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The European Judicial Network in Civil and Commercial Matters (EJN) operates in Slovenia through three (3) contact points and 23 network members.

The contact points are employees at the Slovenian Ministry of Justice, which means that contact point work can be managed and coordinated on a daily basis.

In Slovenia, international legal assistance on civil and commercial matters is the responsibility of the district courts (*okrožna sodišča*), of which there are 11. This means that, in complying with Article 2(1)(d) of the EJC Council Decision^[1], Slovenia appointed one representative from each district court as an EJC member. Slovenia also appointed one specialised network member (a judge) to have competence for judicial cooperation in family matters.

Furthermore, in 2019 four (4) network members (district judges) were appointed with competence for Regulation (EU) No 650/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on jurisdiction, applicable law recognition and enforcement of decisions and acceptance and enforcement of authentic instruments in matters of succession and the creation of a European Certificate of Succession, and four (4) network members (district judges) were appointed with competence for EU procedures (European payment order, small claims procedure, European enforcement order).

Following the amended EJC Decision^[2] in 2009, representatives of other legal professions were permitted to cooperate within the EJC, as well. Accordingly, since 2011 the Chamber of Notaries of Slovenia (*Notarska zbornica Republike Slovenije*), the Bar Association of Slovenia (*Odvetniška zbornica Republike Slovenije*) and the Chamber of Enforcement Agents of Slovenia (*Zbornica izvršiteljev Slovenije*) have also been network members.

The involvement of judges and other legal professions in the EJC is a vital cog in meeting the EJC's objectives, as it ensures direct cooperation between judges and other legal professions, which is important for the smoother resolution of the actual cases that come before the courts.

The EJC contact points and network members communicate frequently and according to need via email, telephone and in person, and gather annually at national meetings.

[1] Council Decision of 28 May 2001 establishing a European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters (OJ L 174, 17.6.2001), amended by Decision No 568/2009/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 168/2009, 18.6.2009).

[2] Decision No 568/2009/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 amending Council Decision 2001/470/EC establishing a European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters (OJ L 168/2009, 18.6.2009).

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