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„How to cooperate efficiently: Experience of the Swiss central authority“

Cooperation means: working together. The Swiss central authority for international maintenance matters works together with its foreign counterparts (inter alia):

- by giving them information about the applicable law, the application procedure, and the tasks of the Swiss (maintenance) authorities;
- by providing assistance in view of the recognition and the enforcement of maintenance obligations in Switzerland.

The presentation will focus on these two topics, describe the situation of an “island country” surrounded by States applying the EU maintenance regulation, and address several problems arising in the course of the enforcement procedure in Switzerland.