

AMICABLE Final Project Conference

(Hybrid or Online Event *)

11th -12th June 2021

Berlin, Harnack-Haus

***Please note:** the conference is presently planned in a **hybrid format**. This means a limited number of participants will be attending the conference in person and other participants will be able to take part remotely. Spaces for both are limited - please register early (see below) to secure yourself a space. Please however do not book any travel/accommodation as yet. It may be that due to the pandemic situation and the applicable quarantine rules for participants from other EU countries, we will need to adjust and run this conference with a slightly amended programme purely online. Registered participants for the on-site event will be reimbursed the difference accordingly. We will continue to monitor the situation and take a **final decision by the end of April 2021**.

All **registered participants** will be informed accordingly **by e-mail at the end of April/first week of May 2021**. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding, flexibility and continued support!

Day 1 - Friday 11th June 2021

from 11:00	Registration & Pre-Evaluation
12:00-12:30	Light Lunch
	<i>Welcoming Addresses and Opening of the AMICABLE Conference</i>
	Moderator: <i>Shai Ordan, Vice Chair of MiKK Board, Lawyer and Notary, Mediator</i>
12:30-12:40	Isabel Fernandez de Castillejo, Chair of MiKK Board, Family Lawyer, Guardian ad Litem, Translator, Mediator, Germany
12:40-12:55	Christian Höhn, LL.M. Head of German Central Authority, Federal Office of Justice (BfJ), Germany Steering Committee Member in the AMICABLE Project
12:55-13:05	Overview & Rationale of the AMICABLE Project Ischtar Khalaf-Newsome, Project Manager, AMICABLE; Head of Advisory Services and Co-CEO, MiKK; Family Lawyer & Mediator, Germany
13:05-13:30	Changes to the Brussels II bis: the Brussels II RECAST or Brussels II b – Child Abduction & Mediation Dr. Andrea Schulz, Liaison Judge of the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection of Germany in France
13:30-14:00	The AMICABLE EU Best Practice Tool Juliane Hirsch, Leading Legal Expert, AMICABLE (MiKK); Consultant on Private International Law, Family Mediator and Trainer
14:00-14:30	The AMICABLE Best Practice Tool: Germany Sabine Brieger, National Legal Expert (Germany), AMICABLE (MiKK); Former Family Judge (Germany) and former Network Judge in the European Judicial Network (EJN) and in the International Hague Network of Judges (IHJN);
14:30-15:00	Coffee Break, Networking and Marketplace

Day 1 – cont.				
15:00-16:00	<p>Workshop 1</p> <p><i>AMICABLE Best Practice Tool & Case Studies: Relocation</i></p> <p><u>Workshop Leaders:</u></p> <p>Juliane Hirsch Leading Legal Expert, AMICABLE; Consultant on Private International Law, Family Mediator and Trainer</p> <p>Prof. Mónica Herranz Ballesteros AMICABLE National Legal Expert (Spain), Professor of Private International Law in the UNED, Madrid, Spain</p>	<p>Workshop 2</p> <p><i>AMICABLE Best Practice Tool & Case Studies: Child Abduction (return)</i></p> <p><u>Workshop Leaders:</u></p> <p>Dr. Joanna Guttzeit Family Judge (Germany) and Network Judge in the European Judicial Network (EJN) and in the International Hague Network of Judges (IHJN)</p> <p>Prof. Agnieszka Frąckowiak-Adamska AMICABLE National Legal Expert (Poland), Associate professor, University of Wrocław, Poland</p>	<p>Workshop 3</p> <p><i>AMICABLE Best Practice Tool & Case Studies: Child Abduction (non-return)</i></p> <p><u>Workshop Leaders:</u></p> <p>Martina Erb-Klünemann Family Judge (Germany) and Network Judge in the European Judicial Network (EJN) and in the International Hague Network of Judges (IHJN); AMICABLE Steering Committee Member.</p> <p>Prof. Costanza Honorati AMICABLE Project Manager (Italy), Full Professor in European Union Law and in Private International Law, State University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy</p>	<p>Workshop 4 (in German)</p> <p><i>AMICABLE Best Practice Tool & Fallstudien: Kindesentführung (Rückführung)</i></p> <p><u>Workshop Leaders:</u></p> <p>Sabine Brieger National Legal Expert (Germany), AMICABLE; Former Family Judge (Germany) and Former Network Judge in the European Judicial Network (EJN) and in the International Hague Network of Judges (IHJN)</p> <p>Dr. Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens Certified Family Lawyer, Child Abduction Expert, Head of the Family- and Inheritance Law Commission of the German Federal Bar, Germany</p>
<i>Further Workshops may be made available</i>				
16:00-16:30	Coffee break			
16.30-18.00	<p>Panel Presentations: <i>Key Results and National Differences of the AMICABLE Best Practice Tools + Q&A</i> <i>Moderator: Juliane Hirsch</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Juliane Hirsch, Leading Legal Expert, AMICABLE; Consultant on Private International Law, Family Mediator and Trainer ○ Prof. Mónica Herranz Ballesteros, AMICABLE National Legal Expert (Spain), Professor of Private International Law in the UNED, Madrid, Spain ○ Prof. Agnieszka Frąckowiak-Adamska, AMICABLE National Legal Expert (Poland), Associate professor, University of Wrocław, Poland ○ Prof. Costanza Honorati, AMICABLE Project Manager (Italy), Full Professor in European Union Law and in Private International Law, State University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy ○ Sabine Brieger, National Legal Expert (Germany), AMICABLE; Former Family Judge (Germany) and Former Network Judge in the European Judicial Network (EJN) and in the International Hague Network of Judges (IHJN) 			
18.00-18:30	<p><i>The International Perspective of the HCCH Working Group & Navigation Tool</i> Paul Beaumont, Professor of Private International Law, University of Stirling, Scotland, UK; HCCH Expert's group on Family Agreements involving Children; AMICABLE Steering Committee Member</p>			
19:00-21:00	Conference Dinner For All Participants			

Day 2 - Saturday, 12th June 2021

<p>9:00–9:30</p> <p>9:30–10.00</p> <p>10.00-10.20</p> <p>10.20-10.40</p>	<p>Moderator: Shai Ordan, Vice Chair of MiKK Board, Lawyer and Notary, Mediator</p> <p>The Work of The European Parliament Coordinator On Children’s Rights and Mediation Ewa Kopacz, European Parliament Coordinator On Children’s Rights, European Parliament, Brussels <i>(with translation from PL into EN)</i></p> <p>Mediators in Court (MiC) – The Best Practice Model in Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sabine Brieger, National Legal Expert (Germany), AMICABLE; Former Family Judge (Germany) and Former Network Judge in the European Judicial Network (EJN) & the International Hague Network of Judges (IHJN) ○ Ischtar Khalaf-Newsome, Project Manager, AMICABLE; Head of Advisory Services and Co-CEO, MiKK ; Family Lawyer & Mediator, Germany <p>Mediator in Court Model in the Netherlands Mathijs Storm, Lawyer, Mediator, Centre IKO, Netherlands</p> <p>Mediator in Court Model in the United Kingdom Alison Shalaby, Director, Reunite, Leicester, United Kingdom</p>
<p>10:40-11:10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee Break, Networking and Marketplace</p>
<p>11.10-12.00</p>	<p>Mediation in Court: A Moot Court Demonstration with Q &A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sabine Brieger, National Legal Expert (Germany), AMICABLE; Former Family Judge (Germany) and Former Network Judge in the European Judicial Network (EJN) and in the International Hague Network of Judges (IHJN) ○ Martina Erb-Klünemann, Family Judge (Germany) and Network Judge in the European Judicial Network (EJN) and in the International Hague Network of Judges (IHJN); AMICABLE Steering Committee Member ○ Magdalena Janczuk, Project Co-ordinator, AMICABLE; Co-CEO, MiKK; Mediator ○ Catharina Laverty, Project Assistant, AMICABLE; Advisory Officer & Fundraising, MiKK; Supervisor, Translator, Mediator ○ Patrick Fuhrmann, Financial Assistant, AMICABLE; Office Administrator, MiKK
<p>12.00-13.00</p>	<p>AMICABLE Project Partners Panel Presentations of Results on the Mediation in Court Model in Spain, Poland, Italy and Germany & General Discussion Moderator: Sabine Brieger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prof. Magdalena Tabernacka, prof. nadzw. UW, AMICABLE Project Manager (Poland) Head of the Research Center for Mediation and other alternative methods of resolving disputes in the public sphere, University Wroclaw ○ Prof. Federico Ferraris, AMICABLE National Legal Expert (Italy), Assistant Professor of Civil procedure, State University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan ○ Soledad Ruiz de la Cuesta Fernández, AMICABLE Project Manager (Spain), Professor of Procedural Law in the Commercial and Procedural Law Department, UA, Spain ○ Sabine Brieger, National Legal Expert (Germany), AMICABLE; Former Family Judge (Germany) and Former Network Judge in the European Judicial Network (EJN) and in the International Hague Network of Judges (IHJN)
<p>13:00-14:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch, Networking and Marketplace</p>

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14.00-14.30	The Work of the HCCH in the Protection of Children Across Borders: Family Agreements involving Children, Parental Responsibility and Measures of Protection, and Child Abduction Gerardine Goh , First Secretary Hague Conference On Private Law (HCCH), The Hague, Netherlands; AMICABLE Steering Committee Member
14:30-15:30	Plenary Panel all AMICABLE Partners: The way forward & Final Discussion
15:30-16:00	Post Evaluation & Closing words
16:00-17:00	Coffee, Networking and Departure

The AMICABLE project is an EC co-financed project conceived by MiKK (Project Co-ordinator) which aims to provide assistance for the cross-border recognition and enforceability of mediated family agreements in the EU. It also seeks to promote a tried-and-tested model for incorporating mediation into international child abduction proceedings in the EU. It is hoped that the results of the AMICABLE project will thus help to promote mediation in cross-border family disputes within the EU. The Project Consortium involves partners from three other EU Member States: University of Wroclaw (Poland), University of Milano-Bicocca (Italy) and University of Alicante (Spain). The AMICABLE project is supported by a Steering Committee consisting of Central Authorities and Hague Liaison Judges of the EU Member States involved in the project, the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH), Prof Paul Beaumont and the EU Parliaments Office of Children's Rights. For details on the Consortium and Steering Committee please refer to the AMICABLE website. www.amicable-eu.org.

The AMICABLE project's specific two objectives are:

- ★ The creation of a **legal "roadmap"** in form of a **Best Practice Tool** for judges, legal practitioners and mediators which will assist parents with the cross-border enforceability and recognition of mediated family agreements. An EU general Best Practice Tool as well as four country-specific tools for Spain, Poland, Italy and Germany have been developed in the course of this project (in English and the respective national language).
- ★ The introduction of a **Best Practice Model** for incorporating mediation, initiated by the judge, into the tight six-week timeframe of child abduction proceedings under the 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention. Such a model is already operative in Germany, the UK and in the Netherlands. The project's objective is to facilitate the exchange of information and mutual learning and to explore how the model could be introduced in Spain, Poland and in Italy.

Registration & Hybrid Conference Programme: www.amicable-eu.org

- **Conference Fee (participation in person) : Euro 150,- ***

*A reduced fee of **Euro 80,-** applies if you have participated in the AMICABLE National Seminar/s.

Participation in person includes a complimentary **Evening Dinner** on Day 1 as well as subsistence during the conference (lunches, coffee breaks).

Conference Venue:

Harnack-Hause,
Ihnestraße 16-20
14195 Berlin, Germany

- **Conference Fee (Online participation via Zoom) : Euro 80,-**

Participant numbers are limited. We recommend registering early to avoid disappointment.

For any queries please do not hesitate to contact MiKK at amicable@mikk-ev.de

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This programme may be subject to change. (Status:12th April 2021)

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