

ERA-Conference on Cross-border Divorce and Maintenance

From 25 to 27 February 2013 the Academy of European Law (ERA) will host a conference on “Cross-border Divorce and Maintenance: Jurisdiction and Applicable Law” in Dublin. The conference will provide information on the Brussels II bis Regulation, the Rome III Regulation as well as the Maintenance Regulation. Further information is available [here](#). The programme reads as follows:

Monday, 25 February

- 08:45 Arrival and registration of participants

I. Cross-border divorce: jurisdiction and procedure

- 09:15 Opening session
- 09:45 Setting the scene: framework and key elements of cross-border cooperation in family matters
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 Cross-border divorce in the EU: jurisdiction, recognition and lis pendens
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Interaction of Regulation Brussels II bis with other EU legal instruments and mechanisms:
 - legal aid
 - service of documents
 - preliminary ruling procedure
 - alternative dispute resolution
- 15:30 Coffee break
- 16:00 Exercise I: Case studies on cross-border divorce
- 18:00 End of the first workshop day
- 19:30 Dinner

Tuesday, 26 February

II. Cross-border divorce: applicable law

- 09:00 Cross-border divorce in the EU: applicable law
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 The application of foreign law in a crossborder divorce case
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:30 Exercise II: Case studies on the identification and application of foreign law in a divorce case
- 15:30 Coffee break

III. Cross-border maintenance

- 16:00 Jurisdiction and applicable law in crossborder maintenance cases
- 18:00 End of the second workshop day
- 19:30 Dinner

Wednesday, 27 February

- 09:00 Cooperation between Central Authorities and access to justice in cross-border maintenance cases
- 10:00 Exercise III: Case-study on a crossborder maintenance case
- 12:00 Coffee break

IV. EU initiatives on property regimes

- 12:30 The proposed legislation on property effects of marriage and registered partnership
- 13:00 Closing session
- 13:30 Lunch and end of the workshop