

# **A.G. Saugmandsgaard on the recognition of private (Sharia) divorces under Rome III**

It does not happen too often that (the notion of) European Private International Law hits the front pages of the daily news. But on Friday it did: Germany's foremost (conservative) newspaper, the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ), addressed A.G. Saugmandsgaard's recent opinion on the recognition of private (Sharia) divorces under the Rome III Regulation. In so doing the FAZ expressly pointed out, on page 1, that it was unclear whether "European rules on choice of law ("Europäisches Kollisionsrecht") actually applied in the case at bar.

The A.G.'s full opinion according to which the Rome III Regulation (if it applies at all) does not allow a private divorce to be recognized as valid where the applicable foreign law is discriminatory, is available here (in a number of languages, but not yet in English). The official press release can be downloaded [here](#).