Protection of Adults in International Situations: ELI Report

The European Law Institute's (ELI) members on 21 March 2020 approved the Report on the Protection of Adults in International Situations.

This report is the outcome of the work of a team of academics and professionals chaired by Pietro Franzina and Richard Frimston. It sets out the current legal framework on the protection of persons above 18 years old who are not in a position to protect their own insterests (due to an impairment or incapacity).

The Report acknowledges the importance in this field of the **Hague Convention** of 13 January 2000 on the International Protection of Adults and encourages further ratification of it. The Convention has been ratified by only nine EU Member States (and signed by an additional seven).

After investigating the institutional possiblities of EU action on this topic, the Report also calls for action, both legislative and non-legislative, to complement the Convention. Possible measures include providing a (limited) choice of juridisdiction and securing the effective circulation of private mandates.