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Council Directive 2003/8/EC has been transposed into Estonian law by the [State Legal Aid Act](#), which entered into force on 1 March 2005.

## FINDING COMPETENT COURTS/AUTHORITIES

The search tool below will help you to identify court(s)/authority(ies) competent for a specific European legal instrument. Please note that although every effort has been made to ascertain the accuracy of the results, there may be some exceptional cases concerning the determination of competence that are not necessarily covered.

Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities

Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction

The conditions for submitting an application for state legal aid are laid down in Section 10 of the [State Legal Aid Act](#).

Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications

Applications for state legal aid must be submitted to the competent county court in writing. The application form is available on the [website of the Ministry of Justice](#) and in every court and law firm.

Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application

Applications for state legal aid must be submitted in Estonian. Applications may also be submitted in English if legal aid is applied for by a natural person residing in another Member State of the European Union or by a citizen or legal person of another Member State of the European Union. Applications submitted to the court in any other language will be returned to the applicant.

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