

Our service

- ✓ Free-of-charge, confidential and multi-lingual Advisory Service for parents and families
- ✓ Referral and Organisation of Mediations in +30 Languages and +35 Countries
- ✓ Referral to Specialized Family Lawyers from the MiKK Network
- ✓ Cross-border Family Mediation (CBFM)
- ✓ Trainings and Seminars for international Mediators
- ✓ Public Outreach and Co-operation with International Stakeholders
- ✓ Research and Development

Get in touch with us!
We are here to help.

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We are committed to safeguarding the best interests of children in particularly tough circumstances: children who are torn not only between parents in conflict with one another, but also between countries and cultures.

70%

In more than **70%** of all MiKK Mediations parents succeed in reaching an amicable solution!

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**International Mediation Centre for
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Who we are

MiKK is a specialized NGO which has been active internationally for more than 20 years in the field of mediation in cross-border family and parental responsibility conflicts.

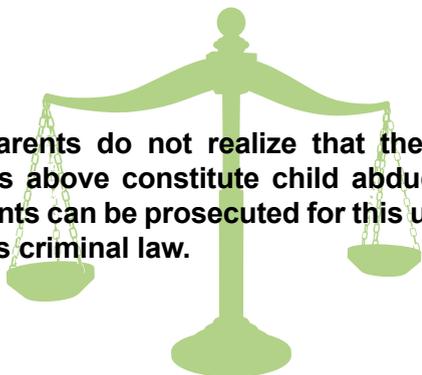
As an internationally recognized and leading organisation in this field, MiKK helps parents worldwide in difficult, often highly escalated conflict situations to find amicable and sustainable solutions.

Why we exist

When international families separate, foreign and international legal provisions are of great importance in addition to processing the relationship conflict if one parent:

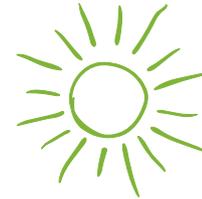
-  decides to return to their home country, requiring them to co-parent across borders.
-  decides to return to their home country and takes the child with them without the consent of the other parent who holds joint rights of custody.
-  does not return with the children after a holiday abroad, without the consent of the other parent who holds joint rights of custody.

Often, parents do not realize that the last two scenarios above constitute child abduction and that parents can be prosecuted for this under civil as well as criminal law.



Through accelerated proceedings in accordance with the Hague Convention (HC) on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and the EU Brussels IIb Regulation, the courts can order a swift return of the child to the country of the child's habitual residence. However, such proceedings cannot address what is in the best interests of the child in the long term.

Especially in these cases mediation offers a real chance!



Advantages of mediation

Mediation is an out-of-court method of conflict resolution. In parental responsibility disputes mediation is recommended by the relevant legal instruments and by experts.

Mediation helps parents to:

- ✓ de-escalate the parental conflict.
 - ✓ communicate with each other in a safe, confidential and supported process.
 - ✓ take responsibility for finding a fair solution that focusses on their child's well-being.
 - ✓ develop solutions for a wide range of issues - in the best interest of their child.
- And:
- ✓ mediation can take place at any time – even during ongoing court proceedings, even in child abduction proceedings.
 - ✓ a mediated agreement can be made legally binding and enforceable by the court.

How we support parents



We inform and advise parents free-of-charge in several languages on all aspects surrounding the topic of international family and parental responsibility conflicts and mediation.

We also give advice in cases where a family plans to relocate abroad together.



We refer and organize bi-lingual mediations for parents worldwide in +30 languages with specialized, multi-lingual mediators from the international MiKK Network in +35 countries. Face-to-face or online on topics such as:

- **International Custody and Contact Disputes**
- **International Child Abduction Cases**
- **Prevention of Child Abduction**
- **Relocation Abroad**
- **Maintenance (financial) disputes in separation/divorce cases**

In order to meet the requirements of these bi-national cases and the needs of the parents, MiKK mediators always work in co-mediation according to the so called “**4 B Model**”. They represent **BOTH**:

-  Cultures (bi-cultural)
-  Languages (bi-lingual)
-  Genders of the parents (bi-gender)
-  Professional Backgrounds: psycho-social & legal (bi-professional)

It is MiKK's mission to promote mediation in international custody disputes and child abduction cases: in the best interests of the child!

