



**EUROPEAN JUDICIAL NETWORK  
IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS**



**64<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE CONTACT POINTS**

**6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AUTHORITIES**

**"MAINTENANCE OBLIGATIONS"**

(COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) NO 4/2009 OF 18 DECEMBER 2008)

*Venue:  
Intercontinental Hotel  
Malta*

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**Wednesday, 19 April 2017**

**iSupport Workshop**

<b>14:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>14:30</b>	<b>Welcome and practical information on the meeting</b>
<b>14:35</b>	<b>Workshop</b>
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<b>16:00</b>	<i>Coffee break</i>
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<b>16:30</b>	<b>Workshop (continued)</b>
<b>17:30</b>	<b>End of workshop</b>

**Thursday, 20 April 2017**

**Bilateral meetings "maintenance obligations"**

*Hotel Intercontinental*

*Meeting rooms Palm Suite 1, Palm Suite 2, Mercury, Odyssey, Apollo*

**08:30**            **Registration and welcome coffee**

**9:30**             **Start of bilateral meetings**

**10:30 - 11:00** **Coffee available**

**12:30**           **End of bilateral meetings**

**Registration continued**

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**12.45**           *Lunch*

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**Plenary EJM meeting**

*Hotel Intercontinental*

*Meeting room Cettina De Cesare*

**14:00**           **Welcome by the Commission**

**14:15**           **Opening remarks by Mr Owen Bonnici, Minister for Justice, Culture and Local Government and Ms Salla Saastamoinen, Director Civil and commercial justice, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission**

**14:30**           **Presentation of the Maltese national maintenance framework**

*(Dr John Axiak, Legal Officer, Department for Social Welfare Standards  
(Malta Central Authority))*

- 15.00**            **Discussion on the operation of the Regulation on Maintenance obligations, including discussions on:**
- **the scope of the Regulation and relationship with the 2007 Hague Convention;**
  - **practical enforcement;**
  - **the role of administrative authorities in maintenance procedures;**
- 17.30**            **End of the meeting day**
- 18.30**            **Cultural Tour (Valletta) – pick-up by bus at the hotel**
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- 20:00**            *Dinner at Gululu Restaurant, St Julian's*
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**Friday, 21 April 2017**

**Plenary EJM meeting (continued)**

- 9:30**            **European e-Justice Portal**
- *migration of the EJM legal aid factsheets*
  - *new competence to be made available concerning judicial officers, officials or other competent persons for serving documents*
- 9:45**            **Rome III**
- Introduction (Commission)**
- 10:00**            **Presentation by Judge Abigail Lofaro, Family Court Judge, Ad Hoc Judge to the European Court of Human Rights**
- 10:20**            **Discussion on the operation of the Rome III Regulation**
- **Recognition under Member State law of a divorce pronounced in a non-participating Member State or a non-EU country**

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**11:00**      Coffee break

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**11:30**      **Discussion on the operation of the Rome III Regulation (continued)**

- **Scope of the Rome III Regulation: also private divorce (without the intervention of an authority)?**
- **Scope of the Brussels IIa Regulation and of the Rome III Regulation**

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**13:00**      *Lunch*

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**14:30**      **Family mediation**

- **Introduction and state of play (Commission)**
- **Presentation of the developments in Malta**  
*(Judge Robert G. Mangion, Family Court Judge, Hague Network Judge)*
- **Member State good practices**
  - **Italy**  
*(Mr Giuseppe Buffone, judge of the Court of Milan)*
  - **Romania**  
*(Mr. Cristian Pup, judge of the Appeal Court Timisoara)*
- **Future initiatives by the EJM (discussion)**

**16:55**      **AOB**

**17:00**      **End of the meeting**