

Policy Department Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs

Workshop on
Adoption - Cross-border legal issues

Committee on Legal Affairs
Committee on Petitions

Programme

Tuesday, 1 December 2015
15h00 - 18h30 - Room ASP 1E2

15:00 - 15:15 Opening remarks: **Pavel SVOBODA**, Chair of the Committee on legal affairs, and **Cecilia WIKSTRÖM**, Chair of the Committee on petitions

1st session:	Citizens' concerns and petitions on adoption cross-border legal issues in the EU
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Chair:	Mairead McGuinness , EP Vice-President, European Parliament Mediator for International Child Abduction
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15:15 - 15:30 *Report on the PETI fact-finding visit to the United Kingdom and adoption issues raised in the petitions received by the Committee*

Cecilia WIKSTRÖM, Chair of the PETI fact-finding visit

15:30 - 15:45 *Child Protection: Tensions Created by the Diversity of the Domestic Laws of EU Member States*

The Rt Hon **Sir Mathew THORPE**, former Head of International Family Justice for England & Wales

15:45 - 16:00 *The view of Ombudsmen for Children from the perspective of the Polish, European and international law*

Paweł JAROS, former Children Ombudsman for Poland

16:00 - 16:30 Discussion

2nd session:	Cross-border recognition of adoptions
Chair:	Tadeusz ZWIEFKA, MEP, Committee on Legal Affairs, rapporteur for the legislative initiative report on Cross-border recognition of adoptions (2015/2086(INL))

16:30 - 16:45 *Conflicts and Coordination of Family Statutes: Towards their Recognition within the EU?*

Gian Paolo ROMANO, University of Geneva, Switzerland

16:45 - 17:00 *Recognition of intercountry adoptions - practical operation of the 1993 Hague Convention*

Laura MARTÍNEZ-MORA, Principal Legal Officer, Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law

17:00 - 17:15 Discussion

17:15 - 17:30 *Cross-border recognition of domestic adoptions - obstacles to free movement*

Ruth CABEZA, family law barrister, Member of the International Association of Family Lawyers, United Kingdom

17:30 - 17:45 *Recognizing child protection measures in Middle Eastern legal systems as equivalents to adoption - a fresh look on Maghrebian kafala, Iranian sarparasti and Iraqi damm*

Nadjma YASSARI, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law

17:45 - 18:25 Discussion

18:25 - 18:30 Conclusions