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ONLINE MEETING

“International Maintenance Recovery by Public Bodies”

The Child Support Forum is pleased to invite every interested stakeholder to an open conference on:

May 15th, 2024

from 2 to 5.20 pm (CEST)

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.

Program

- 2.00 pm Address of welcome
Katharina Lohse, Director of the German Institute for Youth Services and Family Law (DIJuF)
- 2.10 pm **Maintenance support in the international context**
Tensions between public maintenance support, refinancing needs and debtor protection
Isabelle Jäger-Maillet, LL.M., International Coordinator (DIJuF)
- 2.30 pm **Maintenance support payments from the socio-political perspective**
Maintenance support payments: An effective tool in the fight against child poverty?
Frederik Swennen, University of Antwerp

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

Catherine Collombet, Sub-Director of the French Caisse Nationale d'Allocations Familiales

Discussion

3.30

Break

3.50 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, Legal Expert for international cooperation in Civil Law of the Federal Ministry of Justice, Austria

Recovery of maintenance by public bodies in common law states

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

Representative of the department for work and pensions, UK

Maintenance recovery by public bodies : Room for improvement?

Philippe Lortie, First secretary of the HCCH

Discussion

5.20

End of the conference