Cross-border legal relationships and their consequences (e.g. divorce, custody decisions and their enforcement abroad, maintenance) confront family lawyers with complex legal problems. New legal acts at the European and international level affect their daily work. Legal practitioners are therefore required to deal ever more with legal questions arising from cross-border family and parental responsibility cases.

The CCBE is organising, in partnership with ERA (Academy of European Law), an important meeting on the practice of European family law with the following format:

- Roundtables on Thursday afternoon to provide thorough information on European texts and proposals;
- Workshops and discussions on Friday in order to consider practical cases, to debate and to exchange know-how.

This event is organised by family law professionals for family law professionals.

On-line registration and further information regarding accommodations and the location of the conference room are available on the CCBE website -

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The seminar fee of 320 € includes the lunch on 12 December as well as coffee breaks, technical material, interpretation, rent of the rooms and administrative costs.

Venue

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Thursday, 11 December 2008 Conference

13.00 - 14.00	Registration
14.00 - 14.15	Welcome address by Anne Birgitte GAMMELJORD - CCBE First Vice-President
14.15 - 14.30	Welcome address by Angelika FUCHS - Head of Section, Academy of European Law
14.30 - 16.00	Brussels II bis Regulation <u>Moderator</u> : Béatrice WEISS-GOUT
	 Conflict of laws: Which jurisdiction for divorce?
	 Thalia KRUGER (South Africa)
	 Which jurisdiction for parental responsibility? (general rules and rules with regard to child abduction)
	 Peter Mc ELEAVY (Scotland)
	• Enforcement of decisions concerning children
	 Peter Mc ELEAVY (Scotland)
16.00 - 16.15 16.15 - 16.45	Coffee break Brussels I Regulation Moderator: Béatrice WEISS-GOUT
	Cyril NOURISSAT (France)
16.45 - 18.30	Draft proposals
	Maintenance obligations
	Diana WALLIS (European Parliament)
	Rome III
	 Fernando Rui Paulino PEREIRA (Council of the European Union)
	 Mediation
	 Fernando Rui Paulino PEREIRA (Council of the European Union)
	Matrimonial regimes
	 François THOMAS (European Commission)

Friday, 12 December 2008 Workshops

9.00 - 10.30 Practical Workshops

- Brussels II bis—Practical divorce cases
 [with 2 interpreters]
 - Hélène POIVEY-LECLERCQ (France)
 - Frederic RENSTRÖM (Sweden)
- Overview and mutual recognition of partnerships in Europe [in English]
 - Richard FRIMSTON (United Kingdom)
 - Mia REICH-SJÖGREN (Sweden)

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 - 12.30 Workshops which look to the future

- Future of family contracts, comparative law and European law [with 2 interpreters]
 - Luis ZARRALUQUI (Spain)
 - Giuseppe CONTE (Italy)
 - Michel BENICHOU (France)
- Maintenance obligations: conflicts of laws, conflicts of jurisdictions, enforcement of judgments (The Hague Convention and the future European regulation) [in French]
 - Philippe LORTIE (The Hague Conference)
 - Marina BLITZ (Belgium)
 - Marie SALORD (Permanent Representation of France to the EU)

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 15.30 Practical Workshops

- Brussels II bis and The Hague Convention (illegal removal of children) / Practical cases [with 2 interpreters]
 - Véronique CHAUVEAU (France)
 - Anne Marie HUTCHINSON (United Kingdom)
 - Liis HALLIK (Estonia)

- Divorce under common law and under civil law: convergences and differences fin English & in French!
 - Tim AMOS (United Kingdom)
 - Isabelle REIN-LESCASTEREYRES (France)
 - Béatrice WEISS-GOUT (France)

15.30 - 15.45 Coffee break

15.45 - 17.15 Workshops which look to the future

- The child in the proceedings: hearing of the child and other issues, European and international conventions
 fwith 2 interpreters
 - Eva BECKER (Germany)
 - Kerstin NIETHAMMER-JÜRGENS (Germany)
 - Malgorzata KOZUCH (Poland)
- Alternative dispute resolution: comparative law and European law [in English]
 - Emma RIES (United Kingdom)
 - Rachael KELSEY (United Kingdom)

17.30 Conclusions Reflection of the CCBE on the role of the lawyer in a European family by Béatrice WEISS-GOUT

Translation will be available in English and French in the plenary sessions; otherwise language in the workshops is as indicated on this programme.