

The aim of the POAM project is to bring to focus the utility, circulation and implementation of protective measures in 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention return proceedings, and to ultimately ensure adequate protection of mothers who have removed or retained their child/-ren abroad against the background of domestic and family violence.

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The Protection of Abducting Mothers
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between Domestic Violence and
Parental Child Abduction



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Resources & Events

- POAM Best Practice Guide
- POAM Executive Summary
- POAM Training Materials
- National Reports (UK, Croatia, Germany, Italy, Spain, Slovenia and Serbia)
- Project Video
- 2019 Local Workshops - reports available
- Milan 2020 International Experts' Workshop
- München 2021 Project Conference
- IJLPF Journal Article
- Project Book



About POAM

POAM explores the intersection between domestic violence and international parental child abduction within the European Union. In particular, the project focuses on the operation of the Regulation 606/2013 on Mutual Recognition of Protection Measures in Civil Matters and the Directive 2011/99/EU on the European Protection Order in the context of return proceedings involving allegations

of domestic violence under the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and the Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003 of 27 November 2003 Concerning Jurisdiction and the Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Matrimonial Matters and the Matters of Parental Responsibility, repealing Regulation (EC) No 1347/2000 ('Brussels IIa Regulation').

Best Practice Guide

The aim of the Guide is to assist child abduction professionals, including judges, legal practitioners, NGO representatives, Central Authorities and other public authorities involved in child abduction cases where allegations of domestic violence against the left-behind father have been raised by the abducting mother in return proceedings.

The Guide will also contribute towards the awareness and implementation of Regulation 606/2013, the 1996 Hague Convention and complement the HCCH Guide to Good Practice on Article 13(1) b of the 1980 Hague Convention.