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International jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement in cases where maintenance claims have been transferred to public institutions

The European Maintenance Regulation of 2009 is aiming to improve the international recovery of maintenance. This does not only apply to maintenance claims of private persons, but also to cases where such claims have been transferred to public institutions by way of a *cessio legis*. With regard to the latter, many questions still remain open: What is the definition of a public institution? Should a maintenance claim transferred to a public institution still be treated as a claim under private law? Which institutions have jurisdiction in cases where the public institution applies for the establishment of a maintenance order? Where exactly lie the boundaries between the European, international and national law of civil procedure and enforcement?