This section of the European e-Justice Portal aims to be a one-stop-shop in the area of practical information concerning judicial cooperation in civil matters.

Here you can find information relevant to European instruments in civil matters including information and official notifications provided by the Member States. You can also identify the competent courts or authorities to which you may apply in the context of the instruments.

The list of instruments available in this section will be gradually extended.

For the time being, the following are covered:

- Law applicable to divorce and legal separation – Council Regulation (EU) No 1259/2010 of 20 December 2010 implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of the law applicable to divorce and legal separation (called Rome III Regulation)
- Matters of matrimonial property regimes - Council Regulation (EU) 2016/1103 of 24 June 2016 implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of jurisdiction, applicable law and the recognition and enforcement of decisions in matters of matrimonial property regimes
- Matters of the property consequences of registered partnerships - Council Regulation (EU) 2016/1104 of 24 June 2016 implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of jurisdiction, applicable law and the recognition and enforcement of decisions in matters of the property consequences of registered partnerships

- Taking evidence - Council Regulation (EC) No 1206/2001 of 28 May 2001 on cooperation between the courts of the Member States in the taking of evidence in civil or commercial matters


This section is a successor to the old European Judicial ATLAS website which is currently being phased out.