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Kerstin is a German national with knowledge and experience in international and European family law, human rights law, migration law and policy. She holds an LL.M in European Law and International Economic Law from the University of Lausanne. In addition, Kerstin studied and has practised international family mediation. Prior to working for the HCCH, Kerstin worked for the International Organization for Migration in Switzerland, the Philippines and Jordan.

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