

# Conference on the evaluation of the European Succession Regulation, 20 January 2023

Colleagues at the University of Heidelberg are organising this conference on 20 Januari 2023 at the

**Auditorium of the Neue Universität at Heidelberg University, Universitätsplatz 1, 69117 Heidelberg.**

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in German, English and French.

## **Background:**

The European Succession Regulation (Reg. 650/12) is due for evaluation ten years after its entry into force in August 2015 (Art. 82 Reg. 650/12).

The European Commission must submit its report on the application of the European Succession Regulation by 18 August 2025.

The upcoming evaluation gives an opportunity to reflect on various questions in light of the practical experience gained so far. Although the European Succession Regulation has proven successful in practice, there are many open questions which the ever-growing body of European Court of Justice case-law has not yet answered. These questions fuel a lively debate, both internationally and within the Member States. Hence, the outcome of the evaluation process is not predictable and the German view is only one of many that will contribute to the political decision-making process. Contrasting national views must be reconciled.

The first findings of a pan-European study on the experiences and expectations of legal practice with regard to Reg. 650/12 are now available. The study (MAPE Successions) is carried out by the Council of the Notariats of the European Union (C.N.U.E.) with the cooperation of the German Federal Chamber of Notaries (Bundesnotarkammer).

This study is an opportunity to map out the future objectives of the discussion on the evaluation of Reg. 650/12 from the perspective of academia and legal

practice. At the same time, the conference provides a broad circle of legal practitioners with the opportunity to feed their experiences and insights into the reform process and discuss with renowned stakeholders.

**Participation is free, but registration is required by 5 January 2023:  
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**Programme:**

1 p.m. Welcome reception with lunchtime snack

2.15 p.m. Welcoming address and introduction

*Prof. Dr. Christian Baldus, Heidelberg*

2.30 p.m. The European Succession Regulation in the System of European Private International and Procedural Law: More “Brussels-Rome 0” after the Revision?

*Prof. Dr. Martin Gebauer, Tübingen, Judge at the Higher Regional Court of Stuttgart*

3.15 p.m. Presentation of the MAPE Successions study: What do practitioners expect from the revision of the European Succession Regulation?

*Notary Christian Schall, LL.M. (Edinburgh), Marktheidenfeld*

4 p.m. Questions and discussion

4.15 p.m. Coffee break

4.45 p.m. The European Succession Regulation in German judicial practice

*Dr. Carl-Friedrich Nordmeier, Judge at the Regional Court of Frankfurt*

5.30 p.m. Panel discussion followed by questions from the audience: European experiences with the application of the European Succession Regulation

*Presenter: Notary Dr. Thomas Raff, Ludwigshafen*

*France, Maître de conférences HDR Paul Klötgen, Nancy*

*Luxembourg, Notary Anja Holtz, Esch-sur-Alzette*

*Poland, Notary Tomasz Kot, Krakow, Vice President of the Polish Chamber of Notaries (Krajowa Rada Notarialna)*

*Portugal, Notary Prof. Sofia Henriques, Lisbon*

*Sweden, Attorney Ulf Bergquist, Stockholm*

*Spain, Notary Dr. Isidoro Calvo Vidal, A Coruña*

7 p.m. Closing remarks

*Notary Dr. Andrea Stutz, Konstanz, Vice President of the Chamber of Notaries of Baden-Württemberg*

7.15 p.m. End of conference