



**IAFL INTRODUCTION TO EUROPEAN FAMILY LAW CONFERENCE IN COLLABORATION WITH  
THE LAW SCHOOL OF ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY, THESSALONIKI  
EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**Wednesday 17 April**

13:30-13:45 **Welcome and Introduction to the Education Program**

**Opening remarks:** [Sandra L.A. Verburgt](#), Netherlands, European Chapter President

13:45-14:45 **Session 1:** Presentation of the EJN (European judicial network in civil and commercial matters)  
And The new EU Commission Proposal on protection of adults

**Speaker:** [Marie Vautravers](#), Secretary of the European Judicial Network in Civil and Commercial Matters, DG JUST, European Commission

14:45-15:15 **Coffee Break and Networking**

15:15-16:45 **Presentation of Greece's new legislation on same-sex marriage and recognition of decisions establishing a parent-child relationship in same-sex couples**

**Speakers:**

1. [Konstantinos Rokas](#), Greece
2. Professor Lina Papadopoulou
3. Hugues Gaston, France
4. [Marzia Ghigliazza](#), Italy

16:45 – 17:00 **Closing remarks: First Conference Day -** [Rachael Kelsey](#), IAFL President

18:45-20:00 **Welcome Drinks Reception at Mpakal Restaurant**

20:00-22:30 **Dinner at Mpakal Restaurant**

## Thursday 18 April

09:00-10:00 **Session 1: update on ECHR case law on adoption, separation and placement**

Speakers:

1. Gregory Thuan dit Dieudonné, France
2. [Mert Yalcin](#), Turkey
3. Karina Lõhmus-Ein, Estonia

10:00-10:30 Subpoena and service of decisions

Speakers:

1. Apostolos Anthimos, Greece
2. [Andreas Hanke](#), Germany

10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break and Networking**

11:00-12:15 **Session 2: Pre and post-nuptial agreements**

Speakers:

1. [Eniko Fulop](#), Romania
2. [Johan Sarvik](#), Sweden
3. Aleksandar Pavleski, Serbia
4. Alexander Breedon, UK

12:15-13:30 **Light Lunch**

13:30-14:45 **Session 3: Crossborder families in times of trouble (war, refugee issue etc)**

Speakers:

1. [Ed Freeman](#), Israel
2. Dimitrios Kourtis, Greece
3. [Oksana Voinarovska](#), Ukraine
4. [Brikena Kasmi](#), Albania

14:45-15:15 **Coffee Break and Networking**

15:15-15:45 **Session 4: Presentation of IAFL European Chapter Young Lawyers' Award**

15:45-16:00 **Closing Remarks** - [Sandra L.A. Verburgt](#), Netherlands, European Chapter President