

# Regional Forum “HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention: Prospects for the Western Balkans”

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The **Regional Forum “HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention: Prospects for the Western Balkans”** will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> of June and 1<sup>st</sup> of July in Skopje, North Macedonia. This event is co-organized by the “Balkans Enforcement Strengthening Project (BESP)” funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and implemented by the Center for International Legal Cooperation (CILC) and the project “Legal Reform for Economic Development in the Western Balkans” financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ) and implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). The event is organized in cooperation with the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) and the International Union of Judicial Officers (UIHJ).

The aim of the Regional Forum is to exchange and debate on the prospects and benefits of the HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention for the Western Balkans in the presence of representatives from the Ministries of Justice, Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Judicial Training Institutions, Chambers of Enforcement Agents, and legal experts. The forum is structured in six thematic sessions with contributions from different stakeholders.

The Regional Forum will be officially opened by Dr. Nikola Tupancheski, Minister of Justice of the Republic of North Macedonia, Dr. Christophe Bernasconi, Secretary General at The Hague Conference of Private International Law (HCCH) and Mr. Jos Uitdehaag, Vice-President of the International Union of Judicial Officers (UIHJ).