



International Child Abduction in the European Judicial Space
Rome, CNEL (*Consiglio Nazionale dell'Economia e del Lavoro*)

23-24 October 2014

Thursday, 23 October 2014

- 8.45 - 9.30** Registration of Participants – Welcome Coffee
- 9.30 - 9.35** Welcome of the President of CNEL, Antonio Marzano
- 9.35 - 9.55** Opening speeches (*Andrea Orlando, Italian Minister of Justice and Martine Reicherts, EU Justice Commissioner*)
- Session 1** Chair: *Maria Gabriella Tomai, Italian Member of International Hague Network of judges*
- 9.55 - 10.00** Introduction (*Daniela Bacchetta, Head of the Italian Central Authority*)
- 10.00 - 10.30** Outcome of the Public Consultation and Outlook on the Possible Future of Brussels IIa Regulation (*Michael Shotter, Head of Unit and Joanna Serdyska, Legislative officer, European Commission, Civil Justice Policy Unit*)
- 10.30 - 11.00** International Child Abduction in the Jurisprudence of the European Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights (*Paul Beaumont, Professor at the University of Aberdeen*)
- 11.00 - 11.10** Discussion
- 11.10 - 11.40** Coffee break
- 11.40 - 12.10** Intersection between Criminal and Civil Law in International Child Abduction Cases (*Fabio Roia, Presiding Judge of the Criminal Court in Milan*)
- 12.10 - 12.40** The Available Investigation Tools in the EU Legislative Framework to Locate Removed Children, Institute Court Proceedings and Enforce

Return Decisions (*Giovanni Galasso, Director of the II Section of Italy's Division of Interpol*)

12.40 - 13.00

Discussion

13.00 - 14.30

Lunch

14.30 - 16.00

Working Groups:

- Enforcement of Return Decisions (Chair: *Romania*)

- Practical Issues and Outcome of Mediation (Chair: *France*)

- Strengthening Cooperation in the Daily Practice of EU Central Authorities (Chair: *Italy*)

19.00

Visit to Rome Historic City Centre: the *Ghetto* District

20.00

Conference Dinner

Friday, 24 October 2014

Session 2 *Chair: Andrea Schulz, Co-Director of the German Central Authority*

8.30 - 9.00

Welcome coffee

9.00 - 9.30

Reports on Working Groups

9.30 - 10.00

Return Decisions within the European Judicial Space and Article 11 of Brussels IIa Regulation (*Costanza Honorati, Professor at University of Milan-Bicocca*)

10.00 - 10.30

Hearing the Child and Taking Account of His or Her Best interests: What Do Lawyers know? (*Thalia Kruger, Professor at University of Antwerp*)

10.30 - 11.00

Discussion

11.00 - 11.20

Coffee Break

11.20 - 11.50

Cooperation with the Central Authorities of Non-EU Countries: A Working Model and Future Developments (*Kateryna Shevchenko,*

Deputy Director for International Law and Cooperation at the Ministry of Justice, Ukraine)

- 11.50 - 12.20** The Hague Convention and the Brussels Ila Regulation: the Cooperation Among EU and Non–EU States, At Present and in the Perspective of the Review of Brussels Ila Regulation (*Marta Pertegàs, First Secretary of the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law*)
- 12.20 - 12.40** Discussion
- 12.40 - 12.45** Final remarks from EU Perspective: *Michael Shotter, Head of Civil Justice Policy Unit*
- 12.45 - 13.00** Conclusions: *Daniela Bacchetta, Head of the Italian Central Authority*
- 13.00** Lunch and Departure of Participants