



Committee on Legal Affairs
The Chairman

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For the attention of the Committee Chair responsible in the national Parliament

Dear Colleague,

As in 2011 and 2013 the Committee on Legal affairs will hold a Workshop together with the participation of National Parliaments. In 2015, Private International Law will be in the focus. "What is in it for Europe's citizens?" shall be the title of this event seeking to bring together Members of your and other 27 National Parliaments in the EU with Members of the European Parliament.

Private International Law aims to deal with the cross-border aspects of all questions related to relationships between private persons. Legislation in that complex field covers areas of the classical civil law, so varied as family law and sales law, but also procedural Law. A number of instruments have been adopted at EU level in order to deal with some of the most crucial matters related to Private International Law (namely the Brussels and Rome Regulations).

It is therefore essential that Members of the EP, as well as Members of national parliaments interact when it comes to legislate. This workshop is intended to facilitate the exchange of views on policies in the field of civil justice, on the basis of the contributions of eminent experts, be they academics or practitioners, bringing issues to the fore.

The meeting will take place on **Thursday 26 February 2015, from 09:30 to 18:30**, in the European Parliament's premises in Brussels.

I am thus very pleased to invite to this meeting a representative of the responsible committee of your Parliament (one from each Chamber for bicameral national parliaments). A first outline of the programme is enclosed. Together with the final version and more detailed practical information will be communicated to your Parliament's or Chamber's services for relations with the European Parliament.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept my invitation, and I am already looking forward to welcoming you at the European Parliament.

With my best regards,

Pavel Svoboda