

# 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](#).