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Introduction

The European Small Claims Procedure mainly aims to simplify and speed up cross-border small claims litigation in the European Union and cut the costs of these proceedings between Member States.

What fees are applicable?

In order to file with the court a claim which will be heard in accordance with the European Small Claims Procedure, it is necessary that court fees (in the form of court stamp duty (*dikastikó énsimo*)) be paid corresponding to a (small) percentage of the amount sought by the claimant. The fees must be paid upon filing the claim. In addition, upon appearance in court and the subsequent filing of pleadings, and after the court hearing of the case, an advance fee (*proeíspraxi*) must be issued and filed with the court.

How much should I pay?

The court stamp duty is at EUR 39.68.

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What happens if I do not pay the court fees on time?

If the court fees are not paid in time, the court has discretion to (a) set a deadline for the claimant to submit the relevant proof of payment of the fees; or (b) reject the claim.

How can I pay the court fees?

Court fees are usually paid in cash at a designated payment place. Registrars may explain the payment procedure to the interested parties. It is not possible (for the time being) to pay the court fees by credit card or through a bank account.

What should I do after payment?

The proof of payment of the court fees supplied by the place of payment is attached to the case file together with the claim.

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