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1. National IT portals for communicating with courts or other authorities

1.1. State Unified Computerised Land Register - <https://www.zemesgramata.lv>

The portal can be accessed by:

- 1) citizens of the Republic of Latvia and legal persons registered in the territory of Latvia;
- 2) EU citizens;
- 3) natural persons from other countries who have been assigned a Latvian personal identity number.

The portal is used to:

- view or verify data about a person's properties;
- find immovable property and view the relevant part of the Land Register;
- obtain information about changes made to the part of the Land Register regarding the property owned;
- request and obtain certificates of immovable property owned;
- find and obtain a printout of owners of multi-apartment buildings;
- submit a corroboration request to a court electronically;
- obtain information about a corroboration request submitted to a court;
- obtain information about decisions made regarding immovable properties owned by a person.

Authentication can be done in the portal using the unified authentication module *latvija.lv*, where it is possible to choose from various authentication methods: *eID*, *eparaksts* [e-signature], *eparaksts Mobile* [e-signature Mobile], *Smart-ID* and i-banking, and foreigners (EU citizens) can use qualified means of identification.

1.2. Electronic auction website - <https://izsoles.ta.gov.lv/>

The portal can be accessed by:

- Unregistered users - any person can access the electronic auction site in limited-viewing mode; this provides the opportunity to view, free of charge, information in auction advertisements, information on the status of an auction (bidding is in progress, the auction is suspended, or the auction has ended), the last registered bid, the highest bid made after the auction has ended, as well as to use other services offered on the electronic auction site which are intended for unregistered users, such as the generation of invoices for State fees;
- Registered users - both natural and legal persons (residents and non-residents) and State/municipal institutions, bailiffs and insolvency administrators who have access to any of the means of authentication

provided by the unified authentication module *latvija.lv* or have access created by an insolvency administrator or bailiff to the electronic auction website with the ability to use all electronic auction website services, register for participation and make bids in auctions.

Please note that both registered and unregistered users can access the electronic auction site only from North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and European Economic Area (EEA) IP ranges. Therefore if you are outside this zone, please contact the website's technical support, indicating the country and IP address from which you are attempting to connect, so that the system administrator can perform the necessary actions to grant you access.

The portal is used to view, register participation and make bids in published auctions for the sale and lease of a public figure's property, including property transferred to the possession or holding of an institution or capital company, as well as in auctions of the property of legal persons governed by private law, including auctions for the sale of objects belonging to private legal persons. Participation in auctions requires payment of a fee. The following additional paid services are also available on the portal:

1. Receipt of information about changes in enforcement cases (this service provides the opportunity to receive email notifications about changes to a person's cases in the Register of Enforcement Cases);
2. Receipt of information about auction results (this service provides the opportunity to receive email notifications about auction results or about instances of outbidding in auctions in which the person concerned has registered to participate);
3. State fee for the submission of enforcement orders for enforcement (this service provides options for the generation and payment of the State fee required when submitting enforcement documents for enforcement. Pursuant to [Article 567\(1\)](#) of the Law on civil procedure, a creditor, when submitting an enforcement order for enforcement, pays a State fee, the amount of which is laid down in [Article 34\(6\)](#) of the Law on civil procedure. To pay the State fee, an invoice must first be generated. Also available to unregistered users);
4. Monitoring of auction announcements registered on the electronic auction website (this service provides notifications about auctions published on the electronic auction website both in the registered user's account (under Received Messages) and to an email address indicated by the user; it also allows users to define custom selection criteria, and when a new auction that meets these criteria is published, the system automatically sends a notification to the user. The service can be purchased for one month and becomes active the day after payment has been received. If the website user wishes to establish different sets of selection parameters with various selection criteria, the user has the option to purchase multiple instances of this service);
5. Auction Agent (this service enables automatic bidding up to a maximum amount specified by the user in a particular auction in which the person has registered their participation).

The electronic auction website also provides a free service - My Enforcement Cases (which gives the person the option of accessing information and viewing their cases from the Register of Enforcement Cases).

You can log in to the electronic auction website using authentication tools offered by the unified authentication module: *eID*, *eParaksts*, *eParaksts Mobile*, *Smart-ID*, other European Union country credentials, as well as with bank authentication. It is also possible to access the electronic auction website with a username and password assigned by a bailiff or insolvency administrator.

With regard to authorisations to register participation, place bids in auctions and view the enforcement cases of the represented legal person:

it is possible to connect to the electronic auction website as a representative of another person:

1. as a representative of a legal person:
 1. If a registered user is a representative of a legal person registered in the Enterprise Register and has the right to represent the legal person individually without special authorisation (including on grounds of procuratorship) and these rights are registered in the Enterprise Register, the registered user can register the authorisation independently in the electronic auction website. In this case, the registered user's right to represent the legal person is automatically verified in the Commercial Register of the Enterprise Register every time the registered user identifies themselves in the electronic auction website as a representative of the legal person;

2. If a legal person has issued an authorisation certified by a notary which is registered in the electronic auction website by a bailiff or an insolvency administrator;
2. Representation of a natural person – a natural person can authorise another natural person for a specific auction by independently indicating this authorisation for that specific auction.
For legal persons not registered in the Enterprise Register of Latvia and/or when the right of a specific natural person to singly represent a legal person has not been recorded in the Enterprise Register, an authorisation certified by a notary is required which must be brought to a bailiff or an insolvency administrator to create separate access (for a legal person not registered in the Enterprise Register of Latvia) or to add authorisation for a registered person to represent another legal person in the electronic auction website.

1.3. The E-case portal - <https://www.elieta.lv/web/> - is the single access point for the public to access e-justice services.

The portal can be accessed by:

- 1) citizens of the Republic of Latvia and legal persons registered in the territory of Latvia;
- 2) EU citizens;
- 3) natural persons from other countries to whom a Latvian personal identity number has been issued.

Available e-services:

For authenticated users:

- My e-Cases – provides access to all case data and documents to participants in a case;
- e-Forms – provides the option to fill in and submit electronic forms online;
- Lawyers' calendar – is a calendar that shows lawyers' availability;
- Case hearing monitoring – keeps track of scheduled court hearings, enabling users to receive notifications about upcoming court hearings;
- Case data monitoring – provides the option of receiving notifications about all updates in a case.

Public e-services:

- Progress of public proceedings – public information about data relating to the proceedings;
- Court calendars – public information about scheduled court hearings;
- Anonymised rulings – database of anonymised rulings by court and the Public Prosecutor's Office (more than 380 000 rulings available);
- State fee calculator – a calculator enabling calculation of the amount of State fee related to filing documents with a court;
- Extrajudicial guide – provides step-by-step advice and practical information on resolving legal issues without court involvement.

Users can authenticate themselves on the e-Case Portal using highly secure qualified electronic means of identification, or if these are not available, using qualified electronic means of identification or identification credentials issued by State and local authorities – i.e. a username and a password.

1.4. Additionally, there is also the Latvian Courts Portal - <https://www.tiesas.lv/>, which provides general news and updates about courts. No authentication is required and it is accessible free of charge.

2. National law on videoconferencing in civil and commercial matters

The court may decide on the use of videoconferencing on its own initiative or at the request of a party.

[Article 55\(5¹\)](#) of the Law on civil procedure provides that when sending a summons to a participant in a case, it shall be indicated that a video conference will be used. The Law does not specify a deadline by which a participant in a case must inform the court that they do not consent to or cannot participate in a court hearing via video conference. All rights and obligations for which the Law does not specify a specific deadline, however, must be exercised by the parties within a reasonable time-frame and without undue delay.

Pursuant to [Article 210\(1\)\(5\)](#) of the Law on civil procedure, the court may postpone examination of a case if a person cannot participate in the court hearing by video conferencing due to technical or other reasons independent of the court.

Pursuant to [Article 61](#) of the Law on civil procedure, a court hearing is recorded in full using technical means. The material obtained using a sound recording or other technical means is attached to the case file and stored together with it, or entered into the Judicial Information System and stored therein.

3. National law on videoconferencing in criminal matters

The use of videoconferencing in criminal proceedings is governed primarily by [Article 140](#), as well as [Article 141](#), [Article 142](#) and [Article 143](#) of the Law on criminal procedure, whereas the admissibility of videoconferencing in the context of international cooperation is governed by [Article 851](#) of the Law on criminal procedure; however, it should be noted that videoconferencing within the framework of international cooperation takes place in accordance with the provisions of Article 140 of the Law on criminal procedure.

During a video conference, a person has the same procedural rights as a person who participates in the procedural activities in person, depending on the person's procedural status. The Law on criminal procedure lays down a specific framework for:

- [the interrogation of a person who has the right to defence;](#)
- [the interrogation of a witness, victim, representative, and property owner affected by the criminal proceedings;](#)
- [the interrogation of a specially protected victim;](#)
- [the interrogation of a minor.](#)

The relevant framework also applies to the interrogation of persons using technical means. The general rights of persons within the framework of criminal proceedings are governed by the Law on criminal procedure:

[Chapter 5. Persons who conduct defence;](#)

[Chapter 6. Victims and their representation;](#)

[Chapter 7. Other persons involved in criminal proceedings](#) (witnesses, property owners affected by criminal proceedings).

With regard to legal remedies, Chapter 24 of the Law on criminal procedure, 'Complaints', provides for the rights of individuals to submit complaints, including those related to procedural actions concerning the course of criminal proceedings. [Article 336\(1\) of the Law on criminal procedure](#) provides that a complaint regarding the actions or ruling of an official conducting criminal proceedings may be submitted by a person involved in the proceedings, as well as a person whose rights or lawful interests have been affected by the specific actions or ruling.

Latvia has developed technical infrastructure for videoconferencing in civil, commercial and criminal matters. All courtrooms are equipped with a high-resolution camera that films the entire courtroom and wall-mounted television(s) in which all the participants of the video conference are visible. To ensure good sound quality, microphones are placed at several locations throughout the courtroom. The courtrooms also have e-evidence screens and document cameras for displaying documents to participants of the court hearing when necessary. The document camera and screens are also connected to the videoconferencing equipment to show documents to participants of the court hearing who have joined the hearing remotely. The court informs participants about the necessary procedural actions and provides technical information about connecting to the court hearing remotely in videoconferencing mode using an internet browser on a computer or smart device.

4. Fees for the procedures in civil and commercial matters

In general, the amounts of State fees are established in [Article 34](#) of the Law on civil procedure, which among other things states the following:

- for an application for the European Account Preservation Order in accordance with the Regulation (EU)

No 655/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 establishing a European Account Preservation Order procedure to facilitate cross-border debt recovery in civil and commercial matters, the State fee is 0.5 per cent of the amount claimed, but not less than EUR 70;

- for an application for the European Payment Order in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1896/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 creating a European order for payment procedure, the State fee is 2 per cent of the amount of the debt or value of the property to be returned or voluntarily auctioned, but not exceeding EUR 500;
- for performing the activities specified in Articles 46 and 51 of Regulation (EU) No 2015/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2015 on insolvency proceedings, the State fee is EUR 25.

In turn, when submitting an [writ of execution or other enforcement document](#) for execution, a State fee of EUR 3 shall be paid.

Payment is not applicable to communication between persons and Central Authorities under Council Regulation (EU) [2019/1111](#) or Council Regulation No [4/2009](#).

Before making a payment, your expenses associated with legal proceedings may be calculated using the [State fee calculator](#).

5. Electronic payment methods

Invoices for services of the [State Unified Computerised Land Register portal](#), invoices for State fees and for processing fees when submitting a corroboration request can be paid online using the unified [latvija.lv](#) payment system, where the payer can select one of the offered banks and make a bank transfer online.

If it is not possible to pay the invoice online through the [latvija.lv](#) payment module, it can be paid using a bank transfer from another bank.

Payments can be made on the [electronic auction](#) website as follows:

a) online, if the user utilises one of the tools offered by the unified authentication module [latvija.lv](#) – online payments are only available for invoices related to participating in auctions and auction agent services, and for paying the security for a purchase at auctions organised by bailiffs;

b) outside the electronic auction website, by making a bank transfer – all invoices can be paid by bank transfer by both residents and non-residents. It is important to make the payment to the bank account specified in the invoice and to indicate the invoice number in the purpose for the payment, as well as any other information requested in the terms of each respective auction.

Additionally a separate invoice is generated for each service, which indicates the account to which the payment should be made. For example, payment of the State fee invoice must be made to the State Treasury account, whereas payment of the security for the auction must be made to the account of the organiser of each auction. Payment of the fee for participating in an auction, as well as for the services indicated in point (c), must be made to the Court Administration account. Until payment is received, the invoice issued to the user is available at any time under the relevant auction, and the issued invoices are also sent to the email address which the user has specified in the electronic auction website.

E-cases: an invoice is prepared on the portal, which can be paid by bank transfer.

6. Notification on the early use of the decentralised IT system

Information to follow.

7. Notification on the early use of videoconferencing in civil and commercial matters

Information to follow.

8. Notification on the early use of videoconferencing in criminal matters

Information to follow.

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