

The project

The project "EU Judiciary Training on Brussels IIa Regulation: From South to East" is coordinated by the University of Milano-Bicocca and led by Costanza Honorati. The purpose of the project is to develop training materials and organise training events to facilitate uniformity in application of the EU legal instruments on civil judicial cooperation in family matters, in particular cross-border cases related to divorce and parental responsibility and to child abduction. A series of four practice-oriented events are focused on understanding basic concepts and developing legal and reasoning skills using real cases and hypothetical scenarios.

The training session

This training session is organised by the University of Rijeka Faculty of Law together with the project partners: the University of Barcelona, the Law Institute of Lithuania, the University of Milano-Bicocca, and the local institutions: the Judicial Academy of Croatia and the Croatian Bar Association.

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Special guest

**Vesna Tomljenović, Judge at the General
Court of the European Union**

Expert speaker

on hearing of the child

Danka Majić, Head of the Home for Raising
Children and Youth Rijeka

Hearing of the child is a delicate issue in any court proceedings. In cases involving parental responsibility, which are sometimes complicated due to complex factual circumstances or child abduction, traditional approach did not involve hearing of the child. This is gradually changing because of the increasing importance attributed to the child's opinion. How to approach the child and what questions to ask to ascertain legally relevant facts may be essential for the correct outcome of the case.

Programme

20 April 2017

16.00-16.30 Registration

16.30-18.30 **Session I: Interplay
between applicable legal
instruments**

18.30-19.00 **Discussion**

21 April 2017

8.45-9.00 Registration

9.15-10.45 **Session II: Complexity of
cases involving child
abduction and effects on
jurisdiction**

10.45-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.45 **Session III: Proceedings
for the return of the child
in refuge MS and habitual
residence MS**

12.45-14.00 Lunch break

14.00-15.45 **Session IV: Jurisdiction
in parental responsibility
cases and transfer of
proceedings**

15.45-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-17.30 **Session V: Hearing of the
child**

17.30-18.00 **Discussion**