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Final Conference regarding Small Claims Dispute Resolution (Small Claims Analysis Net 2 project)

22 & 23 February 2024

Brussels
(venue details TBC)

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The **D**igitalisation and **a**CCess to justice (**DIKE**) research group at **Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)** and the entire SCAN2 Consortium cordially invite you to the SCAN2 Final Conference. During this event, we will present the final findings and the results of the SCAN2 project and delve into relevant topics to small claims procedures, consumer online dispute resolution, etc.

This international event specifically aims to bring together international academics, practitioners, doctoral students, and citizens on a global scale creating a supranational forum. Our goal is to facilitate discussions on the latest legal developments pertaining to existing legal remedies for small claims dispute resolution models for consumers within the European Union.

Registration:

Please kindly note that, participation at the Conference is free (no registration fee). However, the participants are expected to register online in advance and cover the costs of their travel and accommodation. Due to limited capacity of Conference room, participants will be admitted on first come (first registered) basis. The successful online registration shall be regarded as confirmation of admission. Online registration will be stopped when the capacity limit is reached.



Looking for more information?

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What is the focus of SCAN2 Project?

The SCAN2 Project is developed upon the results of the SCAN project and aims at better enforcement of the European Small Claims Procedure (ESCP) judgments through creating a Roadmap of the 26 EU Member States' (MSs) enforcement rules on one hand, and simplification and digitalization of the enforcement procedures on the other. Concerning the first objective, the significant weakness in the cross-enforcement of ESCP judgments stems from the current lack of harmonization in enforcement rules among MSs. This lack of uniformity poses challenges for consumers (as end-users) and for legal professionals and bailiffs (as operators), as it hampers their awareness of the existence and practical application of diverse EU enforcement rules. With respect to simplifying and digitalizing the ESCP enforcement procedures – based on a need-based assessment approach and the importance of establishing a fully tech-driven mechanism for promoting citizens' access to justice – the SCAN2 Project develops an IT platform and a Blockchain System to fill the existing gap in the ESCP enforcement across the Union. Embracing a combination of theoretical and practical driven approach, a Consortium of experts in international civil procedural law/private law and information technology will work in close joint-collaboration to: a) pursue clarity in analyzing the existing enforcement rules by creating a Roadmap for these rules; b) establish an IT platform providing effective guidance on the EU enforcement rules concerning the ESCP judgments; and c) develop a Blockchain System for promoting the enforcement procedures. The SCAN2 Project Consortium will significantly contribute to validate the final project outcomes in a comprehensive Roadmap of all 26 MSs, and a Comparative and Analytical Study of Best Practices on the enforcement rules of ESCP judgments. The project will involve over 100 lawyers, 100 bailiffs, 26 consumer associations, 5 policymakers, and 1500 EU consumers across the Union.