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**The objective** of this conference is:

to inform legal practitioners on the latest developments in legislation, jurisprudence and best practice in European family law.

**Key topics** include:

- Cross-border maintenance claims
  - the new Regulation 4/2009 on maintenance obligations, applicable since 18 June 2011
  - additional instruments which complement the Regulation
- Brussels IIbis and preliminary rulings
- The recent proposals on property rights of international couples ("Rome IV")

**Target group** is primarily:

family lawyers

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## ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN FAMILY LAW

- New EU rules on maintenance payments
- Recent case law on Brussels IIbis
- Property rights of international couples

**Trier, 29-30 September 2011**

ERA Conference Centre  
Metzer Allee 4, Trier

**Conference organiser:**

Dr Angelika Fuchs

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English, German  
(simultaneous interpretation)

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## Thursday, 29 September 2011

08:45 Arrival and registration

09:10 Welcome  
*Angelika Fuchs*

Moderator: *Alegría Borrás*

### I. Setting the scene

09:15 **Current developments in the national laws of maintenance: a comparative analysis**  
*Dieter Martiny*

10:00 Discussion

### II. Cross-border maintenance

10:15 **Which court is competent in cross-border maintenance cases?**  
*Monika Jagielska*

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

Moderator: *Dieter Martiny*

11:30 **Procedural issues**

- legal aid and free legal aid
- *lis pendens*
- limit on proceedings
- provisional measures

*Alegría Borrás*

12:10 **Recovery of maintenance claims**

- recognition and enforcement of decisions
- cooperation between central authorities

*Juliane Hirsch*

12:45 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **Which law applies to maintenance claims?**  
*Ian Curry-Sumner*

14:45 Discussion

15:00 Coffee break

15:15 **Workshop: International recovery of family maintenance claims**  
*Wolfgang Hau*

16:15 **Results of the workshop and discussion**

17:30 End of the first conference day

18:00 Evening programme

19:30 Conference dinner

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## Friday, 30 September 2011

Moderator: *Katharina Boele-Woelki*

### III. Brussels IIbis and preliminary rulings

09:00 **Preliminary rulings in family law cases – an empirical report**  
*Rainer Sickerling*

09:45 **Recent case law of the ECJ on the Brussels IIbis Regulation**  
*Peter McElevy*

10:30 Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

### IV. Property rights of EU couples

11:15 **The Commission proposals on matrimonial property rights & property consequences of registered partnerships**  
*Salla Saastamoinen*

12:00 **Panel discussion: Property rights of international couples – which changes are to be expected?**

Chair: *Katharina Boele-Woelki*

- *Patrick Wautelet*
- *Peter McElevy*
- *Salla Saastamoinen*

13:00 Lunch and end of the conference