



# Internationalization of legal studies through Private International Law teaching

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Internationalization of  
life

Already in 2011 – 16 millions  
international couples in the EU (EC)

Internationalization of  
legal practices and  
standards

Provided in international treaties,  
the EU law, soft law instruments

Internationalization of  
Legal Studies?

a) University administration level  
b) Teaching level

# Comparative law – as a subject

- ▶ Different laws presented:
- ▶ Comparative Constitutional law
- ▶ Comparative Business law
- ▶ Comparative Environmental law

# Teaching of Private International Law (PIL)

- ▶ „Classical” approach – teaching the PIL: presentation of PIL only as a part of national law – main focus national regulations
- ▶ „International” approach – PIL as a mean to adapt to international situations

# PIL – a mean to internationalize the Legal studies

- ▶ Presentation of cases – with emphasis on comparative legal issues
- ▶ Solution of jurisdiction, applicable law, enforcement of judgements from the international perspective (as eg. Realization of mutual trust concept)
- ▶ Compulsory literature – in foreign languages
- ▶ Focus rather on international caselaw than national one
- ▶ To let students to use Internet sources even during exams
- ▶ The best Master degree student encourage to participate in Hague Academy of Law Summer courser
- ▶ Invitation of the foreign professors to present particular issues of PIL

# Challenges

- ▶ Weak knowledge of the national Civil Law and Civil Procedure Law
- ▶ Limited knowledge of foreign languages
- ▶ Deficiency of time (balance of face-to-face hours and independent learning hours )



Is the Lithuanian court  
allowed to apply  
foreign private law?



▶ Thank you for the attention!