

The EU Mediation Atlas: Practice and Regulation

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Recent activity within the European Union has brought mediation and the field of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) to the forefront of the civil justice reform agenda. **The EU Mediation Atlas: Practice and Regulation** addresses these developments and provides a highly practical guide to the present status of mediation in the member states of the EU. Focusing on commercial disputes, it specifically deals with court annexed mediation. The Atlas is organised on a country-by-country basis and investigates the legal framework in each jurisdiction and the available mediation schemes and providers, tackling issues such as confidentiality and enforceability, as well as explaining the general rules governing mediation and mediators. It also outlines the approach of the EU thus far in relation to harmonising mediation across the member states.

With **The EU Mediation Atlas** you will benefit from:

- Up-to-date information on key developments in this highly topical area.
- Reliable, authoritative commentary from the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, the leading body in European ADR, and CMS Cameron McKenna.
- A reference source of practical information assembled in one succinct volume.
- A comprehensive summary of mediation in the EU, taking an accessible country-by-country approach and addressing the same issues in each country to allow quick and easy research and comparisons at a practical level.
- Practical information such as details of mediation providers and available mediation schemes in EU countries.

EU countries covered by specific chapters include: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Each chapter provides detailed information on the court structure within the country, definitions, the legal framework, mediation schemes and

providers, the regulation of mediators and other developments. Additional chapters cover:

- Mediation in the New Member States
- Mediation in the European Union
- Appendices:
 - Comparative tables of development of mediation
 - CEDR questionnaire
 - Schedule of mediation providers
 - EU Code of Conduct for Mediators
 - EU Draft Mediation Directive

The EU Mediation Atlas is an essential reference source for all practitioners involved in mediation, alternative dispute resolution and litigation in the UK, Europe and internationally. It will also be of great interest to government agencies and academic institutions and to anyone concerned with the development of effective dispute resolution practice.

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