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**SMALL CLAIMS AND PROCEDURAL SIMPLIFICATION:  
EVIDENCE FROM SELECTED EU LEGAL SYSTEMS**

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Summary: – 1. Introduction. – 2. France: simplified procedures for the recovery of small credits. – 3. Spain: *juicio verbal* and *monitorio notarial*. – 4. Italy: the justices of the peace. – 5. Concluding Remarks.

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*This essay examines the solutions adopted in France and Spain, pointing out that the use of easily available forms can make a big difference, as can also the accessibility of IT platforms specifically designed for the recovery of small claims. The state of affairs in Italy for simplified procedures for small claims is also addressed through a description of the jurisdiction of the Italian justices of the peace.*

*Key words: small claims; simplified procedure; access to justice; forms; IT platforms.*

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### **1.1 The background of the reforms**

#### **1.1.1 The main grounds**

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