

# AMICABLE Final Project Conference

Online Event (CEST Time, Berlin)

**11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**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*

## Day 1 – Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

CEST Time (Berlin, Germany)	<b>Opening of the AMICABLE Conference, Technical Instructions &amp; Pre-Evaluations</b>
13:00-13:20	<b>Project Manager: Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome</b> , Head of Advisory Services, Co-CEO, MiKK; Family Lawyer & Mediator <b>Conference Chair: Shai Ordan</b> , Vice Chair of MiKK Board, Lawyer and Notary, Mediator
13:20-13:30	<b>Welcoming Addresses</b>
13:30-13:45	<b>Isabel Fernandez de Castillejo</b> , Chair of MiKK Board, Family Lawyer, Guardian ad Litem, Translator, Mediator, Germany
13:45-13:55	<b>Ewa Kopacz</b> , European Parliament Vice President and EP Coordinator on Children's Rights, European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium (talk in PL with translation into EN)
13:55-14:05	<b>Christian Höhn, LL.M.</b> , Head of German Central Authority, Federal Office of Justice (BfJ), Germany, AMICABLE Steering Committee
13:55-14:05	<b>Overview &amp; Rationale of the AMICABLE Project</b> <b>Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome</b> , Project Manager, AMICABLE; Head of Advisory Services and Co-CEO, MiKK; Family Lawyer & Mediator, Germany
14:05-14:25	<b>Changes to the Brussels II bis: the Brussels II RECAST or Brussels II b – Child Abduction &amp; Mediation</b> <b>Dr. Andrea Schulz</b> , Liaison Judge of the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection of Germany in France
14:25-14:55	<b>The AMICABLE EU Best Practice Tool</b> <b>Juliane Hirsch, LL.M.</b> , Leading Legal Expert, AMICABLE (MiKK); Consultant on Private International Law, Family Mediator and Trainer
14:55-15:25	<b>The AMICABLE Best Practice Tool: Germany</b> <b>Sabine Brieger</b> , 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 (IHNJ);
15:25-15:40	<b>Coffee Break</b>

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15:40-16:40	<p><b>Workshop 1</b></p> <p><i>AMICABLE Best Practice Tool &amp; Case Studies: Relocation</i></p> <p><b>Workshop Leader:</b> <b>Juliane Hirsch, LL.M</b> Leading Legal Expert, AMICABLE; Consultant on Private International Law, Family Mediator &amp; Trainer</p> <p><b>Workshop 5 (in German)</b></p> <p><i>AMICABLE Best Practice Tool &amp; Fallstudien: Kindesentführung (Nicht Rückführung)</i></p> <p><b>Workshop Leader:</b> <b>Dr. Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens</b> Certified Family Lawyer, Child Abduction Expert, Head of the Family- and Inheritance Law Commission of the German Federal Bar</p>	<p><b>Workshop 2</b></p> <p><i>AMICABLE Best Practice Tool &amp; Case Studies: Child Abduction (return)</i></p> <p><b>Workshop Leader:</b> <b>Dr. Joanna Guttzeit</b> Family Judge (Germany) and Network Judge in the European Judicial Network (EJN) and in the International Hague Network of Judges (IHJN)</p> <p><b>Workshop 6</b></p> <p><i>AMICABLE Best Practice Tool &amp; Case Studies: Child Abduction (non-return)</i></p> <p><b>Workshop Leader:</b> <b>Christian Höhn, LL.M.,</b> Head of German Central Authority, Federal Office of Justice (BfJ), Germany, AMICABLE Steering Committee</p>	<p><b>Workshop 3</b></p> <p><i>AMICABLE Best Practice Tool &amp; Case Studies: Child Abduction (non-return)</i></p> <p><b>Workshop Leader:</b> <b>Martina Erb-Klünemann</b> 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><b>Workshop 4 (in German)</b></p> <p><i>AMICABLE Best Practice Tool &amp; Fallstudien: Kindesentführung (Rückführung)</i></p> <p><b>Workshop Leader:</b> <b>Sabine Brieger</b> 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>
16:40-16:55	Coffee break			
16:55-17:05	<p><i>Conference Chair: Shai Ordan, Vice Chair of MiKK Board, Lawyer and Notary, Mediator</i></p> <p><b>Summary Results from the Workshops</b> Workshop Leaders: Sabine Brieger, Juliane Hirsch, Dr. Joanna Guttzeit, Martina Erb-Klünemann, Dr Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens, Christian Höhn</p>			
17:05-17:55	<p><b>Panel Presentations: Key Results and National Differences of the AMICABLE Best Practice Tools + Q&amp;A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Prof. Mónica Herranz Ballesteros</b>, AMICABLE National Legal Expert (Spain), Professor of Private International Law in the UNED, Madrid, Spain</li> <li>○ <b>Prof. Agnieszka Frąckowiak-Adamska</b>, AMICABLE National Legal Expert (Poland), Associate professor, University of Wrocław, Poland</li> <li>○ <b>Prof. Costanza Honorati</b>, AMICABLE Project Manager (Italy), Full Professor in European Union Law and in Private International Law, State University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy</li> <li>○ <b>Sabine Brieger</b>, AMICABLE National Legal Expert (Germany); Former Family Judge (Germany) and Former Network Judge in the European Judicial Network (EJN) &amp; the International Hague Network of Judges (IHJN)</li> </ul>			
17:55-18:15	<p><b>The International Perspective of the HCCH Experts Group and the HCCH Navigation Tool</b> <b>Paul Beaumont</b>, Professor of Private International Law, University of Stirling, Scotland, UK; HCCH Expert's group on Family Agreements involving Children; AMICABLE Steering Committee Member</p>			
18:15-18:30	Q & A and Discussion			
18:30	End of Day 1			

## Day 2 - Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2021

<p>10:00-10:10</p> <p>10:10-10:30</p> <p>10:30-10:50</p> <p>10:50-11:10</p> <p>11:10-11:30</p>	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p><i>Conference Chair: Shai Ordan, Vice Chair of MiKK Board, Lawyer and Notary, Mediator</i> <i>Project Manager: Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome, Head of Advisory Services, Co-CEO, MiKK; Family Lawyer &amp; Mediator</i></p> <p><b>Mediator in Court Model (MiC) in the Netherlands</b> <i>Drs Birgitte M. J. Beelen, Managing Director Syntagma, Clinical Psychologist, Child &amp; Adolescent Psychologist, Systemic Family and Couple Therapist, Child Abduction Expert, International Family Mediator, Mindfulness and Compassion, Coach, Trainer, Netherlands</i></p> <p><b>Mediator in Court Model (MiC) in England</b> <i>Alison Shalaby, Director, Reunite, Leicester, United Kingdom</i></p> <p><b>Mediators in Court Model (MiC) – The Best Practice Model in Germany</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Sabine Brieger, National Legal Expert (Germany), AMICABLE; Former Family Judge (Germany) and Former Network Judge in the European Judicial Network (EJN) &amp; the International Hague Network of Judges (IHJN)</i></li> <li>○ <i>Magdalena Jańczuk, Project Co-ordinator, AMICABLE; Co-CEO, MiKK; Mediator</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Mediation in Court Model (MiC): Demonstration Movie</b></p>
<p>11:30-11:50</p>	<p><b>Plenary Question &amp; Answer Session on MiC in the Netherlands, England and Germany</b></p>
<p>11:50-12:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
<p>12:00-13:00</p>	<p><i>Conference Chair: Shai Ordan, Vice Chair of MiKK Board, Lawyer and Notary, Mediator</i></p> <p><b>AMICABLE Project Partners Panel Presentations of Results on the Mediation in Court Model in Spain, Poland, Italy and in Germany &amp; General Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>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 Wrocław</i></li> <li>○ <i>Prof. Federico Ferraris. AMICABLE National Legal Expert (Italy), Assistant Professor of Civil procedure, State University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan</i></li> <li>○ <i>Prof. Soledad Ruiz de la Cuesta Fernández, AMICABLE Project Manager (Spain), Professor of Procedural Law in the Commercial and Procedural Law Department, UA, Spain</i></li> <li>○ <i>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)</i></li> </ul>
<p>13:00-13:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lunch Break</b></p>
<p>13:30-13:50</p>	<p><b>The Work of the HCCH in relation to Mediation and Voluntary Agreements Involving Children</b> <i>Dr. Gérardine Goh Escolar, First Secretary Hague Conference On Private Law (HCCH), The Hague, Netherlands; AMICABLE Steering Committee Member</i></p>
<p>13:50-14:20</p>	<p><b>Q &amp; A &amp; Panel with all AMICABLE Partners &amp; Plenary Discussion: The way forward</b></p>
<p>14:20-14:30</p>	<p><b>Post Evaluation</b> <i>Conference Chair: Shai Ordan, Vice Chair of MiKK Board, Lawyer and Notary, Mediator</i></p>
<p>14:30-14:45</p>	<p><b>Closing words</b> <i>Christoph C. Paul, Lawyer and Notary (rtd), Mediator, Patron of MiKK</i></p>
<p>14:45</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>End of Conference</b></p>

## Registration & Online Conference Programme:

[www.amicable-eu.org](http://www.amicable-eu.org)

Conference Fee: Euro 80,-

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

**You will receive a zoom link prior to the conference.**

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- ★ **MiKK Mediators** will receive **8 Credit Points** counting towards their ongoing training requirement.
- ★ This Conference is also recognized as a **“Fortbildung” § 15 FAO (Familienrecht)** and **German Lawyers** can earn 8 Fortbildungspunkte for their participation on both days.

The AMICABLE project is an EC co-financed project conceived by MiKK (Project Co-ordinator) with the aim of creating legal roadmaps or “Best Practice Tools” to assist Judges, Lawyers and Mediators with the cross-border recognition and enforceability of mediated family agreements in the EU. The project 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 help to promote mediation in cross-border family disputes within the EU.

**The Project Consortium** involves partners from four EU Member States: University of Wroclaw (Poland), University of Milano-Bicocca (Italy) and University of Alicante (Spain), MiKK (Germany).

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, the European Parliament (EP) Coordinator on Children's Rights and the European Association of Judges for Mediation (GEMME). For details on the Consortium and Steering Committee please refer to the AMICABLE website. [www.amicable-eu.org](http://www.amicable-eu.org).