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Conference 5-8 March 2013 Heidelberg, Germany
"Recovery of maintenance in the EU and worldwide"



The EU Maintenance Regulation, the 2007 Hague Child Support Convention and the Hague Protocol on the Law Applicable to Maintenance Obligations ushered in a new era in the international recovery of maintenance. The new legal instruments introduced new standards and raise many operational, practical and legal questions. Effective cooperation and communication will be a key element in ensuring the successful recovery of international maintenance. To assist in addressing these challenges and opportunities, the EU Commission is supporting a 2-year-project, "Recovery of Maintenance in the EU and Worldwide".

Research and Conference

Original research and the organization of an international conference will contribute to the success of the new legal instruments. The central element in the project is the establishment of an international network for the international recovery of maintenance, to be organized by the German Institute for Youth Human Services and Family Law and its partners.

The heart of the project will be the international

Heidelberg Conference to take place March 5 – 8 2013.

We cordially invite you to participate. Several hundred attendees from all over the world are expected. For further information, please see

www.heidelberg-conference2013.de.

With respect to research, the University of Aberdeen will examine the legal and operational implementation of the EU Maintenance Regulation in its first year of operation (Prof. Paul R. Beaumont, Lara Walker). The University of Heidelberg will carry out a comparative legal analysis of the roles of Central Authorities in the international recovery of maintenance as well as of the respective implementation laws of the individual States (Prof. Dr. Burkhard Hess, Stefanie Spancken).

The associate partners of the project are:

- Hague Conference on Private International Law (Maja Groff, Philippe Lortie),
- National Child Support Enforcement Association (NCSEA - Hannah Roots, Colleen Eubanks, Christopher Beresford),
- German Federal Ministry of Justice (Dr. Matthias Heger),
- Université Jean Moulin Lyon (Prof. Dr. Frédérique Ferrand).

Call for Papers

We encourage the submission of papers for the conference. The deadline for submissions is **30 April 2012**. For a detailed description and submission requirements information, please see

<http://www.heidelberg-conference2013.de/call-for-papers-english.html>

We will keep you informed on further developments and preparations for the conference.

Please help us spread the word about the project and the conference and enlarge the network for the international recovery of maintenance.

We look forward to staying in touch with you.