

**Preliminary Program – “Open Days” - 26. – 27. April 2012**

**“INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION IS STILL AN OPTION”**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012: Open Day (half day)

12:00 hrs: Check-in and lunch for participants.

14:00 hrs: Welcome from EurAdopt

Angelo Moretto, Chairperson of EurAdopt

14:15 hrs: Adoption is an option!

In retrospect of 33 years experience with inter-country adoptions in Germany

Maria Holz, terre des hommes Germany

14:45 hrs: 10 years after Ratification of The Hague Convention in Germany

Past Experiences – Present Challenges – Future Perspectives

Wolfgang Weitzel, Central Authority, Germany

15:15 hrs: coffee/tea break

15.45 hrs: The Hague Convention: what has been achieved what would still needs to be achieved?

Perspective the Hague Permanent Bureau on the present situation:

(Inquired: representative, HCCH Permanent Bureau)

16:15 hrs: Discussion: what way forward?

17:15 hrs: Closing

19.00 hrs: Conference Dinner – Celebration of 10 years Ratification of The Hague Convention by Germany

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012 : Open Day (full day)

09:20 hrs: Welcome from EurAdopt

09:30 hrs: Address of Welcome

Dr. Brigit Grundmann, State Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Germany

09:45 hrs: Why can international Adoption be the best option for a specific child?  
Perspective of a country of origin

Zdenek Kapitan, Central Authority, Czech Republic

10:30 hrs: Under what conditions is international Adoption the best option for a specific child?

Perspective grown up adoptee

Dominic Hippert, adult Adoptee, Germany

11:00 hrs: coffee/tea break

11:20 hrs: How to minimize the number of private adoption and improve the standards for "particular-case adoptions"?

Didier Dehou, Central Authority Belgium, Walloons Part

12:00 hrs: Lunch

13:00 hrs: Adoption research, recent results

N.N., ADOC, Netherlands

13:30 hrs: Financial and economic issues: how to prevent dependency and undue influence on ethics?

(Inquired: Representative, HCCH Permanent Bureau)

- The perspective of adoptees and adoptive families  
inquired Janice Peyre, EFA, France
- A worked example: the experience of an organization  
Monika Müllers-Stein, ADA, Germany,

15:00 hrs: coffee/tea break

15:20 hrs: Panel discussion: Is inter-country adoption still an option?

Chaired by EurAdopt

16:00 hrs: Closing remarks of EurAdopt

The "Open Days" will be held at "**Französische Friedrichstadtkirche**" conference venue at "**Gendarmenmark**" in Berlin [www.franzoesischer-dom.de](http://www.franzoesischer-dom.de)