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# The EU Brussels I bis Regulation – jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters

Luxembourg, 25-26 September 2024

**Seminar Venue:** Salle B001 - Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance, University of Luxembourg, Weicker Building, 4 Rue Alphonse Weicker, 2721 Luxembourg – [Google Maps](#)

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## Programme

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**Objectives:** The Brussels I bis Regulation is the flagship instrument in the field of EU judicial cooperation in civil matters, ensuring uniform provisions in the EU which determine the competent court as well as ensuring that judicial decisions can circulate freely from one Member State to another. The Regulation, replacing the previous Brussels Convention of 1968, has been in force for more than two decades and was revised substantively in 2012. The constant need to interpret the Brussels I bis Regulation generated a very rich case law and is highly relevant for legal practitioners working with cross border civil cases. The objective of the seminar is to provide an update on the case law of the CJEU in relation to the Brussels I bis Regulation being the ‘doyen’ of EU judicial cooperation in civil matters having a major impact on refining jurisdictional rules in EU law. The seminar will revisit the latest case law in relation to Brussels I bis Regulation and will particularly discuss notions such as “civil and commercial matters”, the provisions on *lis pendens* and how to approach choice of court agreements.

**Target group:** The seminar is especially interesting for legal practitioners working in the field of civil law, dealing with cross-border civil litigation cases, but is also of relevance to those having a particular interest in the EU Area of Freedom Security and Justice, based on the principles of mutual recognition and mutual trust.

Participants will have a nuanced understanding of the practical insights about what the abolishment of the *exequatur* entails in giving effect to judgments rendered in other EU Member States.

**Seminar methodology:** Short presentations complemented with practice-oriented discussions led by experts who have an in-depth understanding of cross border litigation in civil matters and the digitalisation of judicial work. Departing from the rich case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union, the seminar will focus on practical issues arising in the daily administration of the cross-border civil law cases.



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The seminar also involves a visit to the CJUE and a background explanation on how national courts can refer interpretative requests to the CJEU in the context of the preliminary reference procedure.

### EIPA Luxembourg - European Centre for Judges and Lawyers

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**WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2024**

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08.30 Registration of participants

09.00 **Welcome of participants and introduction to the seminar programme**

09.30 **Territorial and material scope of application of the Brussels I bis Regulation**

Case 29-76, <i>LTU</i>	Case C-641/18, <i>Rina</i>
Case C-281/02, <i>Owusu</i>	Case C-186/19, <i>SHAPE</i>
Case C-55/08, <i>TNT Express</i>	Case C-186/19, <i>Supreme Site</i>
Case C-452/12, <i>Nipponkoa Insurance</i>	Case C-700/20, <i>London Steam-Ship</i>
Case C-535/17, <i>NK</i>	

*Marco Buzzoni*

10.15 **Q&A**

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 **Prorogation of jurisdiction in the Brussels I bis Regulation**

Case C-543/10, <i>Refcomp SpA</i>	Case C-358/21, <i>Tilman SA</i>
Case C-322/14, <i>Jaouad El Majdoub</i>	Joined Cases C-345-347/22, <i>Maersk A/S</i>
Case C-222/15, <i>Hőszig</i>	Case C-566/22, <i>Inkreal</i>

*Cristina M. Mariottini*

11.45 **Q&A**

12.00 **The public policy clause in the Brussels I bis Regulation**

Case C-619/10, <i>Trade Agency</i>	Case C-7/98, <i>Krombach</i>
Case C-681/13, <i>Diageo Brands</i>	Case C-700/20, <i>London Steam-Ship</i>
Case C-568/20, <i>H Limited</i>	Case C-38/98, <i>Renault SA</i>
Case C-420/07, <i>Apostolides</i>	

*Carlos Santaló Goris*

12:45 **Q&A**

13.00 Lunch break



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- 14.30 **Case study 1: Choice of court**  
*Marco Buzzoni*
- 15:15 **Q&A**
- 15:30 Coffee break
- 15.45 **Case study 2: Protective measures**  
*Carlos Santaló Goris*
- 16:30 **Q&A**
- 16.45 **Evaluation**
- 17.00 End of Day 1

#### THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2024

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- 08.00 **Visit to the Court of Justice of the European Union**  
Arrival - security check
- 13.00 **END OF SEMINAR**



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