

Conference

Service of documents and taking of evidence in cross-border civil and commercial cases

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PROGRAMME

Objectives: Efficiency, digitization and security in taking of evidence and service of documents within the European Union are the objectives underlying two EU Regulations applied as of 01 July 2022, and namely:

- Regulation (EU) 2020/1783 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2020 on cooperation between the courts of the Member States in the taking of evidence in civil or commercial matters (taking of evidence) (recast), which repealed Regulation (EC) 1206/2001; and
- Regulation (EU) 2020/1784 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2020 on the service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters (service of documents) (recast), which repealed Regulation (EC) 1393/2007.

Both Regulations aim to improve the efficiency, rapidity and security of taking of evidence and service of judicial and extrajudicial documents, respectively, in EU cross-border civil or commercial cases, in particular by using a secure and reliable decentralized IT system (a network of national IT systems and interoperable access points) as well as standard forms.

This conference is designed to offer a comprehensive overview of these instruments, highlighting the main innovations introduced with their 2020 recast versions, whilst also relying on the case-law of the Court of Justice of the European Union in this area of the law. Against this background, the interface of these Regulations with national procedural law will also be taken into account.



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TUESDAY 10 December 2024

- 08.30 Registration/Login of participants
- 09.00 **Welcome of participants and introduction to the programme**
Cristina M. Mariottini
- 09.15 **The 2020 Service Regulation: Novelties and Challenges**
Marco Buzzoni
- 10.00 **Q&A**
- 10.15 Coffee Break
- 10.45 **Implementation of the 2020 Service Regulation at the National Level: The Case of Germany**
Carlos Santaló Goris
- 11.30 **Q&A**
- 11.45 Break
- 12.00 **The 2020 Service Regulation and Article 47 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights**
Cristina M. Mariottini
- 12.45 **Q&A**
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.30 **The 2020 Service and Evidence Regulations: From Theory to Practice in the Digital Age**
Patrick Gielen, Apostolos Anthimos
- 15.15 **Q&A**
- 15.30 Coffee Break
- 16.00 **The 2020 Evidence Regulation: Novelties and Challenges**
Marco Buzzoni
- 16.45 **Q&A**
- 17.00 End of Day 1



WEDNESDAY 11 December 2024

- 09.00 **The 2020 Evidence Regulation: Scope of Application and Subsidiary Nature**
Cristina M. Mariottini
- 09.45 **Q&A**
- 10.00 **Coffee Break**
- 10.30 **The 2020 Evidence Regulation and Article 35 Brussels I-bis Regulation: Interim Relief Aimed at Preserving Evidence**
Carlos Santaló Goris
- 11.45 **Q&A**
- 12.00 **Evaluation**
- 12.30 **END OF CONFERENCE**

