

The project

In the light of recent and upcoming reforms of the Greek Code of Civil Procedure and the implementation of the Mediation Directive (2008/52/EC) into Greek Law, the European Commission and the Academy of European Law (ERA) organise a series of events on mediation and alternative dispute resolution in Greece in 2012-2013.

A publicity campaign raising awareness of the series of activities is the starting point of this project. The kick-off conference in Athens will form the basis for a discussion forum with a European dimension. Three interactive and practice-oriented workshops on mediation in Thessaloniki, Patras and Heraklion will allow reaching the legal public from different parts of Greece.

Objective

This conference will highlight the importance of mediation as an alternative dispute resolution method and the opportunities offered by mediation for the Greek legal and general public. The contribution of international and Greek experts with various professional backgrounds will ensure the exchange of experiences and a better understanding of mediation.

Key topics

- Presentation of the legal framework of mediation in Greece and the EU
- Different types of mediation
- Role and skills of a mediator
- Mediation in practice: examples and best practice from Greece and the EU
- Litigation v. mediation

Welcome/ Chairing

Nikolaos Kanellopoulos, Secretary General of the Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights

Styliani Kalogeraki-Archontaki, President, Notary Association of the Court of Appeal Crete

Nikolaos Lamprinos, President, Bar Association of Heraklion

Nikolaos Valergakis, President, Bar Association of Thessaloniki

Konstantinos Vlachakis, President of the Hellenic Notary Association

Speakers

Prof Vasileios Christianos, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Director of the Centre of International and European Economic Law

Aristotelis Gavriiladis, DG Justice, European Commission, Brussels

Dr Zoi Giannopoulou, Lawyer and mediator, Greek Mediation Institute, Thessaloniki

Michel Kallipetis QC, Independent Mediator, Independent Mediators Limited, London

Em. Prof Lampros Kotsiris, Aristoteles University of Thessaloniki, member of the Academy of Athens, President of the Mediators' Accreditation Committee

Dimitra Triantafyllou, Lawyer and mediator, regular member of the Mediators' Accreditation Committee, Thessaloniki



MEDIATION IN GREECE: EU AND NATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND PRACTICE

Heraklion, 5-6 April 2013
Heraklion Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Languages:
Greek, English (with simultaneous interpretation into Greek)

Event number: 113DV04



Friday, 5 April 2013

- 15:30 Arrival and registration
- 16:00 Welcome
*Nikolaos Kanellopoulos, Vasileios Lamprinos
 Styliani Kalogeraki-Archontaki, Aristotelis
 Gavriliadis*
- I. THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF MEDIATION
 Chair: *Konstantinos Vlachakis*
- 16:30 Mediation within the general context of the
 modernisation of the Greek justice system
Aristotelis Gavriliadis
- 17:00 EU and national legal framework of
 mediation
Vasileios Christianos
- 17:30 Introduction of mediation in Greece:
 mediators' training and accreditation
Lambros Kotsiris
- 18:00 Coffee break
- 18:30 Panel discussion:
 - Forms of mediation: judicial mediation,
 private mediation
 - The role of the legal profession in the
 effective function of mediation: lawyers,
 judges, notaries*Nikolaos Kanellopoulos, Lampros Kotsiris,
 Vasileios Christianos, Konstantinos Vlachakis,
 Nikolaos Valergakis, Aristotelis Gavriliadis*
- 20.00 End of the first workshop day and dinner

Saturday, 6 April 2013

- II. MEDIATION IN PRACTICE
- 10:00 Mediation in the EU: a comparative
 approach
Michel Kallipetis
- 10:40 The stages of the mediation process
Zoi Giannopoulou
- 11:20 Coffee break
- 11:50 Mediation advocacy: an alternative to
 litigation
Michel Kallipetis
- 12:30 Skills of the mediator and code of conduct
Dimitra Triantafyllou
- 13:15 Lunch
- III. INTERACTIVE EXERCISE
- 14:30 Mediation role play
(parallel workshops)
 - in the framework of an employment
 dispute
 - in the framework of a dispute on
 successions*Dimitra Triantafyllou, Zoi Giannopoulou*
- 16:30 Coffee break
- 17:00 Analysis of the results of the role play
- 18:00 End of the workshop

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