



## ONLINE MEETING

# International Maintenance Recovery by Public Bodies

May 15th, 2024

Due to the proliferation of state support systems in case of default of child maintenance payments and the increase in international mobility of families, the need for cross-border enforcement of maintenance by public authorities is growing. A tension arises between the need for more immediate support for children, for an effective reimbursement of maintenance allowance from debtors and debtor protection, especially when it is no longer the child alone but an authority that asserts maintenance payments. The conference concludes a series of three seminars on the topic of maintenance recovery by public bodies and is intended to provide insight into its socio-political and legal aspects as well as a unique opportunity for an exchange with experts from different fields.

## Information

<b>Host</b>	German Institute for Youth Services and Family Law (DIJuF)
<b>Date</b>	May 15th, 2024 from 3 to 6.20 pm (CEST)
<b>Price</b>	Free
<b>Technique</b>	Please make sure you have a stable internet connection and an audio source, for example a headset.
<b>Registration</b>	With registering you are confirming Zooms <a href="#">privacy policy</a> . Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.
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# Program

Wednesday, May 15th

2.30 pm Opportunity to join the Zoom-Meeting

2.50 pm Technical Instruction

3.00 pm **Address of welcome**

*Katharina Lohse, German Institute for Youth Services and Family Law (DIJuF)*

3.10 pm **Maintenance support in the international context**

- Tensions between public maintenance support, refinancing needs and debtor protection

*Isabelle Jäger-Maillet, DIJuF (Heidelberg, Germany)*

3.30 pm **Maintenance support payments from the sociopolitical perspective**

- Maintenance support payments: An effective tool in the fight against child poverty in Belgium?

*Jozef Pacolet, Catholic University of Leuven*

- The maintenance collection agencies, instruments of a policy to support single parent families

*Catherine Collombet, French Caisse Nationale d'Allocations Familiales*

- Discussion

4.30 pm Break

4.50 pm **How to get the money back? Challenges of the maintenance recovery by public bodies**

- The uncomfortable position of public bodies in the international legal framework

*Robert Fucik, Federal Ministry of Justice, Austria*

- Recognition and enforcement of Child Maintenance decisions made by the Child Maintenance Service in England and Wales

*Lorraine Alexander, Department for Work and Pensions, UK*

*Neil Mc Fadden, Senior Team Leader (REMO), UK*

- Recovery of Public Body applications received by REMO

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- Maintenance recovery by public bodies: Room for improvement?

*Philippe Lortie, HCCH*

- Discussion

6.20 pm **End of the conference**