

An Empirical Study on European Family and Succession Law (EUFams II)

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A survey conducted in the first phase of EUFams II generated responses of approximately 1,400 professionals from 17 Member States. The main findings of the survey are presented in a report (with executive summary) drafted by *Quincy C. Lobach* and *Tobias Rapp* (Heidelberg University).

The results show a striking lack of overall familiarity with the instruments of European family and succession law. Respondents indicated that the legal framework is characterized by a high degree of complexity due to the multitude of instruments. Further matters include private divorces, party autonomy, and the impact of global migration flows and the so-called refugee crisis.

More information on EUFams II and its future research outputs can be found on the project's website.

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