

Stakeholders Meeting



Brussels, 13 and 14 March 2025

The [UNIPAR project](#) investigates the lack of EU rules on the law applicable to parenthood/filiation. The European Commission published a proposal for such rules on 7 December 2022 ([COM/2022/695](#)). The proposal contains rules on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition, enforcement and cooperation in matters regarding parenthood/filiation. The proposal has not yet been passed by the other legislative bodies, and since unanimity is required in the Council to pass this Regulation, its future is uncertain. In the current state of affairs, UNIPAR not only analyses the proposed rules, but also considers the impact that EU rules on parenthood/filiation would have on existing EU legislation. It also investigates national laws on artificial reproduction as related to private international law, as well as aspects of children's rights.

This meeting will also be streamed. Online participation requires [prior registration](#).

13 March 2025	<p>15.30 - 18.00 National law: Link between legislation on artificial reproduction and establishment of parenthood in selected countries Welcome & Chair: Thalia Kruger, University of Antwerp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Belgian case of the Constitutional Court on donor anonymity Tine Van Hof, University of Antwerp• Italy's ban on surrogacy Laura Carpaneto, University of Genoa• Transcription of foreign birth certificates in Poland: current challenges and future outlooks Anna Wysocka-Bar and Ewa Kamarad, Jagiellonian University in Kraków <p>- Q&A, Debate</p> <p>19.00 Diner</p>
14 March 2025	<p>9.00 - 12.00 Children's rights law Chair: Mirela Zupan, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the Verona Principles Carlotta Alloero, International Social Service (ISS) - General Secretariat, Geneva• Child-friendly Justice Myriam de Hemptinne, network judge Belgium• The right of the child to be heard Viola Rentzsch, ISS Germany• The best interests of the child Caroline Vrijens, Flemish Children's Rights Commissioner• The child's right to identity Ilaria Pretelli, Legal Advisor at the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law <p>- Q&A, Debate</p> <p>12.00 - 13.00 Lunch</p> <p>13.00 - 16.00 European Union law Chair: Boriana Musseva, Sofia University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Impact of the CJEU case law in other domains on parenthood matters Helga Luku, University of Antwerp• Free movement and children within the EU Francesca Maoli, University of Genoa• Impact report of the UNIPAR partners on the relevance of Parenthood matters for international family law in the EU Cristina González Beilfuss, University of Barcelona• What do we expect of the EU? Aagje Ieven, Missing Children Europe <p>- Q&A, Debate</p>



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