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Unit E2 : Civil Justice

PROGRAMME

Public Hearing on Improving the Enforcement of Judgments and facilitating cross-border debt recovery

1 June 2010, 9h – 13h

**Centre Albert Borchette (CCAB), Rue Froissart 36, Brussels
Room : AB-0A**

The purpose of the hearing is to offer an opportunity to discuss the need to improve the enforcement of judgments relating to cross-border debt recovery through a specific instrument and policy options in this respect.

Existing situation and problem definition

08.30-09.00 Registration - Coffee

09.00–09.10 Welcome, overview of agenda and purpose of the hearing (Ms Salla Saastamoinen, Head of Unit Civil Justice, DG Justice, Freedom and Security)

09.15–09.30 Key note speech (Mr. Martin Selmayr, Head of Cabinet of Vice President Reding)

09.30-10.00 Discussion on the problem definition and presentation of policy options (led by the Centre for Strategy & Evaluation Services)

Discussions on main policy options

10.00-10.30 Session 1 – Case for the status quo
(speaker: Ms. Mirjam Meijsen, University of Utrecht)

10.30-11.00: Session 2 – Case for "Brussels I option"
(speaker: Prof. Dr. Burkhard Hess, University of Heidelberg)

11.00-11.45 Session 3 - Case for a European bank attachments order
(speakers: Mr. Leo Netten, President of the International Association of Judicial Officers; Mr Sébastien de Brouwer, European Banking Federation)

11.45-12.30 General discussion

Resume and next steps

12.30-13.00 Resume and next steps, including impact assessment (Ms Salla Saastamoinen, Head of Unit Civil Justice, DG Justice, Freedom and Security)

13.00 Closing