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# **“Further procedural, notarial and registration problems of the Succession Regulation”**

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- ❖ **Questionnaire Special Group on Succession EJM** - excessively centred on *ad extra* issues not directly related to the European Certificate on Succession
- ❖ **European Commission conducting revision of the Regulation** – looking forward to listening to ideas and proposals

This presentation addresses issues that could be object of a forthcoming revision of the Regulation, that affect all registers in the EU and that ELRA could endorse as a common position.

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## **2. ISSUES TO BE ADRESSED IN A FORTHCOMING REVISION OF THE SUCCESSION REGULATION**

### **A) Equivalence of authentic instruments (Article 3.1.i) Succession Regulation):**

Drafting of the provision could be improved – the definition given could be more precise and put emphasis on the need of a public document drafted by a notary, in presence of the parties and after checking identity and capacity of the parties.

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### **B. Closing of own-motion proceedings in the event of a choice of law (Article 8 Succession Regulation)**

Paradoxes in its application because of the definition of extrajudicial settlement provided by the Regulation

- It appears to be clear that if this concept is understood as provided by a notarial document that limits itself to attest the agreement it has as a consequence the closure of the judicial proceedings, in particular in those legal systems where judicial liquidation of the inheritance is organised *ex officio*.
- Not clear – judicial competence when the notarial intervention is decisive and remains subject to the competence rules set out by the Regulation
  - Examples of situations where potential clashes with Recital 29 and Article 17 of the Regulation may take place.

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#### C. Renvoi (Recital 70 and Articles 34, 35, 36 of the Regulation)

- Recital 70 – clarification of the nature of the European Succession Regulation (judicial, notarial or *tertium* nature)
- Article 34 - Partial renvoi to the law of the forum by the conflict rules of a third State is an unresolved issue.  
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- Article 35 – in need of a definition for “public order”
- Article 36.1- problems in the ES jurisdiction collision with concept of “*vecindad civil*”



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