Free movement of insolvency judgments within EU Member States

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Regulation 1346/2000

- Mutual trust
- Immediate recognition
- Extension of the effect
- Minimum non-recognition grounds
- Priority for *lis-pendens* cases
- Liquidator
 - automatic recognition of the appointment and the powers
 - o powers related to the recognition
- No certificates, no compulsory publications
- Enforcement by reference to the Brussels Convention
- Advanced movement of preservation measures

Recast

- No need for major changes (Recital 1)
- National Courts: in favour of the effet utile of the automatic recognition
- Changes
 - Insignificant
 - Indirectly by amendments concerning the scope, the jurisdiction and the coordination;

Judgments opening insolvency proceedings - Art.19,§1 IRR

- Effective judgment no res judicata
- 4 requirements Eurofood C-341/04
 - Court of MS
 - In proceedings under Annex A
 - Divestment of the debtor
 - Liquidator/IP under Annex C
- Art. 2, § 7 of IRR
- In practice
 - by any interested party
 - o certified copy of the original judgment/national certificate
 - translation possible
 - with other claims/requests or via plea or objection in course of pending proceedings
 - Investigation of the recognising court
 - De lege
 - De facto

Other judgments - Art.32, §1 IRR

- o Aims:
 - Broadening the scope
 - Enforcement aspect
 - Conditioned under the recognition of the judgments for opening the insolvency proceeding
- Judgments no definition, by subject matter
 - the course and closure of insolvency proceedings, and compositions approved by that court - §1
 - deriving directly from the insolvency proceedings and which are closely linked with them - §2
 - preservation measures taken after the request for the opening of insolvency proceedings or in connection with it - §3
- Recognition and enforcement

Public policy – Art. 33 IRR

- Traditional IPL exception
- Content
- Result

Good practices:

- Applicable to all insolvency judgments?
- How: ex officio or upon request

Thank you very much for your attention!