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Latest news from the network (meetings, working groups, publications)

Meetings

The EJN-civil regularly holds meetings for contact points and other legal professionals. You will find below recent yearly schedules of EJN-civil meetings :

Meetings in 2026

Topic	Date	Location
<i>Annual meeting</i>	4-5 February	Brussels
<i>Succession</i>	19-20 March	Brussels
<i>EU Procedures and Digitalisation</i>	27-28 April	Cyprus
<i>Service of documents & Taking of evidence</i>	16-17 June	Warsaw
<i>Maintenance</i>	19-20 October	Brussels
<i>Brussels IIb Regulation</i>	9-11 December	Ireland

Meetings in 2025

Topic	Date	Location
<i>Annual meeting</i>	27-28 January	Brussels
<i>Brussels Ia Regulation</i>	12-13 March	Brussels
<i>Succession Regulation</i>	28-29 April	Brussels
<i>Brussels IIb Regulation</i>	17-18 June	Warsaw
<i>Service of documents & Taking of evidence Regulations</i>	22-23 October	Brussels
<i>Maintenance Regulation</i>	4-5 December	Brussels

Meetings in 2024

Topic	Date	Location
<i>Annual meeting</i>	29-30 January	Brussels
<i>Insolvency Regulation</i>	20-21 March	Brussels
<i>EU procedures (Small Claims, European Payment Order and European Account Preservation Order Regulations)</i>	25-26 April	Brussels
<i>Brussels IIb Regulation</i>	23-24 May	Bruges
<i>Maintenance Regulation</i>	16-17 October	Budapest
<i>Service of documents & Taking of evidence Regulations</i>	4-5 December	Brussels

Working Groups

The EJN-civil working groups discuss specific topics/issues that are relevant for courts, legal practitioners and competent authorities. Some groups are dedicated to the functioning of the network itself, while others focus on developing new tools to enhance and harmonise judicial cooperation.

Below is the list of the active working groups:

Working Group on the visibility of the Network. This working group discusses initiatives to improve the visibility of the network in the field. Its objective is to make sure that judges, competent authorities and legal practitioners who require its assistance are fully informed.

Working Group on the integration of court clerks into the network. This working group discusses various actions to make sure that court staff, in Member States where they have specific responsibilities in judicial cooperation, are adequately involved and represented in the network.

Working Group on a practice guide for the Taking of Evidence Regulation (Regulation 2020/1783). Following the recent recast of the Taking of Evidence Regulation, this working group revises the previous practice guide, with a focus on digitalisation.

Working Group on a practice guide for the Service of Documents Regulation (Regulation 2020/1784). This working group is developing a new practice guide dedicated to this instrument, which is the most widely applied in the field of civil judicial cooperation.

Working Group on Succession (Regulation 650/2012). This working group discusses specific questions arising from the operation of the Succession Regulation and proposes solutions to identified issues.

Working Group on the digitalisation of Brussels IIb (Regulation 2019/1111). This working group intends to lay the necessary digital ground work for the Regulation, ahead of the start of the *Digitalisation Committee's (under Regulation 2023/2844)* work that will start 2026 – 2027.

News

New edition of the Compendium of European Union Legislation on Judicial Cooperation in Civil and Commercial Matters

The [updated Compendium of EU Legislation on Judicial Cooperation in Civil and Commercial Matters](#) is now accessible in all EU languages.

This new version has been reorganised to provide a complete and up-to-date collection of EU law in force in the area of civil judicial cooperation. It also contains several instruments adopted by the Hague Conference on Private International Law, given their connexion with and importance for the European area of civil justice. It has been designed in a user-friendly way, to help readers quickly find the information they need, as well as other useful sources, including links to the Judicial Atlas in civil matters or to existing EJN-civil Practice Guides.

Promotional material on the EJN-civil

Explore the comprehensive [promotional toolkit](#), available in all EU languages, designed to support clear and effective communication about the Network. Featuring videos, posters, banners, and static assets, it provides everything you need to amplify your message and extend your reach.

EJN-civil webpage on Ukrainian Children

Visit the [page](#) developed by the EJN-civil to find out more about the jurisdiction and applicable law rules applying to cross-border cases involving Ukrainian children. It also presents the rules on recognition and enforcement of Ukrainian measures/judicial decisions, as well as the cooperation mechanism between Central Authorities. Finally, you will find a list of frequently asked questions and useful links. This page is available in all EU languages.

EJN practice guide on the Brussels IIb Regulation, matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility in cross-border cases (Regulation 2019/1111)

In parallel with the entry into application of the new Brussels IIb Regulation, the Network has published a [practice guide](#) to help courts and legal practitioners apply the new instrument. It is available online in all EU languages.

EJN practice guide on the Maintenance Regulation (4/2009)

The long-awaited [practice guide](#) on the Maintenance Regulation is available in all EU languages. It will provide crucial guidance to all judges and practitioners dealing with a cross-border case involving child or spousal support.

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