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1 iCare Newsletter

iCare newsletter was developed to provide outputs for awareness-raising, facilitation of mutual learning and effective dissemination of the project and relevant sector news. Through the promotion on social media and during the events (workshops, webinars and the final conference), the iCare Newsletter reached almost 94 subscribers. The newsletter focused on different types of news, highlighting the iCare project updates (E.g., webinars, reports, videos, the final conference, e-platform, chatbots, iCare methodology) as well other sector news and events on International Child Abduction and Family Law (e.g. Mediation Week, training for mediators, conferences, new publications and podcasts on ICA).

1.1 Target audience

The target audience of the iCare Newsletter are professionals dealing with ICA cases (legal professionals, representatives of national governments, academia, and peer organisations), and the general public interested in the topic

1.2 Statistics

Number of Subscribers: 94 (as of October 2022)

Opening Rate: average 52% in 2022

Click Through rate: average 17 % in 2022

1.3 iCare Newsletter release

July 2021

List of the articles, news, reports, etc.:

- *iCare Blog: Ensuring the Best Interests of the Child in Child Abduction Cases during COVID-19*, <https://project-icare.eu/ica-cases-during-covid-19/> (iCare news)
- *iCare Questionnaire for the Central Authorities and legal practitioners* (iCare News)
- *Remote hearings: their role in extending access to justice*, <https://insidehmcts.blog.gov.uk/2021/06/09/remote-hearings-their-role-in-extending-access-to-justice/> (sector news)
- *Cross Border Family Mediation Training*, <https://kinderontvoering.org/en/> (sector news)

- *INCLUDE Guide to Good Practice*,
<https://missingchildreneurope.eu/download/include-guide-to-good-practice/?wpdmdl=2627&refresh=60d2f85dd40b11624438877>
(recommended reading)
- *The child perspective in the context of the 1980 Hague Convention*,
[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2020/659819/IPOL_IDA\(2020\)659819_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2020/659819/IPOL_IDA(2020)659819_EN.pdf) (recommended reading)

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September 2021

List of the articles, news, reports, etc.:

- *iCare blog: The AMICABLE Project: Tackling the EU Mediation Paradox*,
<https://project-icare.eu/the-amicable-project/> (iCare news)
- *iCare report: Improving the Situation of Children in ICA cases through Judicial Cooperation and Family Mediation*, <https://project-icare.eu/icare-report-on-stakeholder-needs/> (iCare news)
- *Have your say on children's rights online*, <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/consultations/have-your-say-childrens-rights-online> (sector news)
- *Conference: Prevention of disappearance and searching for missing children and teenagers*, <http://www.itaka.org.pl/> (sector news)
- *MiKK Training for New Cross-Border Family Mediators*,
<https://www.mikk-ev.de/events/event/cross-border-family-mediation-cbfm-training-in-english/> (sector news)
- *MiKK Ongoing Training: Mediation Workshops and Supervision*,
https://www.mikk-ev.de/s-content/uploads/2021/06/Programme_Ongoing_2021_FINAL.pdf
(sector news)
- *Missing Children Europe Figures and Trends report*,
<https://missingchildreneurope.eu/?wpdmdl=2558> (recommendation reading)
- *New study on the protection of the best Interests of the child in situations of parental separation*,
<https://missingchildreneurope.eu/download/feasibility-study-best-interests-of-the-child/?wpdmdl=2675&refresh=60fd7b6a3f0441627224938>
(recommendation reading)

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December 2021

List of the articles, news, reports, etc.:

- *iCare E-platform has been launched*, <https://project-icare.eu/eplatform/> (iCare news)
- *iCare blog: Mediation Week 2021: Benefits of mediation as an alternative to court proceedings in family conflicts*, <https://project-icare.eu/mediation-week-2021/> (iCare News)
- *iCare blog: Overlooking children in International Child Abduction Cases (ICA) leads to feelings of helplessness and anxiety*, <https://project-icare.eu/overlooking-children-ica-cases/> (iCare News)
- *Cross-Border Family Mediation (CBFM) training for new mediators*, (Sector News)
- *Poland opens its first Support and Mediation Centre for families at risk of parental abductions*, <http://www.itaka.org.pl/archiwum-aktualnosci/centrum-wsparcia-i-mediacji-dla-rodzin-zagrozonych-sytuacja-porwania-rodzicielskiego/> (Sector news)
- *France issues arrest warrant for Japanese woman over kidnap of children*, <https://www.euronews.com/2021/11/30/france-issues-arrest-warrant-for-japanese-woman-over-kidnap-of-children> (recommended reading)
- *Parental Abduction of Children in China for Custody*, <https://www.euronews.com/2021/11/30/france-issues-arrest-warrant-for-japanese-woman-over-kidnap-of-children> (recommended reading)

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April 2022

List of the articles, news, reports, etc.:

- *iCare launched the Chatbot for parents*, <https://project-icare.eu/> (iCare News)
- *iCare webinars on International Child Abduction - 6, 9 & 10 May 2022*, <https://www.mikk-ev.de/icare-webinars-06-09-10-may/> (iCare News)
- *iCare blog: The interaction between human rights instruments and the 1980 Hague Convention on what regards the right of children to be*

- heard, <https://project-icare.eu/blog-the-right-of-children-to-be-heard/> (iCare news)
- *iCare blog: The interplay between international child abduction cases and international refugee law*, <https://project-icare.eu/interplay-between-child-abduction-and-refugee-law/> (iCare News)
 - *Report on Carrying out International Child Abduction cases and using International Family Mediation as a method of resolving conflicts*, <https://project-icare.eu/icare-report-carrying-out-international-child-abduction-cases-and-using-international-family-mediation-as-a-method-of-resolving-conflicts/> (iCare news)
 - *The Academy of Professional Family Mediators (APFM) Webinar Series: Family Mediation and Autism Spectrum Disorder*, <https://apfmnet.org/family-mediation-and-autism-spectrum-disorder/> (sector news)
 - *Podcast: Attorney-Mediators Discussing Things Judges Consider in Child Possession Cases*, <https://instantmediations.com/attorney-mediators-discussing-things-judges-consider-in-child-possession-cases/> (sector news)
 - *MiKK Ongoing Training & Supervision, 14-16 October 2022 (Berlin)*, <https://www.mikk-ev.de/ongoing-training-berlin/> (sector news)
 - *MiKK Fortbildung zur grenzüberschreitenden Familienmediation*, <https://www.mikk-ev.de/en/news/registration-for-training/cbfm-deutsch/> (sector news)

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July 2022

Mailing promoting the iCare Final Conference: [click here](#)

July 2022

Online Invite to the iCare Final Conference: [click here](#)

September 2022

List of the articles, news, reports, etc.:

- *Care Conference: Judicial Cooperation and Family Mediation in International Child Abductions*, <https://project-icare.eu/icare-final-conference/> (iCare News)
- *Join the conversation on the iCare E-platform for professionals working on ICA*, <https://project-icare.eu/eplatform/> (iCare News)
- *Recommendation List Analysis report*, <https://project-icare.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/D2.3-Recommendation-List-Analysis-report.pdf> (iCare news)
- *New EU rules to protect children better in cross-border custody cases*, https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/MEX_22_4802 (sector news)
- *What's new in EU family law? High-level conference on Brussels IIb Regulation, 8 September 2022*, <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/at-your-service/files/be-heard/coordinator-on-childrens-rights/latest-information/en-draft-programme-hlc-on-eu-family-law.pdf> (sector news)
- *MiKK's Ongoing Training in Berlin, 13th – 16th October 2022*, https://www.mikk-ev.de/s-content/uploads/2022/05/Programme_OngoingTraining_2022.pdf (sector news)
- *New report on the rights of cohabiting Partners in the UK*, <https://committees.parliament.uk/work/1196/the-rights-of-cohabiting-partners/news/172666/myth-of-common-law-marriage-leaves-disadvantaged-groups-disproportionately-at-risk/> (recommended reading)
- *Missing Children Europe releases a new Figures and Trends report on missing children*, <https://missingchildreneurope.eu/download/figures-and-trends-2021/?wpdmdl=3778&refresh=6298746ff01711654158447> (recommended reading)
- *Mediators mediating themselves': tensions within the family mediator profession*, <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/legal-studies/article/mediators-mediating-themselves-tensions-within-the-family-mediator-profession/65B53A9BEF36D36D30E6CC6E3120D78E> (recommended reading)

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2 Examples of the iCare Newsletter content



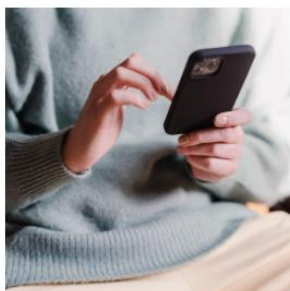
Join the iCare Final Conference: Judicial Cooperation and Family Mediation in International Child Abductions



In cases of International Child Abduction (ICA), children face several challenges: conflict, separation, exclusion from major decisions, confrontation with the justice system, and integration into new environments. It is crucial for parents, professionals and authorities to take the best interest of the child as a priority throughout all stages of an abduction process to minimize harm and maximise the well-being of abducted children.

[The iCare Conference:](#) Judicial Cooperation and Family Mediation in International Child Abductions will present the results of the project, including methodology, recommendations, tools and activities conducted over the past two years to improve the situation of children in ICA cases. The iCare consortium will discuss the project objectives and show the iCare online tools - chatbots for parents and children that aim

ICARE NEWS



iCare launched the Chatbot for parents. The AI-based iCare Chatbot aims to provide parents with information and guidelines on what actions they need to take while facing ICA. This online tool is available on the iCare website and covers 19 different topics related to child abduction, including procedures, court proceedings, applications for the return of the child and family mediation.

[Check it out!](#)



iCare webinars on International Child Abduction - 6, 9 & 10 May 2022

Our German partner, MiKK is organising a series of free webinars on topics surrounding Child Abduction. The first webinar will cover the issue of The Hague Child Abduction Convention and the Return Mechanism under the Brussels IIa- and Brussels IIb-Regulations. The second webinar will focus on the voice of the child practice in ICA cases. The third webinar will highlight the framework, best practices and practical experiences in family mediation.

[Read more](#)

ICARE NEWS



iCare Conference: Judicial Cooperation and Family Mediation in International Child Abductions

On 29 September, join the Conference where the iCare consortium will present the results of the project, including methodology, recommendations and tools developed over the past two years to improve the situation of children in International Child Abduction (ICA) cases. In addition, external experts will share their expertise on international standards and European frameworks related to ICA and international family mediation.

[Register now](#)



Join the conversation on the iCare E-platform for professionals working on ICA

iCare E-Platform aims to support cooperation between Central Authorities and professionals, including legal practitioners and family mediators, by providing the means to allow seamless information exchange in handling cases of international child abduction. The Forum covers the topics of Children's Rights and Best Interests in ICA cases, International Child Abduction, and International Family Mediation.

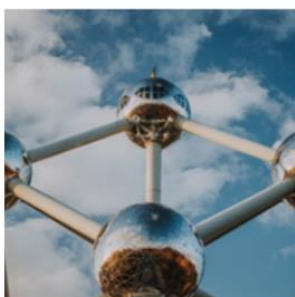
SECTOR NEWS



New EU rules to protect children better in cross-border custody cases

On 1 August 2022, the new EU rules on cooperation between judicial authorities on cross-border disputes, such as custody, parental rights and child abduction ("Brussels IIb Regulation") came into force. The Regulation updates the existing rules on jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of decisions in matrimonial and parental responsibility matters to better protect the needs of the child.

[Read more](#)



What's new in EU family law? High-level conference on Brussels IIb Regulation, 8 September 2022

This conference aims to draw attention to the novelties and important changes introduced by the Brussels IIb Regulation and to provide a forum for an exchange of views with legal practitioners on cross-border family disputes involving children in the European Union. It will also provide an opportunity to hear from experts in EU family law on the key changes to the

RECOMMENDED READING



INCLUDE Guide to Good Practice

This report presents the results of research conducted in partnership with children on what they consider to be 'good practice' for professionals in a context of child abduction. A total of 44 young people, aged 10 to 17 years old, were involved as researchers using mixed methods of drama workshops and focus group discussions. This research provided the basis for a guide for professionals which aims to enhance the wellbeing of children at all stages of an international child abduction.

[Read more](#)



The child perspective in the context of the 1980 Hague Convention

This in-depth analysis examines the way in which subject children feature within Convention proceedings. It considers the aims of the Convention and the lack of supranational control of its application. It draws on empirical research relating to the effects and consequences of child abduction to discuss the opportunities for children and young people to participate within Convention proceedings.