

GEDIP: Working Sessions of the Sixteenth Annual Meeting (2006)

A very interesting [report of the working sessions of the 16th Annual meeting](#) of the European Group for Private International Law (GEDIP-EGPIL), held in Coimbra on 22-24 September 2006, has been recently published on the [new site](#) of the Group. The summary (in French) has been compiled by *N. Ascensão Silva, R. Pereira Dias* and *G. Rocha Ribeiro* (University of Coimbra).

Here's a list of the matters discussed by the Group, as organized by the authors (in brackets the rapporteurs; *our translation and free adaptation from French*):

I. EC Private International Law and Third States:

1. The external competence question (*C. Kessedjan*);
2. The revision of the Lugano Convention (*A. Borrás*).

II. The Commission's "Rome III" Proposal and the Green Paper on matrimonial property regimes:

1. The Rome III Proposal (*A. Borrás*) [on the Green Paper on applicable law and jurisdiction in divorce matters, see also the report of *M. Struycken* presented at the [2005 meeting \(Chania\)](#) of the Group and the [draft articles on applicable law](#) discussed at the [2003 meeting \(Wien\)](#)];
2. The Green Paper on matrimonial property regimes (*K. Kreuzer*) (see also the [Response of the EGPIL to the Green Paper](#), prepared after the meeting of Coimbra).

III. The "Rome I" Proposal [on the revision of the Rome Convention, see also a number of previous [proposals and comments](#) on the Group's site]:

1. Article 3(5) of the Rome I Proposal (Choice of the law

of a Third State and mandatory rules of Community law) (*E. Jayme*);

2. The [Report of the Financial Market Law Committee on «Rome I» Proposal](#) («Legal assessment of the conversion of the Rome Convention to Community instrument and the provisions of the proposed Rome I Regulation») (*T. C. Hartley*).

IV. The mutual recognition method (*P. Lagarde*) (in particular, the ECJ cases *Standesamt Stadt Niebüll/Grunkin*, [C-96/04](#) and [C-353/06](#)).

V. The codification of European Private International Law (*M. Fallon*).

VI. Current events:

1. Private international law and human rights – ECHR case *Eskinazi and Chelouche v. Turkey* (application no. 14600/05) (*P. Kinsch*);
2. New developments in EC secondary legislation (*E. Jayme* and *C. Kohler*);
3. New developments in the Hague Conference (*H. van Loon*);
4. Current status of EC projects in Private International Law matters (*M. Francisco Fonseca*).

The report is available [here](#), along with the minutes of all the previous meetings of the Group, since 1991, and a number of [related documents and proposals](#). Highly recommended.