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With this periodical, we would like to inform you about the recent results of EUFams II. EUFams II is a study on European private international law in family and succession matters conducted by academic institutions from various EU Member States and co-funded by the European Commission. The project's objective is to assess the functioning and the effectiveness of the framework of international and European family law, detect potential problems and propose possible improvements. Ultimately, it aims at developing a common European expertise and understanding to secure the uniform, coherent and consistent application of European family law, so as to facilitate the cross-border movement of persons within the EU.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE SEMINAR

Within the framework of the project, an International Exchange Seminars was hosted by the Max-Planck-Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law. During the seminar, renowned experts from academia and practice exchanged views on recent problems and reform proposals in the field of European family and succession law.

A report can be found on the project website: <http://www2.ipr.uni-heidelberg.de/eufams/index-Dateien/microsites/download.php?art=projektbericht&id=17>

CASE LAW DATABASE

A case database is available on the project website where relevant decisions from EU Member States in the fields of private international law in family and succession matters are collected. Along with standardized data for each judgement in ten European languages, the database also comprises a respective summary of the facts and the decision as well as a short review in English. The database allows for convenient searching not only for basic data, such as the date of the decision, the Member State and the level of the court, the states involved and subject dealt with, but also for the decision's contents, such as the applicable norms, the affirmation of international jurisdiction, the choice of court or law and the granting of recognition and enforcement or the taking of evidence.

During the last months, many new decisions were added to the database. At present, the database contains more than 1100 decisions.

The database can be found on the project website: <http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/eufams?lang=en>

CASE LAW DATABASE REPORT

Based on the collected cases, the project partners were interested in unveiling the actual application of the instruments of European family and succession law as practiced by the national courts. In particular, the research endeavored to identify good and bad practices alike. Moreover, it attempted to gain insights into the coverage of European family and succession law and the remaining fields in which courts resort to domestic private international law.

The report can be found on the project website: <http://www2.ipr.uni-heidelberg.de/eufams/index-Dateien/microsites/download.php?art=projektbericht&id=20>

REPORT ON NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION LAWS

The effectiveness and functioning of the European framework of private international law in family and succession matters is closely connected to the existence of national legislation implementing the relevant EU regulation in this field. Consequently, the project partners endeavoured to shed light on national implementation laws by analysing and comparing the situation in Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain and Sweden.

The report also simplifies the access to the most relevant national implementation laws by providing a translation or short summary in English.

The report can be found on the project website: <http://www2.ipr.uni-heidelberg.de/eufams/index-Dateien/microsites/download.php?art=projektbericht&id=18>