

ERA conference on cross-border successions in the EU

The forthcoming ERA conference on cross-border successions is designed to cover the recent developments in the drafting and negotiating the Proposal for a Regulation 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. There are interesting topics which arise out of the differences between the national legal conceptions, such as the issues of clawback and the international competence of courts or non-judicial authorities, including notaries. The automatic recognition of the proposed European Certificate of Succession seems to be equally worthy of debate.

The speakers at the conference are:

Ms Mari Aalto, Legal Officer, DG Justice, Freedom and Security, European Commission, Brussels

Professor Andrea Bonomi, University of Lausanne

Dr Anatol Dutta, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg

Professor Sjef van Erp, University of Maastricht

Mr Rafael Gil Nievas, Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU, Brussels

Professor Jonathan Harris, Barrister, Serle Court, London; University of Birmingham

Mr Christian Hertel, Notary, Weilheim

Dr Marius Kohler, Director, Federal Chamber of German Civil Notaries, Brussels

Mr Kurt Lechner, MEP, European Parliament, Brussels/Strasbourg

Mr Hugues Letellier, Managing Partner, Hohl & Associés, Paris

Professor Paul Matthews, Consultant, Withers LLP; King's College, London

Ms Michaela Navrátilová, JUDr Zdeněk Hromádka Law Firm, Zlín

Ms Salla Saastamoinen, Head of Unit, Civil Justice, DG Justice, Freedom and Security, European Commission, Brussels.

The conference is scheduled for 18 and 19 February 2010 and will take place at the ERA Congress Centre in Trier, Germany. Detailed information on the

conference is available [here](#), and the registration details [here](#).