

# European Commission Presents Proposal on Succession and Wills

According to a press release by the DG Freedom, Security and Justice (IP/09/1508), **the long-awaited Proposal for a Regulation on succession and wills**, whose presentation, initially expected in last March, had been significantly delayed, **was finally released on 14 October 2009 by the European Commission.**

The official reference *should* be the following: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and authentic instruments in matters of succession and the creation of a European Certificate of Succession, COM(2009)154 fin. of 14 October 2009.

The text of the proposed regulation, along with the Commission's explanatory memorandum, is not yet available on the institutional websites. Interested readers may have a look at the press release and at a basic set of Q&A (MEMO/09/447) prepared by the Commission. References to the preparatory studies, the 2005 Green Paper and the subsequent public consultation can be found in our previous post [here](#).