

SICL: Workshop on Providing Information on Foreign Law to Courts on 26 November

As foreign law assumes an increasingly significant role in judicial practice, the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law is pleased to announce a Workshop on Providing Information on Foreign Law to Courts, which will take place in Lausanne on November 26.

Renowned experts, both individuals and institutions, will delve into practical challenges and share insights, comparing practices from various countries, including England, France, Germany, Poland, Switzerland and USA.

Presentations will be conducted in English, in German or in French.

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The program for the workshop is available below or can be accessed [here](#).

INDIVIDUAL EXPERTS

9.30-11.00

Chair: Dr. Lukas Heckendorn, Deputy Director, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law

- Experiences in Poland and Germany compared

Prof. Arkadiusz Wudarski, European University Viadrina Frankfurt

- A Common Law Experience

Prof. Franz Werro, University of Fribourg and Georgetown University

- French Experiences

Prof. Gustavo Cerqueira, Université Côte d'Azur

Discussion

11.00-11.30: Coffee break

INSTITUTIONAL EXPERTS

11.30-12.30

Chair: Dr. Ilaria Pretelli, Legal Adviser, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law

- The German Approach: The Max Planck Guidelines

Jan Peter Schmidt, Priv.-Doz., Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg

- The Swiss Approach: experience of SICL

Lukas Heckendorn Urscheler, Deputy Director, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law

Discussion

12.30-13.30 : Lunch

BARCAMP

13.30-16.00

Moderator: Prof. Nadjma Yassari, Director, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law

A Barcamp session is an open and interactive format that encourages collaboration and idea-sharing. Since all participants join every session, the process is highly collaborative, ensuring focused, inclusive, and enriching discussions for everyone involved.

- Proposing Topics: Any participant can suggest a topic, which will be guided by a moderator.
- Moderated Discussions: A designated moderator ensures the session stays focused and that everyone has the chance to contribute.
- Flexible Structure: Sessions can take the form of a short presentation,

group discussion, or collaborative brainstorming.

- Open Exchange: Everyone is encouraged to actively contribute their ideas, perspectives, and questions.
- Shared Learning: The goal is to exchange knowledge, explore new approaches, and learn from each other.

16.00: closure of event