the Court of Justice of the European Union: Reinforcing the Protection of the Defendant**
Cristina M. Mariottini
- 10.00 **Q&A**
- 10.15 Coffee Break
- 10.45 **The Protection of Consumers Pursuant to the EPO and the ESCP**
Maria Luisa Villamarin Lopez
- 11.30 **Q&A**
- 11.45 Break
- 12.00 **Concentrating Jurisdiction in Central Courts for the EAPO, EPO, and ESCP**
Carlos Santaló Goris
- 12.45 **Q&A**
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.30 **Cross Border Service in the '2nd Generation' Regulations.**
Apostolos Anthimos
- 15.15 **Q&A**
- 15.30 Coffee Break
- 16.00 **Material Pre-Requisites to Access the EAPO: National Perspectives**
Maria Luisa Villamarin Lopez
- 16.45 **Q&A**
- 17.00 End of Day 1



WEDNESDAY, 02 October 2024

- 09.00 **The EAPO and National Transposition: When the National Legislator Goes Beyond What Is Necessary**
Carlos Santaló Goris
- 09.45 **Q&A**
- 10.00 Coffee Break
- 10.30 **The Digitalisation of Justice in the EU and the Recovery of Assets: Recent Legislative Developments and Challenges**
Cristina M. Mariottini
- 11.45 **Q&A**
- 12.00 **Evaluation**
- 12.30 **END OF CONFERENCE**

