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1st Training Seminar:
**“RESOLUTION OF CROSS-BORDER FAMILY CONFLICTS: INTERNATIONAL, EU AND NATIONAL
LEGISLATION”**

Rome (IT), 22-24 October 2013

INFORMATIVE NOTE

The 1st training seminar on the component “Resolution of cross-border family conflicts” of the EuroMed Justice III Project of the European Commission, funded by the European Union, was held on 22-24 October 2013 in Rome (IT).

The training seminar was opened by Ms Simona RANALLI, Programme Manager, DG Development and Cooperation - EuropeAid, European Commission; Ms Maria Luisa FICHERA, Project Manager CORMS, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, DG Development and Cooperation, and National Focal Point for the Euromed Justice III Project in Italy; and the Team Leader of the EuroMed Justice III Project, who welcomed the participants

The participants were members of the delegations of the following Mediterranean Partners: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia. The speakers came from Germany, Italy and Jordan. In addition, Patrizia DE LUCA, Team Leader for External Relations in the Civil Justice Policy Unit, Directorate-General Justice, European Commission, and Philippe LORTIE, First Secretary of the Hague Conference on Private International Law also participated in the seminar as speakers.

The participants took the floor to introduce themselves and to present the current situation concerning the topics to be discussed during the seminar and on the legislative policy in the ENPI SPC concerning the ratification of international conventions in this field.

Furthermore, six presentations were made during the seminar: “The work developed during the first phase of the project related to resolution of cross-border family conflicts, with special reference to the “Handbook on good practices concerning the resolution of cross-border family conflicts, with a special focus on cross-border disputes concerning parental responsibility”; “Overview of current legislation in place. Special reference to the work developed by the Hague Conference in the field of cross-border family conflict litigation. International legislative initiatives in the pipeline”; “General presentation on the Networks operating in the field of cross-border family conflicts”; “Procedures related to cross-border family conflicts in EU Law”; “Domestic and gender violence, and their influence in cross-border family conflicts. Criminal, civil and family law; procedural impacts and problems: the EU experience”; “The best interest of the child: The different approaches to the content of the best interest) and their evaluation”.

Lastly, during the seminar a practical case and a workshop were carried out.

Considering the objectives of this training seminar and taking into account the debate and discussions held during the seminar, the participants had the opportunity to keep abreast of the current situation and future developments in each Mediterranean Partner regarding the topics covered by this seminar and to have a fruitful debate on the state of play in this field in the MEDA area; to further strengthen cooperation between Euro-Mediterranean Partners in the field of justice; to promote an exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices; to have an in-depth discussion on and a practical approach to the work developed by the Hague Conference in the field of cross-border family conflicts litigation; to discuss the composition, role and work developed by the networks operating in the field of cross-border family conflicts; to analyse from a theoretical and practical point of view the procedures related to cross-border family conflicts in EU Law and to have an in-depth discussion and a practical approach on the influence of domestic and gender violence in cross-border family conflicts, with special reference to the criminal, civil, family law and their procedural impacts and problems according to the EU experience.

Participants are grateful to Italy, host country, to the Directorate-General Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid, European Commission, and to the Project Team for organising this training seminar.