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2nd webinar of the Network of specialised lawyers and NGOs assisting victims of violence against women
- Members only -

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15:00 – 17:00 (CET)

15:00	**Welcome** **Johanna Nelles**, Executive Secretary of the monitoring mechanism of the Istanbul Convention
15:00 - 15:45 ***(45 min)***	**Session I: Overview of the caselaw of the ECtHR on child return cases in domestic violence contexts** **Katerina Simackova**, Judge, President of the Section 5 of the European Court of Human Rights **Q&A - Open floor for questions or comments**
15:45 – 16:30 ***(45 min)***	**Session II: The judicial practice at national level in child return cases with a history of domestic violence: reflections and aspects to consider** **Martina Erb-Klünemann, J**udge, specialised in Hague Convention cases (Germany) **Q&A - Open floor for questions or comments**
16:30 - 17:00 ***(30 min)***	**Session III: A lawyer's perspective: litigating child return cases involving domestic violence before the ECtHR and under the Hague Convention** **Grégory Thuan Dit Dieudonné,** Lawyer, Chair of the Human Rights' Committee of the Union of European Lawyers (UAE), specialised in international human rights law (France) **Q&A - Open floor for questions or comments**
17:00	**Closing remarks**