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Guides for practitioners

- Family matters

Brussels IIb: [Practice Guide for the application of the Brussels IIb Regulation \(2022\)](#)

Brussels IIa: [Practice Guide for the application of the Brussels IIa Regulation \(2014\) \(2.91 MB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#)

Maintenance obligations: [Guidance on the use of the Annexes under Regulation \(EC\) No 4/2009 on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and cooperation in matters relating to maintenance obligations](#)

[Practice guide on the application of Regulation no 4/2009 on maintenance obligations](#)

- European Procedures

Small Claims: [Practice Guide for the Application of the European Small Claims Procedure \(2019\) \(2.18 MB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#)

European Payment Order: [Practice Guide for the application of the Regulation on the European Order for Payment \(2012\) \(5.67 MB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#)

Please note that the guide does not address the amendment that entered into force on 14 July 2017 which adds an option of continuation of the proceedings in a case of lodging a statement of opposition in accordance with the rules of Regulation (EC) 861/2007 establishing a European Small Claims Procedure for claims of a value up to 5000 euro.

For further information in this regard please consult the new text of Article 17 of the Regulation as well as Article 2 of Regulation (EC) 861/2007, as amended by Regulation (EU) 2015/2421.

Enforcement order in uncontested claims (European Enforcement order): [Practice guide for the application of the Regulation on the European Enforcement Order \(2009\) \(1.28 MB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#)

- Taking of Evidence abroad

(Provisional) [Updated Practice Guide for the application of the Regulation on the Taking of Evidence \(2025\) \(1.45 MB - DOCX\)](#) [EN](#)

[Practical guide on using videoconferencing to obtain evidence in civil and commercial matters \(2009\) \(723.41 KB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#)

[Practice guide for the application of the Regulation on the Taking of Evidence \(2011\) \(73.23 KB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#)

- [Cross-border labour law](#)

[Practice Guide - Jurisdiction and applicable law in international disputes between the employee and the employer \(2020\)](#)

- [Data collection on cross-border cases in civil matters](#)

[EJN Good practices for data collection \(2021\) \(618.29 KB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#)

Guides for citizens

- [Succession law: A citizen's guide: how EU rules simplify international inheritances \(2018\)](#)
- [A Guide for Users to the European Small Claims Procedure \(2019\) \(1.66 MB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#)
- [Debt recovery made easier in EU cross-border cases \(European Account Preservation Order Regulation\) \(2017\)](#)
- [Maintenance obligations: Guidance on the use of the Annexes under Regulation \(EC\) No 4/2009 on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and cooperation in matters relating to maintenance obligations](#)

Collection of EU legislation in the area of cross-border judicial cooperation

[Compendium of European Union Legislation on Judicial Cooperation in Civil and Commercial Matters - 2025 Edition](#)

Key EJN-civil documents

[Council Decision of 28 May 2001 establishing a European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters \(2001/470/EC\) \(consolidated version\)](#)

[Commission report of 10 March 2016 on the activities of the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters \(COM\(2016\) 129 final\)](#)

[2014 Study: Evaluation of the activities of the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters](#)

[2016 Council conclusions on the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters](#)

Promotional material

[Promotional toolkit \(EN\) \(available for dissemination\)](#)

Archive: Older/outdated EJN publications

- [Working document on family mediation \(November 2013\) \(399.27 KB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#)
- [Practice Guide for the application of the Brussels II Regulation \(2004\) \(1.55 MB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#)
- [Citizens' guide to cross-border civil litigation in the European Union \(718.68 KB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#)
- [Judicial cooperation in civil matters in the European Union – A guide for legal practitioners \(3.48 MB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#)

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