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European Succession Law Seminars (ESLS)

INTESTATE SUCCESSION FOR UNMARRIED PARTNERS AS MEMBERS OF A DECEASED'S HOUSEHOLD

After Webinars on intestate rights granted specifically to unmarried partners and on claims against the estate available to unmarried partners, we would like to invite you to a Webinar on intestate rights and claims of unmarried partners as members of a deceased's household in selected European jurisdictions (Albania, Czechia, Ukraine and Norway).

The reasons for the seminar remain the same: changing family patterns in Europe challenge the traditional concept of family. One common trend in European countries is a decline in the number of marriages and a rise in non-marital relationships. However, the law is often remiss to this social phenomenon: unmarried partners are treated as strangers - not spouses - in many areas of law. This is particularly visible in succession law. For the most part, an unmarried partner, despite often fulfilling the role of a married spouse, is deprived of legal protection. In most European countries, without appropriate testamentary dispositions, the surviving partner is left with nothing - even if the deceased had distant relatives only.

In some countries, despite the lack of a legal provision granting intestate rights specifically to unmarried partners or in addition to them, unmarried partners can inherit from each other as members of a common household that lasted until the deceased partner's death. In Europe, this model can be found in Albania, Belarus, Czechia, Norway, Slovakia, the Russian Federation and Ukraine. During our upcoming Webinar, speakers from selected jurisdictions will shed light on intestacy rules of the selected states (legislative provisions - their history and interpretation), relevant case law and current challenges in the application of law.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Attendance is free of charge.

A ZOOM link will be sent to those who register by sending an e-mail to

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Schedule **Tuesday, 18 February 2025**

- 17:00-17:10** **Introduction**
Dorota Miler (University of Gdańsk & University of Augsburg)
- 17:10-17:30** **Intestate rights for unmarried partners as members of a deceased's household in Albania**
Eniana Qarri (University of Tirana)
- 17:30-17:50** **Intestate rights for unmarried partners as members of a deceased's household in Ukraine**
Iryna Dzera & Tetyana Fedosieieva (Kyiv-Mohyla Academy)
- 17:50-18:10** **Intestate rights for unmarried partners as members of a deceased's household in Czechia**
Ondřej Frinta (Charles University)
- 18:10-18:30** **Intestate rights for unmarried partners as members of a deceased's household in Norway**
John Asland (University of Norway)
- 18:30 -19:00** **Discussion and Conclusion**
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