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