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Project Details

Project Title	Diversity of Enforcement titles in cross-border debt collection in the EU
Acronym	EU-En4s
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Project Objectives, Description and Impact (300 words max)

Among the primary objectives of the project is the contribution to comparative research regarding both the dogmatic and empirical concepts of judgments, court settlements and authentic instruments in order to facilitate better understanding of the Member State rules concerning their legal effects (e.g. res judicata), particularly when multiple Member States are involved, thus raising cross-border considerations, especially in light of the Brussels I Recast regime for recognition and enforcement. Other objectives include the clarification of difficult notions, such as cause of action, irreconcilability of judgments and related actions; advanced study on the role of authentic instruments, focusing primarily on enforceable notary acts; drafting a helpful manual for enforcement authorities by providing a concise overview of sample foreign enforcement titles and proceedings; and ideas for helping to diminish, if not eliminate, terminological obstacles. Finally, the project aims to introduce a

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prototype IT-tool (aptly named “Enforcement Oracle”), where practitioners would, on an interactive basis, quickly acquire knowledge on foreign enforcement titles.

The project will produce long-lasting effects, namely, it will contribute to reducing of some crucial uncertainties in EU enforcement procedures and will thus contribute to greater effectiveness across EU (and Albania). The newly developed European Oracle will represent a one-entrance point for gaining clear and useful information from different MS (and Albania) for all agents engaging in cross-border enforcement procedures. The project partners will invest efforts that the IT tool is incorporated in one of the relevant already existing legal platforms. The same cause will contribute to improved cross-border justice effectiveness and mutual trust among Member states in cross-border proceedings and collaboration among legal practitioners from different Member states will be increased.



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