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Unit A.1 : Civil justice

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Subject: Stakeholder consultation concerning the ‘Study to support a report from the Commission to the European Parliament, Council and the European Economic and Social Committee on the application of Regulation (EU) No 4/2009 on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and cooperation in matters relating to maintenance obligations’

Invitation to contribute to the study conducted by VVA and Optimity Advisors

Dear Sir, Madam,

The European Commission – Directorate for Justice and Consumers – has entrusted VVA and Optimity Advisors with carrying out a ‘Study to support a report from the Commission to the European Parliament, Council and the European Economic and Social Committee on the application of Regulation (EU) No 4/2009 on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and cooperation in matters relating to maintenance obligations’.

The objective of the study is to collect information and evidence as to the actual implementation and practical application of the Maintenance Regulation in the EU Member States. The study will identify challenges or questions that have arisen and good practices regarding the practical operation of the Maintenance Regulation. Finally, the study will provide an analysis of the application of the Maintenance Regulation, including its interaction with other relevant legal instruments.

In order to obtain a comprehensive understanding of the application of the Regulation in the EU, the research phase will include interviews with key stakeholders at the national and European level. Your organisation has been identified as one of the key stakeholders whose voice we would like to hear. Given the importance of the study I would kindly ask you to offer VVA the necessary assistance in collecting the required information on behalf of the European Commission.

For additional information about the contract and its main objectives, please contact Hrvoje Grubisic at Hrvoje.grubisic@ec.europa.eu. For specific questions about the study, please contact the project team leader, Svetlana Atanasova, at s.atanasova@vva.it.

Yours sincerely,



Andreas Stein
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