



## **e-APP FOR EUROPE PROJECT** **Second Regional Meeting, Prague, Czech Republic**

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The Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law and the Ministries of Justice of Spain and the Czech Republic present their compliments to the National and Contact Organs of the Members and to the Competent Authorities designated under the *Hague Convention of 5 October 1961 Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents* (Apostille Convention) and have the honour to inform them that the Second Regional Meeting of the *e-APP for Europe* project, hosted by the Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic, will take place in Prague (Czech Republic) on **Friday 27 May 2011** (as a one-day event). Please note that the working language of the meeting will be English only. For more information on the e-APP (electronic Apostille Pilot Program), please see the “[Apostille Section](#)” of the Hague Conference website <www.hcch.net>, and the e-APP website at <www.e-app.info>.

This is the second of three regional meetings envisaged under the *e-APP for Europe* project (more information on the First Regional Meeting is available via the link “[Regional Meeting, Helsinki](#)” on the “[Apostille Section](#)” of the Hague Conference website). The third meeting will take place in Paris (France) at a later date this year.

The Prague Regional Meeting will provide an update on the implementation of the e-APP in Spain and on experiences with its operation so far. The meeting will provide an opportunity to explore the specifics of implementing the e-APP in the States of Central and Eastern Europe, including the possibility of adopting and adapting (“exportability”) existing e-APP systems such as the Spanish model. The meeting will also discuss the e-APP as a means to further facilitate the prompt and secure use of public documents within the European Union and abroad.

A registration form and information relating to the venue and accommodation are now available on the “[Apostille Section](#)” or under “Latest developments” of the Hague Conference website. A draft programme will be made available shortly.

While participation in the Prague regional meeting is free of charge, registration is

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required. Also, participants must cover their own travel and accommodation costs. Completed registration forms should be sent before **13 May 2011** to Ms Lucía Prieto, Project Manager of the *e-APP for Europe Project* at < [lucia.prieto@mjusticia.es](mailto:lucia.prieto@mjusticia.es) >, with a copy to < [jbaronova@msp.justice.cz](mailto:jbaronova@msp.justice.cz) >. **Please note that places are limited.**

In principle, the regional meeting is open to any Contracting State of the Apostille Convention, Member of the Hague Conference and to any interested State. However, since places are limited and as this regional meeting is part of the *e-APP for Europe* project (funded by the European Union), priority will be given to States of Central and Eastern Europe and other EU Member States if need be. Early registration is therefore encouraged.

The Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law and the Ministries of Justice of Spain and the Czech Republic avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the National and Contact Organs of the Members and to the Competent Authorities designated under the Apostille Convention assurances of their highest consideration and esteem.

The Hague, 18 March 2011

*The e-APP for Europe is a transnational e-justice/e-administration project designed to develop best practices in relation to the Apostille Convention by promoting the e-APP, in particular the use of e-Registers of Apostilles. This is a joint initiative of the Hague Conference and the Ministry of Justice of Spain in association with Finland, France and the Czech Republic, which is being funded by the European Commission under its "Civil Justice" programme. The 18-month project is comprised of three interrelated elements: 1) The development and implementation of a central e-Register of Apostilles for all Competent Authorities in Spain; 2) The holding of three regional meetings across Europe to encourage all participating States to implement e-Registers (please see [here](#) for the Conclusions & Recommendations of the First Regional Meeting held in Helsinki on 14 February 2011) ; 3) The holding of the 6th International Forum on the e-APP (which took place on 29 and 30 June 2010). The Conclusions & Recommendations of the Forum are available [here](#) as well as on the [Apostille Section](#) of the Hague Conference website.*

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