

Protection of Abducting Mothers in Return Proceedings: Intersection between Domestic Violence and Parental Child Abduction

The POAM project (Protection of Abducting Mothers in Return Proceedings) is co-funded by the European Commission. It would have held an **Experts' Workshop** in Milan today, but this event has of course been cancelled.

The project partners (the Universities of Aberdeen, Ludwig-Maximilians Munich, JJ Strossmayer Osijek and Milan-Bicocca) wanted to in any event share the project's **reports** with the readers of this blog.

POAM explores the intersection between domestic violence and international parental child abduction within the European Union. The project is concerned with the protection of abducting mothers who have been involved in return proceedings under the **1980 Hague Abduction Convention** and the **Brussels IIa Regulation**, in circumstances where the child abduction had been motivated by acts of domestic violence from the left-behind father. POAM examines the usefulness of the **Protection Measures Regulation** and the **European Protection Order Directive** in the context of such return proceedings.