

The Consumer Voice in Europe

Call for Expression of Interest
Legal study on
private international law and representative actions

The European Consumer Organisation (BEUC) is looking for an academic in private international law (PIL) and consumer protection to undertake a study on private international law applicable to representative actions (under the new EU directive¹) by consumer associations.

The objectives of the study are to analyse the options under the new Directive and to provide recommendations for consumer associations:

- How to best navigate the existing EU PIL rules in order to optimize their use in the context of representative actions.
- How to ensure that mass claims with a cross-border element can remain within the national borders of the claimant organisation(s).

The study is not supposed to show again the existing uncertainties arising from the application of EU PIL rules in the context of cross-border mass claims, but rather examine how the existing provisions can be used for the benefit of consumers and consumer associations. Case studies and practical recommendations will form a big part of the study.

Additional tasks:

Act as advisor to BEUC on the topic in question and the results of the study for 2 years including participating in meetings or events organised by BEUC to present and discuss the study.

Selection criteria:

- Academic with a legal background.
- 10 years of expertise in EU private international law, collective redress and procedural law.
- Sound experience in working with consumer associations.

¹ EU Directive 2020/1828 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2020 on representative actions for the protection of the collective interests of consumers, 4.12.2020 OJ L 409.

- Publications on EU private international law.
- Experience in consumer collective litigation would be an asset.

Research duration: 5 months.

Budget to perform the tasks: An outline of the costs shall be submitted with the proposal giving details of how the costs are to be attributed between the tasks. The contractor will be asked to break down the overall costs of a maximum of 33,000 € (VAT excluded) based on workdays needed.

Applications (CV + letter of motivation) must be submitted by 10 November 2021 to consumer-redress@beuc.eu

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