<u>Invitation to participate in a survey on the application of Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012</u> on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial <u>matters</u>

On behalf of the European Commission (DG JUST), Milieu Consulting, a Brussels-based legal and policy consultancy, is conducting a study on the application of Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (Brussels Ia Regulation).

The aim of the study is to provide solid evidence and analysis of legal and practical issues to assist the European Commission in preparing a report on the application of the Brussels Ia Regulation. To this end, the study will analyse the **application of the Brussels Ia Regulation in the Member States** and identify the **main legal difficulties and practical challenges** encountered in practice.

As part of this study, Milieu Consulting is conducting a stakeholder consultation, which includes a **series of targeted surveys with key stakeholder individuals and organisations** involved in or confronted with the application of the Brussels Ia Regulation.

In particular, Milieu has developed a technical survey that targets **legal practitioners** (i.e., judges; lawyers; notaries; bailiffs), **academia** (i.e., scholars in private international law and relevant sectors, such as consumer protection or business and human rights), and **national authorities** (i.e., ministries of justice, ministries in charge with consumer protection, ministries of economy) in each Member State.

If you fall into one of the above categories, we would like to invite you to participate to the survey via this link <u>https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/BrusselsIatechnicalsurvey</u>

If you are an umbrella organisation, we would also appreciate if you could share the link to the survey with the members of your organisation.

The survey questionnaire covers a variety of topics related to specific concepts and rules in the Regulation or its application in various contexts (e.g., consumer protection, insurance matters, digitalisation of the economy, business and human rights, SLAPPs). It is likely that survey respondents might not be able to respond to all questions, as some questions target stakeholders in specific sectors. Please keep in mind that respondents to the survey can select the option 'do not know' for the majority of questions.

The survey is in English but replies in any other EU language are welcome.

We would be grateful if you could complete the survey and, where relevant, share this link with your organisation's members and invite them to complete the survey by <u>22 May 2022</u>.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact us at BrusselsIa@milieu.be

We thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

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