



## Call for Papers

### for the Final Conference regarding Small Claims Dispute Resolution

#### (Small Claims Analysis Net 2 project)

**Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)** and the entire SCAN2 Consortium are pleased to announce the opening of a call for papers to be presented at the final conference of the Small Claims Analysis Net 2 (SCAN2) project on the European Small Claims Procedure that will take place **on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023** in Brussels, Belgium.

**Place: TBC**

#### **The SCAN2 final conference:**

The two main pillars of the SCAN2 final conference will be first, to present the acquired research results of the SCAN2 project to the public, and second, to bring together international academics, practitioners, doctoral students, and citizens through organising a supranational forum aiming at discussing the latest legal developments on the existing legal remedies for the small claims models of dispute resolutions for consumers within the European Union.

Thus, research papers that contribute to the broad body of knowledge in legal analysis of the European models of small claims dispute resolution and online dispute resolution (ODR) will be considered for this conference. Special consideration will be made for the topics discussing the European Small Claims Procedure Regulation 861/2007 (as amended by Reg. 2015/2421); however, we also



encourage authors, in particular the early-career researchers, to present their academic contributions to the Conference and receive fruitful feedback from the panels upon their presentations at the event.

The main Conference themes cover the following areas, including but not exclusive to:

- *small claims remedies for consumers;*
- *online dispute resolution for small claims;*
- *cross-border justice for consumers;*
- *small claims judgment and enforcement challenges;*
- *consumer privacy and data protection in using technology for resolving small claims;*
- *the connection between the Brussels Ia Regulation and the Regulations on the European Enforcement Order, the European Small Claims Procedure, the European Payment Order and the European Account Preservation Order and their implementation in national procedural law;*
- *best national and supranational practices of national small claims proceedings;*
- *digitalisation of small claims proceedings;*
- *different fora for the initiation of the small claims proceedings.*
- *relationship between the Digital Service Act and ODR for consumers*
- *the future of consumer ODR*
- *the revision of the new ADR directive and small claims*

The submission must respect the following envisaged timeline:

- 21 January 2024** - deadline for abstracts – c.a. 500 words – (1<sup>st</sup> stage)
- 28 January 2024** - notification of abstract acceptance
- 22-23 February 2024** - Paper presentations at the Conference
- 31 March 2024** - deadline for final submissions (2<sup>nd</sup> stage)
- 30 April 2024** - notification of acceptance after double-blind peer-review process
- 30 June 2024** - papers get published in an edited book in the following series: [the Italian-Spanish Journal of Procedure Law \(RIEDP - Revista Italo española de derecho procesal\)](#).

### **Background to the SCAN2 project:**

The SCAN2 project was originally designed to analyze the effectiveness of the European Small Claims Procedure Regulation 861/2007 (as amended by Reg. 2015/2421) through providing a platform for this legislative instrument to highlight the added value of the ESCP. For more information on the SCAN2 Project visit: <https://scan2.vub.be/>

### **Information for the authors**

- Submissions are made in a two-stage procedure:
  - in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage, abstracts (ca. 500 words) will be evaluated by the Editors to assess their quality and suitability to the overall project;
  - in the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage, full submissions will undergo a double, blind peer-review process by appointed, external, anonymous reviewers.
- Full contributions should normally be between 6,000 – 10,000 words; contributions of both shorter and higher word length may also be submitted, subject to negotiation with the editors.
- Upon accepting and presenting the paper to the Conference, the participants will receive the certificate of presentation by the Conference Chair.
- Submissions should be made anonymously in English and sent via Easy Chair. (Click [here](#))
- The best paper will be awarded a prize of **500,00 EUR**. The Prize will be awarded for the best paper submitted to the conference after accepting the abstract. Co-authored articles will divide the prize.
- For any specific academic inquiries, you may contact the Conference Chair, Prof. Marco Giacalone at [Marco.Giacalone@vub.be](mailto:Marco.Giacalone@vub.be)
- For any other inquiries, you can contact the Conference Liaison Ms. Sajedeh Salehi at [seyedeh.sajedeh.salehi@vub.be](mailto:seyedeh.sajedeh.salehi@vub.be) and Ms. Paola Giacalone at: [paola.giacalone@vub.be](mailto:paola.giacalone@vub.be)

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