Symposium: "The European Arrest Warrant and in Absentia Convictions"

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Draft programme

Time	Event
Thursday, 24	
As of 12:00	Arrival and registration
13:30	Start
15.50	Welcome
	Hosts:
	- Prof. Jan Smits, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Maastricht University
14.00	- Christa Wiertz-Wezenbeek, President of the Amsterdam District Court
14:00	The research project InAbsentiEAW: Goals, methodology, outcomes
	30min input/15min Q&A
	Chair: Judge Hans Kijlstra, Amsterdam District Court
	Speakers:
	- Prof. André Klip (Professor of Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and the
	Transnational Aspects of Criminal Law, Maastricht University)
	- Prof. Vincent Glerum (Professor of International and European Criminal Law,
	University of Groningen, and Legal Advisor to the Extradition Chamber of the
	District Court of Amsterdam)
14:45	Paving the way for better mutual recognition: The EU's perspective on the
	InAbsentiEAW recommendations
	30min input/15min Q&A
	Chair: Judge Hans Kijlstra, Amsterdam District Court
	Speaker: Gerard Hogan, Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European
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15:30	Coffee break
16:00	Effective in absentia EAWs: Necessities from a national perspective
	10min input per speaker/60min common Q&A
	Chair: Christina Peristeridou, Assistant professor, Maastricht University
	Speakers:
	- Justice John Edwards (Judge of the Court of Appeal of Ireland and Adjunct
	Professor of Law at the University of Limerick, Ireland)
	- Dr. Szabolcs Hornyák (Judge at the National Office of the Judiciary, Hungary)
	- Jan Van Gaever (Advocate General at the Court of Appeal of Brussels,
	Belgium)
	- Prof. Vincent Glerum (legal advisor and professor, The Netherlands)
	- Dr. Mariana Radu (Eurojust and Ministry of Justice, Romania)
	- Prof. Małgorzata Wąsek-Wiaderek (Judge at the Supreme Court of Poland
	and Professor of Criminal Procedure at Catholic University of Lublin, Poland)
18:00	End of the working day
19:00	Dinner
Friday, 25 October	
08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00	Challenges and solutions for in absentia EAWs
	15min input/15min Q&A per speaker
	Chair: Prof. André Klip

	1. Summons, trial, absence – Autonomous EU law concepts?
	Speaker: Prof. Ester Herlin-Karnell, Professor of EU Constitutional Law and Justice
	and visiting researcher at Uppsala University, Sweden
	2. The rights of the defendant in in absentia EAWs – How to reconcile Art. 4a
	with Directive 2016/343/EU?
	Speaker: Vânia Costa Ramos, defence counsel Portugal
	3. The virtual courtroom – the step forward to prevent in absentia?
	Speaker: Prof. Yvonne M. Dutton, Associate professor at Indiana University Robert
	H. McKinney Law School
10:30	Coffee break
11:00	After InAbsentiEAW – Reflections from the stakeholders' perspectives on the way
	forward
	15min input/15min Q&A per speaker
	Chair: Christina Peristeridou, Assistant professor, Maastricht University
	Speakers (InAbsentiEAW Sounding Board members):
	- Per Hedvall (Swedish Prosecution Authority)
	- Joana Ferreira (Public Prosecutor, Portugal) (tbc)
	- Atanas Atanasov (judge at Sofia Appellate Court, Bulgaria)
	- Dr. Salvatore Tesoriero (defence counsel, Italy)
	- Patrice Amar (prosecutor, France) (tbc)
12:45	Wrap-up and Thank you
	Host: Prof. André Klip
13:00	Lunch
15:00	End of the symposium



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