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## About the network



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Austria has set up in the Federal Ministry of Justice (Department I 5) a central contact point which deals with *legal* queries from foreign contact points made via the network, performs various coordination- and organisation-related tasks and organises and edits the Austrian entries for the network factsheets that are published on the European Justice Portal.

In addition, two judges have been nominated as contact points for each of the four higher regional court (*Oberlandesgericht*) jurisdictions (three each for the Vienna and Linz jurisdictions). They provide assistance and support to foreign contact points and Austrian courts in individual cases involving cross-border judicial cooperation (for example in the case of difficulties in the cross-border taking of evidence or service of documents). In such instances, foreign contact points should therefore contact the relevant local judicial contact point and not the central contact point at the Federal Ministry of Justice. The jurisdiction of the Vienna Higher Regional Court includes the provinces of Vienna, Lower Austria and Burgenland, the jurisdiction of the Linz Higher Regional Court includes the provinces of Upper Austria and Salzburg, the jurisdiction of the Innsbruck Higher Regional Court includes the provinces of Tyrol and Vorarlberg, and the Graz Higher Regional Court has jurisdiction over the provinces of Styria and Carinthia.

The names and contact details of the Austrian (and foreign) EJM-civil contact points can be accessed via the following link: [https://e-justice.europa.eu/contact-point\\_en](https://e-justice.europa.eu/contact-point_en).

Private individuals/parties to proceedings or their legal representatives cannot contact the network contact points directly. However, they can ask the judge leading the proceedings to refer them to a contact point.

The Austrian Bar Association (*Österreichischer Rechtsanwaltskammertag*) and the Austrian Chamber of Notaries (*Österreichische Notariatskammer*) have been part of the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters since 1 January 2011; however, under the EJM-civil Decision of 28 May 2001 (2001/470/EC), as amended by Decision 568/2009/EC of 18 June 2009, they do not have the competence to deal with individual cases.

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