

Digital Tools in Member States

Member State	E-Justice measures
Austria	<p>Immediate infrastructure and application-related steps were taken in order to strengthen and secure especially home office, video conferencing, sufficient bandwidth and connectivity as well as secure transmission of confidential or sensitive information.</p> <p>Notaries may perform all their services, such as authenticate documents and draft notarial deeds, by means of electronic communication. The notary has to establish a stable video communication channel with the party and observe certain security precautions during the identification process. So far this electronic procedure has only been permissible for the foundation of a limited liability company.</p>
Belgium	
Bulgaria	<p>The Supreme Judicial Council has issued orders for filing documents to courts and the prosecutor's office by mail or electronically, as well as for consultation on the phone or electronically. For the mentioned hearings, summons is served by telephone or electronically. The services provided by the Commercial register and other registers are accessible online.</p>
Croatia	<p>Communication with parties and all participants in court proceedings is done electronically as a rule. In cases requiring meeting or hearing in person, all precautionary measures imposed by the health authorities are taken. Technical means of distance communication available to judges and courts, including within the court (email, videoconferencing, etc.) should be used.</p> <p>All lawyers, citizens and other users of eKomunikacija (eCommunication) are able to view the content of all documents, if the content is available in the case management system.</p> <p>Electronic communication is in use in all commercial, municipal and county courts and in the High commercial court of the Republic of Croatia.</p> <p>Lawyers/attorneys at law, insolvency practitioners, notaries, court experts, assessors and legal entities are able to send submissions and attachments to the court; receive court documents; performe remote insight into court cases; other.</p> <p>Currently only lawyers, court experts and assessors, insolvency practitioners and legal entities can send submissions to the court.</p> <p>ePredmet (eFile) provides all citizens with information on the course and dynamics of resolving cases in ordinary proceedings and legal proceedings, but not insight into the content of court documents.</p> <p>Technical prerequisites for the e-communication service are provided by the Ministry of Justice.</p>
Cyprus	
Czech Republic	<p>Hearings which cannot be postponed are carried out strictly in line with the restrictions posed by the Government, i.e. the public is excluded, examination of witnesses or the accused is carried out via videoconference etc.</p>
Denmark	
Estonia	<p>The courts, prosecutor's offices, prisons and legal professionals are already provided with the necessary equipment for teleworking. Additionally, everyone with an Estonian ID has digital access to governmental services, documents can be signed and exchanged digitally in a secure way.</p> <p>Firstly, all courthouses have remained open, although with limited opening hours. The judges and other court staff are able to carry out most of the proceedings in writing from home thanks to the information system and digital court file application.</p> <p>Secondly, to raise the capacity to hold video conferences virtual meeting rooms have been created for the ministry, courts, prosecution offices and prisons.</p> <p>Thirdly, judicial cooperation in both civil and criminal matters is carried out via e-mails as much as possible.</p>

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Finland	The Finnish judicial bodies (courts, prosecutors) conduct all contacts primarily via electronic services , and on-the-spot client services have been either paused or reduced significantly. The courts are holding hearings by remote means to the largest possible extent provided by the law. Necessary and critical cases are given priority.
France	Une ordonnance prise le 25 mars 2020 sur l' aménagement des modalités procédurales pendant la crise prévoit la possibilité de transférer les compétences d'un tribunal qui n'est pas en capacité de fonctionner, à un autre, ou le recours aux audiences par visioconférence.
Germany	
Greece	
Hungary	The scope of written communication was extended. Modern communication tools for procedural acts that require direct oral contribution were enabled and encouraged.
Ireland	The ICT infrastructure necessary to facilitate remote court hearings which nonetheless comply with the constitutional obligation that justice be administered in public has been put in place.
Italy	With regard to hearings, all pending proceedings have been postponed ex officio up to 15 April, or 30 June if it has been so decided by the heads of office, except those that have been declared urgent by the judge on a case by case basis or those considered by the law as top priority. In these cases the parties' effective participation and the protection of their procedural rights, in particular with regard to inmates, are guaranteed by videoconference systems , with simultaneous audio and video of all the persons present, and by confidential communication systems between the defendant and his/her defense counsel.
Latvia	
Lithuania	The bailiffs are already required to perform and register all actions of the enforcement process electronically and attempts aimed at enabling notaries to approve most transactions by electronic means are underway.
Luxembourg	
Malta	
Netherlands	Measures aiming to facilitate the functioning of Justice have been taken, for instance with the introduction of hearings via videoconference and court proceedings in writing .
Poland	
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovak Republic	Law firms can be open even though many lawyers work from home. Electronic, telephonic and other means of communication without physical contact are preferred. Notarial office hours are limited, it is advised to consult them by phone or email . Bailiffs have strengthened their capacities for telephonic and electronic contact with the public.
Slovenia	
Spain	I.T. solutions and communication tools have been provided or reinforced, in order to facilitate teleworking of judges, prosecutors, and other legal actors.
Sweden	The use of digital communication tools and video and telephone conferences in proceedings has increased.

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