

Cross-border enforcement of claims in the EU - don't forget to register for the IC²BE final conference 21 and 22 November in Antwerp

As my fellow editor Thalia Kruger has already signaled earlier, the **final conference** for the EU-funded IC²BE project on the cross-border enforcement of claims in the EU will take place in Antwerp (Belgium) on 21 and 22 November 2019. The conference will try to assess how the European framework of cross-border enforcement can be made more coherent and effective. In particular, the conference will discuss the application of the Regulations on the **European Enforcement Order**, the **European Payment Order**, the **European Small Claims Procedure** and the **Account Preservation Order** in various Member States as well as by the Court of Justice of the EU. This event brings together high-level practitioners from the European Commission, the CJEU as well as from Member State courts and authorities with distinguished scholars from across the EU.

The **case law database** of the IC²BE project is available [here](#).

The current **programme** looks as follows:

Day 1, 21 November 2019

- 12.30-13.45 Registration and light lunch
- 13.45 Welcome (Johan Meeusen, University of Antwerp)

Section 1: Survey and Evaluation (Chair Stefania Bariatti, University of Milan)

- 14.00-14.30 IC²BE: Research Methodology, Key Findings and Best Practices (Jan von Hein, University of Freiburg)
- 14.30-15.00 CJEU case law on Cross-Border Enforcement (Veerle Van Den Eeckhout, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg)

- 15.00-15.30 Discussion
- 15.30-16.00 Coffee Break
- 16.00-17.30 Country reports Belgium (Fieke van Overbeeke, University of Antwerp), The Netherlands (Alina Ontanu, Erasmus University Rotterdam), Poland (Agnieszka Guzewicz and Agnieszka Lewestam-Rodziewicz, University of Wrocław), Spain (Samia Benaissa Pedriza, University of Complutense, Madrid)
- 17.30-18.00 Discussion

Day 2, 22 November 2019

Section 1 (continued) (Chair Agnieszka Frackowiak-Adamska, University of Wrocław)

- 9.00-10.00 Country Reports Germany (Tilman Imm, University of Freiburg), France and Luxembourg (Carlos Santaló Goris, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg), Italy (Valeria Giugliano, University of Milan)
- 10.00-10.15 Discussion
- 10.15-10.45 Coffee Break

Section 2: Perspectives (Chair Francesca Villata, University of Milan)

- 10.45-11.15 Towards a more coherent EU framework for cross-border enforcement (Burkhard Hess, Max Planck Institute, Luxembourg)
- 11.15-11.35 Making cross-border enforcement more effective for creditors (Gilles Cuniberti, University of Luxembourg)
- 11.35-11.55 Ensuring an adequate protection of debtors, in particular consumers, in cross-border enforcement (Fernando Gascón Inchausti, Complutense University, Madrid)
- 11.55-12.15 Third-state relations and cross-border enforcement after “Brexit” (Paul Beaumont, University of Stirling)
- 12.15-12.30 Comment by CJEU judge Camelia Toader
- 12.30-13.00 Discussion
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch
- 14.00-14.20 Technological progress and alternatives to the cross-border enforcement of small claims (Giesela Rühl, Friedrich-Schiller University Jena)
- 14.20-14.40 Improving access to information about cross-border

enforcement (Xandra Kramer, Erasmus University Rotterdam)

- 14.40-15.00 Discussion

Section 3: Stakeholders' views (Chair Carmen Otero, Complutense University, Madrid)

- 15.00-16.00 Stakeholder panel discussion
 - Ilse Couwenberg of the Belgian Court of Cassation,
 - Dr. Bartosz Sujecki, lawyer, Utrecht
 - Dr. Katarzyna Guzenda, German-Polish Center for Consumer Information, Brandenburg (Germany)
 - Patrick Gielen, huissier (Belgium)
- 16.00-16.15 Break

Section 4: Policy (Chair Marta Requejo, CJEU, Référendaire Cabinet de l'Avocat Général M. Campos Sánchez-Bordona)

- 17.30-17.30 Policy makers
 - Dr. Andreas Stein, European Commission, DG Justice, Head of Unit
 - Paulien van der Grinten, Ministry of Justice of The Netherlands
 - European Parliament, Legal Affairs Committee (tbc)
- 17.30-18.00 Discussion and closing remarks (Chair Thalia Kruger, University of Antwerp)

See [here](#) for further details on registration, which is free (only the dinner is to be paid by attendees). Antwerp is close to Brussels and Amsterdam and can easily be reached by train from either of those cities.

National seminars will also take place in the participating countries. See [here](#) for the dates.