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The Netherlands have implemented the EC-Directive in the existing Act on Legal Aid. This is done by [Act of 19 february 2005 \(Stb. 2005, 90\)](#)  (28 Kb) , which has come into force on 2 march 2005. Since that date, new articles 23a - 23k provide for legal aid in cross-border European cases. Of course this was already possible from the earlier moment the Directive had to be implemented in the Dutch legal system: 30 november 2004.

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 *Raad voor Rechtsbijstand* (Legal Aid Board) is both the sending and the receiving authority.

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

Applications can be submitted by email or by post. The postal address of the Legal Aid Board is:

Raad voor Rechtsbijstand

Postbus 70503

5201 CD Den Bosch

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

Applications must be submitted in Dutch, English, German or French.

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