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### 59TH MEETING OF THE CONTACT POINTS

### 10TH MEETING OF THE BRUSSELS IIA CENTRAL AUTHORITIES

(COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) NO 2201/2003)

Meeting venue: **Marine Etablissement Amsterdam (MEA), Kattenburgerstraat 7**

Chair: **Karen Vandekerckhove, Acting Head of Unit, Civil Justice Policy, European Commission**

#### AGENDA

**26 April 2016**

**8.45**

**Registration and coffee**

**9.30**

**1. Welcome and opening of the meeting**

Carsten Herstel LL.M., Sub. Director-General Sanctions and Protection,  
Ministry of Security and Justice of the Netherlands

Karen Vandekerckhove, Acting Head of Unit A.1 (Civil Justice Policy),  
DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission

**10.00**

**2. Information from the Commission**

**10.20**

**3. Institutions assisting Central Authorities in return proceedings  
under the 1980 Hague Convention**

National good practices: Netherlands Centre International Child Abduction

Martine Molendijk LL.M., Legal Advisor at the Centre International Child Abduction

**10.40**

**Discussion**

**11.00 – 11.30**

**Coffee break**

**11.30**

**4. (Inter)national cooperation between Central Authorities and  
local agencies**

National good practices:

Finland and Estonia: Common child protection round table

Haldi Koit, Ministry of Justice, Estonia, Central Authority & EJM Contact Point

(currently National Expert in Professional Training with the European Commission),

Hanna Rantala, Ministry of Justice, Finland, Central Authority & EJM Contact Point

The Netherlands

Arjan van Leur, Policy advisor, Central Authority on International Children's Issues,  
Ministry of Security and Justice

**11.55**

**Discussion**

**12.20**

**4. (Inter)national cooperation between Central Authorities and local agencies (cont'd)**

**5. Uniformity in social reports/applications/information which may be released to other countries**

National good practices:

Ireland: Cooperation protocol between the Central Authority and the Child and Family Agency (TUSLA)

Sandra M. Smith, Head of Unit, and Vincent Casserly, Case Officer, Central Authority, Ministry of Justice and Equality

**12.35**

**Discussion**

**13.00 – 14.30**

**Lunch**

**14.30**

**6. The Office of the Liaison Judge International Child Protection (BLIK) in The Hague**

Organisation, role and practice including practice with regard to hearing children under EU family law instruments

Annette Olland, Senior Judge, Family Law and International Child Protection Division of the District Court of The Hague

**14.45**

**Discussion**

**15.00**

**7. Integration of mediation into return proceedings under the 1980 Hague Convention in the Member States**

National good practices: Hungary

Dr. Mária Kurucz, Advisor on public administration, Ministry of Justice

**15.15**

**Discussion**

**15.30 – 16.00**

**Coffee break**

**16.00**

**8. The role of Central Authorities regarding children in migration**  
**The experience of the Czech Central Authority**

Markéta Nováková, Deputy Director, Office for International Legal Protection of Children, Czech Republic

**16:15**

**Discussion**

**16.45**

**9. Next meetings**

**10. AOB**

**17.15**

**Closure of the meeting**