

HCCH a|Bridged - Edition 2020: 50th Anniversary of the 1970 Evidence Convention



The HCCH and the German Presidency of the Council of the European Union have the pleasure of announcing that **registration is now open** for **HCCH a|Bridged - Edition 2020**, which will mark the golden anniversary of the *HCCH Convention of 18 March 1970 on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters* (HCCH Evidence Convention). This year's edition builds upon the success of **HCCH a|Bridged - Edition 2019**, which revolved around the theme '*The HCCH Service Convention in the Era of Electronic and Information Technology*'.

The event will be hosted entirely online on **Wednesday 2 December** from 2:15 p.m. CET. It will feature a keynote speech by Professor Dr Michael Stürner entitled "50 years of the HCCH Evidence Convention - Facilitating cross-border proceedings" as well as two panels that will discuss the very latest in the cross-border taking of evidence under Chapter I and II of the HCCH Evidence Convention.

Participants will be able to follow the event via a livestream on a dedicated website. While participation is free of charge, the number of registered participants will be limited, and registrations will therefore be handled on a first come, first served basis.

After registration, participants will receive a password which will also enable

them to interact with other participants via a chat function and ask questions during the panel discussions. This password will be distributed to registered participants a few days before the conference. We also encourage participants to submit their questions before the meeting, preferably at the time of registration. Please note that the working language of **HCCH a|Bridged - Edition 2020** will be English, and there will be no French interpretation.

The deadline for registrations is Friday 27 November 2020 at 5:00 p.m. CET. A **Concept Note**, the **Programme**, and **registration information** is available on the HCCH website.

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