



EUROPEAN CIVIL PROCEDURE SEMINAR

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European civil procedure has emerged as an independent and dynamic field of policy making, research and teaching. Influenced by human rights law, EU consumer law, and resulting from the extended EU competence in judicial cooperation since the Treaty of Amsterdam, national procedural systems have been increasingly Europeanised.

The [European Civil Procedure Handbook](https://www.degruyterbrill.com/document/doi/10.1515/9783110781632/html), published in 2026 by de Gruyter (<https://www.degruyterbrill.com/document/doi/10.1515/9783110781632/html>), offers a comprehensive overview of the main developments shaping civil justice in Europe. It analyses the harmonization of cross-border litigation through EU regulations on jurisdictions, recognition and enforcement, service of documents, and taking of evidence, as well as the creation of European procedures such as the Order for Payment, Small Claims Procedure, and Account Preservation Order. The book also explores collective redress, ADR and ODR, specialized courts, legal aid, costs and funding, and soft-law harmonization. It concludes with perspectives on EU enlargement, non-European jurisdictions, and the broader challenges facing civil justice today.

Following the publication of this book, the [European Civil Justice Centre](#) is organizing a [seminar](#) on European Civil Procedure. The two-day event will bring together a number of the book's authors to reflect on and discuss various topics within the field of European civil procedure.

Thursday 25 June 2026

- 12.45 Welcome (Xandra Kramer, Stefaan Voet, Adriani Dori)
- 13.00 Innovations in EU Civil Procedure: Novel Concepts, Regulatory Mechanisms and Technology (Anna Nylund, Bergen University) [online]
- 13.40 Mariana after Magnitsky: How Global Sanctions and Litigation Funding Politicize Private International Law (Eduardo Silva de Freitas, Asser Institute/Erasmus University Rotterdam)
- 14.20 Three to Tango: Lawyers Ethics in Collective Litigation with Third Party Funding (Jos Hoevenaars, Erasmus University Rotterdam)
- 15.00 Coffee break
- 15.30 “No Mini-Trials at the Jurisdictional Stage”: Brussels Ia and Engagement with the Merits (Geert Van Calster, KU Leuven)
- 16.10 CJEU Case Law on Delineating the Scope of Application Between the Insolvency and Brussels Ibis Regulations: Challenges of Uniform Interpretation (Vesna Lazic, Asser Institute/Utrecht University)
- 17.00 Taking of Evidence: Cross-Border Aspects and EU Influence (Wannes Vandebussche, Ghent University, and Jachin Van Doninck, VUB/Arcas law)
- 17.40 End of day one

Friday 26 June 2026

- 9.00 Simplicity is the Ultimate Sophistication (Willem Visser, Netherlands Commercial Court)
- 9.40 Judicial Cooperation in Civil Enforcement (Patrick Gielen)
- 10.20 The Revision of the ADR Directive 2013/11 and the Amendments in the ADR Directive 2025/2647: The use of Evidence (Emma van Gelder, Utrecht University)
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.20 EU law and National Civil Procedure: A Slightly Larger Area Than It First Appears (Bart Krans, Leiden University)
- 12.00 Elusive DigitalJustice@2030: Can the Promise Be Fulfilled? (Alan Uzelac, Zagreb University) [online]
- 12.30 Closing (Xandra Kramer, Stefaan Voet, Adriani Dori) and end of day two

Online registration is available via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/onlineeuropean-civil-procedure-seminar-tickets-1991345046640>

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