

# Judicial Training on International Child Abduction, Milan, 8 and 9 June 2017

The **University of Milano-Bicocca** will host on June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> a Judicial Training on International Child Abduction as part of the Project “*EU Judiciary Training on Brussels IIa Regulation: from South to East*”, co-funded by the Justice Programme of the European Union.

The Project, carried out by a net of four Universities led by Professor Costanza Honorati, aims to promote uniformity in the application of Regulation No 2201/2003 on Separation, Divorce and Parental Responsibility, through the organization of training events and the realization of a final handbook.

On **June 8<sup>th</sup>** the workshop will focus on the **Hearing of the Child**, a very sensitive issue and an essential part of a modern protection of children’s rights. Qualified Judges, Psychologists and Social Services will explore on all relevant concrete issues. Experts include, in particular: Martina Erb-Klünemann (Judge at the District Court Hamm, Liaison Judge of the Hague Network and ENJ Member), Maria Domenica Maggi (Psychologist, Honorary Judge Juvenile Court of Milan), Sara Lembrechts & Katrien Herbots (KeKi - Children’s Right Knowledge Centre, Ghent), Michael Ford (MiKK - International Mediation Centre for Family Conflict and Child Abduction).

On **June 9<sup>th</sup>**, Italian and foreign academics will address to International Child Abduction. Speakers include: Prof. Costanza Honorati (University of Milano-Bicocca), Prof. Maria Caterina Baruffi (University of Verona), Prof. Cristina Gonzalez Beilfuss & Dr. Maria Alvarez Torné (University of Barcellona), Prof. Mirela Zupan (University J. J. Strossmayer of Osijek), Prof. Ivana Kunda (University of Rijeka), Dr. Agne Limante (Law Institute of Lithuania).

Judges and Lawyers will solve practical cases and discuss with trainers, bringing their professional experience and working methods to the benefit of all participants.

Further information and the flyer of the initiative are available [here](#).