PAX PROJECT

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INVITATION TO THE PAX JUDICIAL TRAINING

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Dear Sir or Madam,

A consortium consisting of six European universities and a research institute is participating in an EU funded research project called *PAX 2.0 – Private International Law in Motion*. Its predecessor, PAX Project was designed with the firm belief that private international law plays an increasingly important role both in the work of legal professionals and in the lives of European citizens. Now, PAX 2.0, building upon the PAX Project, combines several educational and training activities to ensure a better understanding and application of the main EU legal instruments in the area of civil justice. In short, it seeks to ensure that the project consortium further develops and expands students', academics' and trainee judges' knowledge on major recent developments of EU private international law, through moot courts and judicial trainings respectively.

In order to achieve the above-mentioned goals, PAX 2.0 Project consists of two main activities: *PAX Judicial Training* and *PAX Moot Court*. While the latter aims to increase students' awareness of European Private international law, the former focuses **on judges** and **trainee judges** and represents a tool to provide them with continuously updated knowledge on the EU legislative instruments on judicial cooperation in civil matters with cross-border implications. Both activities are also intertwined, as the topics of this year's PAX Moot Court competition also represent the topics of our judicial training.

With this letter, I am pleased to invite you to attend the **PAX Judicial Training**, which will take place **at the Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" on the 22nd and 23rd of March 2023.** The two-day training will consist of short lectures by some of Europe's leading academics in the field and of workshops, where participants will be able to apply their knowledge on the case of PAX Moot. The topics include selected issues regarding the Brussels I bis Regulation and its interplay with the Insolvency Regulation; special jurisdiction and applicable law in matters relating to a contract and tort and the specific issues of taking of evidence in civil and commercial matters. With this invitation, I am also sending you a **detailed programme** of our event in hoping that you will honour us with your attendance.

Participation at the PAX Judicial Training is **free of charge**. The PAX 2.0 Project will be able to **cover the travel expenses** of participants. Furthermore, we will be able to **cover the expenses for accommodation (one night)**. In case you were to accept our invitation, we would be happy to provide you with additional information.

Deadline for the application is **20th of February 2023**. Please, note that the number of participants is limited and earlier applications will be given priority. Applications may be sent to paxmootbg@gmail.com (in the application please indicate the court of your employment and your position). A certificate of participation may only be issued if the entire training has been attended. In case of confirmed registration, we kindly ask you to make sure that you will be able attend the training in full.

In hoping that you will accept our invitation, I remain at your disposal for any additional information.

Yours faithfully,

Boriana Musseva