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Unit A.1 : Civil justice policy

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Subject: Study on the service of documents – Comparative legal analysis of the Member States' relevant provisions and practices and minimum standards

Dear Sir/Madam,

The creation of a genuine area of justice in the European Union seeks to improve legal certainty for citizens and businesses involved in cross-border litigation, among others by reinforcing mutual trust between the courts and authorities of European Union Member States. In this context the Commission is in the process of evaluating the application of the Regulation (EC) No 1393/2007 on service of documents. As part of this evaluation, the Commission presented its report on the practical application of the Regulation on 4 December 2013, in which it concluded that existing disparities between the national regimes on service of documents might constitute an obstacle to the realization of the said objectives.

Against this backdrop, the European Commission is carrying out a study aiming at a comparative legal analysis of the Member States' relevant provisions and practices with regard to service of documents.

This study is being carried out by an external consortium comprising DMI, the University of Firenze and Uppsala University.

Given the importance that the Commission attaches to this evaluation, I would be grateful if you could cooperate with the consortium staff and provide them with the information they may require either orally or in writing. The terms of the contract with the Commission require the consortium to treat this information as confidential.

Please do not hesitate to contact Pal Sziranyi (Pal-Lajos.SZIRANYI@ec.europa.eu), contact point for the European Commission, or Anne Spanheim (aspanheim@dmiasociates.com) contact point for DMI, should you have any questions.

We would like to take this opportunity to offer you our sincere gratitude for assisting us with your valuable input.

Yours faithfully,


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