**National information and online forms concerning Directive 2003/8/EC**

**General Information**

**Council Directive 2003/8/EC** of 27 January 2003 to improve access to justice in cross-border disputes by establishing minimum common rules relating to legal aid for such disputes seeks to promote the application of legal aid in cross-border disputes for persons who lack sufficient resources where aid is necessary to secure effective access to justice.

The Directive applies between all Member States of the European Union with the exception of Denmark. Between Denmark and certain Member States the European Agreement on the Transmission of Applications for Legal Aid of 1977 applies. Transmitting authorities are competent to send applications. Receiving authorities are competent to receive applications.

The directive provides for two standard forms, one for legal aid applications and one for the transmission of legal aid applications.

The European e-Justice Portal provides you with information concerning the application of the Directive and a user-friendly tool for filling in the forms.

Please select the relevant country's flag to obtain detailed national information.

**Related links**

- ARCHIVED European Judicial ATLAS website (closed on 30 September 2017)

Last update: 17/11/2021

This page is maintained by the European Commission. The information on this page does not necessarily reflect the official position of the European Commission. The Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice with regard to copyright rules for European pages.

---

**Legal aid - Belgium**

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

The Federal Public Justice Service has territorial jurisdiction throughout the Kingdom.

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

Both the legal aid offices and the Federal Public Justice Service can receive applications by post.

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

The Federal Public Justice Service can accept applications in Dutch, French and German. Applications in other languages will not be accepted.

Last update: 07/03/2017

The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

---

**Legal aid - Bulgaria**

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

The receiving and transmitting authority is:

- **Ministry of Justice**
- **International Legal Cooperation and European Affairs Directorate**
- **Cooperation in Civil Matters Unit**

Administrative address: Ul. Slavyanska No 1

Postcode: 1040

City/municipality: Sofia

Telephone: (+359-2) 92 37 544; 92 37 576

E-mail address: civil@justice.government.bg

Last update: 08/02/2022

The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

---

**Legal aid - Czech Republic**

**National law**

- **808 Kb**

**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**

Geographical area of its jurisdiction: the Czech Republic.
Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications
Postal license holder and fax.

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

Article 14 paragraph 3: The Czech Republic receives the legal aid applications completed also in English.

Last update: 09/05/2022
The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

Legal aid - Germany
National Law [279 Kb] de

Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities
The court that has jurisdiction for outgoing requests is the local court (Amtsgericht) of the district where the applicant has their domicile (Wohnsitz) or habitual residence (gewöhnlicher Aufenthalt). The Land governments may make orders (Rechtsverordnungen) giving a single local court the function of requested court for the districts of several local courts. In North Rhine-Westphalia the local courts that sit in the same place as the regional court (Landgericht) have jurisdiction for receiving and transmitting applications for cross-border assistance with court costs (Prozesskostenhilfe) submitted by natural persons, and for transmitting applications for cross-border assistance with legal advice (Beratungshilfe).

In accordance with the first sentence of section 21(1) of the Foreign Maintenance Act (Auslandsunterhaltsgesetz - AUG), the transmitting authority for cross-border requests for assistance with court costs in maintenance claims is the local court for the district of the seat of the higher regional court (Oberlandesgericht) in whose jurisdiction the applicant habitually resides.

The address given should be the special postal address for large customers (the Großkundenadresse, consisting of a post code and locality), if available, and failing that — or indeed in addition — the PO box address (Postfachadresse). Letter post should use the special postal address for large customers and failing that the PO box address. Express items and packages (including small packages) should use only the full street address.

Incoming applications for assistance with court costs are dealt with by the court hearing the case or enforcing the decisions.

Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications
The following means of communication are available:
For receipt and dispatch: post, including private courier services, fax.
For informal communications: Telephone and email (where indicated).

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

Last update: 28/06/2021
The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

Legal aid - Estonia
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.

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.

Last update: 29/03/2022
The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

Legal aid - Ireland
National Law [60 Kb] en

Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities
The names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authority is:
The Legal Aid Board
Legal Services Support Unit
Quay Street
 Cahiroviceen
Co Kerry
Ireland

Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction
The geographical areas in which we have jurisdiction: Ireland.

Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications
The means by which they are available to receive application: Post.

**Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application**
The languages that may be used for the completion of the application: English.
The official language of the Community institutions other than their own which is acceptable: French.

Last update: 14/07/2021

The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

---

**Legal aid - Greece**

NATIONAL LAW

**Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities**
Greek Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights
Υπουργείο Δικαιοσύνης, Διαφάνειας και Ανθρωπίνων Δικαιωμάτων

Department for International Judicial Cooperation in Civil and Criminal Matters
Τμήμα Διεθνούς Δικαστικής Συνεργασίας σε Αστικές και Ποινικές Υποθέσεις
96 Mesogion Av.
11527 Athens, Greece
Telephone: (0030) 210 7767529, (0030) 210 7767322, (0030) 210 7767312
Fax: (0030) 210 7767499
E-mail: civilunit@justice.gov.gr, gkouvelas@justice.gov.gr, mntollia@justice.gov.gr, vsarigianndis@justice.gov.gr

**Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction**
The above competent authority has jurisdiction throughout Greece.

**Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications**
Requests are received by post. In urgent cases, they may be received by fax or email, pending receipt of the original request by post.

**Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application**
Requests may be completed in Greek or English.

Last update: 05/07/2021

The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

---

**Legal aid - Spain**

NATIONAL LAW

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

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

**Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications**
Means of communication: only by mail or personal presentation.

**Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application**
The language that may be used for the completion of the application will be Spanish, nevertheless, in the future, another official language of the Community could be notified to the Commission.

Last update: 22/11/2021

The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

Please note that the original language version of this page has been amended recently. The language version you are now viewing is currently being prepared by our translators.

---

**Legal aid - France**

The national laws on legal aid are Law No 91-647 and Decree No 91-1266.

**Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities**
Ministry of Justice, Department for Access to Law and Justice and Support for Victims (Service de l'accès au droit et à la justice et de l'aide aux victimes), Legal Aid Office (Bureau de l'aide juridictionnelle)
Office address: 13 Place Vendôme; 75042 Paris CEDEX 01; France
Tel.: +33 1 70 22 74 12
Email: baj.sadjav-sg@justice.gouv.fr

**Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction**
The geographical areas of jurisdiction are metropolitan France, the overseas departments (Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mayotte, French Guiana and Réunion) and Saint-Pierre et Miquelon.

**Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications**
By post to the following address:
Ministry of Justice, Department for Access to Law and Justice and Support for Victims (Service de l'accès au droit et à la justice et de l'aide aux victimes), Legal Aid Office (Bureau de l'aide juridictionnelle)
Applications must be completed in French. The competent authority to transmit and receive applications in the Republic of Croatia is: the Ministry of Justice and Administration of the Republic of Croatia (Ministarstvo pravosuđa i uprave Republike Hrvatske)
Ulica grada Vukovara 49
Tel.: +385 1 371 40 00
Fax: +385 1 371 45 07
Website: http://www.mprh.hr

There are three possible ways of communicating with the institutions concerned:
1) email: cooperation.dginternazionale.dag@giustizia.it
2) registered letter to the following address:
MINISTERO DELLA GIUSTIZIA
Dipartimento Affari di Giustizia
Direzione Generale degli Affari Internazionali
e della Cooperazione Giudiziaria
Ufficio I – Cooperazione Giudiziaria Internazionale
Tel.: +39 06.6885.2633
Fax: +39 06 6889 7528
Email: cooperation.dginternazionale.dag@giustizia.it
Via Arenula, 70 - 00186 Rome, Italy

3) fax to +39 06 6889 7528
Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application
Italian, English, French

The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities
The authority competent to transmit applications made by persons domiciled or habitually resident in Cyprus is the Ministry of Justice and Public Order. The authority competent to receive applications made by persons domiciled or habitually resident in a Member State other than Cyprus is the Ministry of Justice and Public Order.
Address: Ministry of Justice and Public Order
Leoforos Athalassas 125, 1461 Nicosia
Tel.: +357 22805950
Fax: +357 22518356
Email: registry@mjpo.gov.cy

Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction
The entire territory of the Republic of Cyprus.

Article 14(2), third indent – Available methods of receiving applications
By post, e-mail or fax

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

The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities
The address of the legal aid administration is Pils laukums 4, Riga, LV-1050, e-mail: jpa@jpa.gov.lv. Telephone information line (free of charge): 80001801 (information provided about the services of the legal aid administration and how to fill in forms)

Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction
The territorial extent of the jurisdiction of the transmitting and receiving authority, i.e. the legal aid administration, is the Republic of Latvia.

Article 14(2), third indent – Available methods of receiving applications
The competent authority may be asked to decide whether the decision to grant legal aid is to be sent by post or delivered in person to the legal aid administration.

Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application
The applications may be completed in Latvian.

The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities
The State-guaranteed Legal Aid Service, as the competent receiving and transmitting authority, exercises its competence throughout the territory of the Republic of Lithuania.

Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction
All methods permitted (post, fax, electronic means of communication).

Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application
It should be noted that legal aid applications and documents attesting to a person's right to receive State-guaranteed legal aid, which are submitted to the receiving institution, must be translated into Lithuanian or English.

The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.
The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

**Legal aid - Luxembourg**

The directive has been transposed by means of a legal notice (Ordonnance du 30 novembre 2004 relative à la procédure civile (Ordin ta’ l-2005 dwar Emenda fil-Kodiċi ta’ Organizzazzjoni u Proċedura Ċivili)).

The jurisdiction covers both the Island of Malta and the Island of Gozo.

Communication may be:
- via fax (Fax No. 00356 25902859) or
- via post addressed to:
  - Il-Registru tal-Qorti Ċivili
  - Il-Qorti,
  - Il-Belt Valletta, Malta

**Legal aid - Hungary**

The directive has been transposed by means of a legal notice (Ordni ta’ l-2005 dwar Emenda fil-Kodiċi ta’ Organizzazzjoni u Proċedura Ċivili).

The languages that may be used for the completion of the application are Maltese and English.

Applications for legal aid made in Luxembourg are to be completed in one of the official administrative languages listed below:
- Luxembourghish
- French
- German

Last update: 03/11/2021

The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

**Legal aid - Malta**

The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

The directive has been transposed by means of a legal notice (Ordni ta’ l-2005 dwar Emenda fil-Kodiċi ta’ Organizzazzjoni u Proċedura Ċivili).

The languages of the completion of the applications for legal aid are the Hungarian or English.

Last update: 05/04/2017

The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

**Legal aid - Malta**

The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

The directive has been transposed by means of a legal notice (Ordni ta’ l-2005 dwar Emenda fil-Kodiċi ta’ Organizzazzjoni u Proċedura Ċivili).

The languages that may be used for the completion of the application are Maltese and English.

Last update: 16/01/2018

The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

**Legal aid - Netherlands**

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), 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.

The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

The directive has been transposed by means of a legal notice (Act of 19 February 2005 (Stb. 2005, 90)).
Languages for the application are Dutch and English. Also done in the French or German language.

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

The transferring authorities are regional courts (sąd okręgowe).

Receiving authorities:
Ministry of Justice
Department of International Cooperation and Human Rights
Al. Ujazdowskie 11
00-950 Warsaw
Tel./Fax: +48 22 23-90-870 +48 22 628 09 49
Email: dwmpc@ms.gov.pl

District courts (sąd rejonowe) and regional courts are also receiving authorities.

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

Territorial jurisdiction of the transferring authorities:
Legal aid applications which are to be transferred to another Member State must be filed with the regional court with jurisdiction over the applicant's domicile or habitual residence.

Territorial jurisdiction of the receiving authorities:
Under Article 8(1) of the Act of 17 December 2004 on the right to legal aid in civil proceedings in Member States of the European Union (Journal of Laws 2005 No 10, item 67), legal aid applications may be filed directly with the court competent to examine the application (that is, the court before which the declaratory proceedings are ongoing or are to be opened), or, if the application is for legal aid in enforcement proceedings, with the district court with jurisdiction over the place of enforcement.

For all legal aid applications submitted to Polish courts by applicants with domicile or habitual residence in other EU Member States, the receiving authority with territorial jurisdiction is the Ministry of Justice.

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

Methods of receiving applications.
Applications may be filed directly with the transferring authority or by post.
Applications may be filed directly with the receiving authority or by post.

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

Languages that may be used for completing the application

**Transferring authorities:** The application must be drafted in Polish and in an official language of the Community institutions accepted by the EU Member State to which the application is to be transferred.

**Receiving authorities:** The application must be drafted in Polish or in English.

**Official languages of the Community institutions, other than Polish, which are accepted by Polish receiving authorities:** English.

**Legal aid - Austria**

| National law | 64 Kb | de |

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

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

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

**Legal aid - Poland**

| National legislation | 64 Kb | pl |

| 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 |

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

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

**Legal aid - Austria**

| National law | 64 Kb | de |

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

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

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

**Legal aid - Portugal**

| National legislation | 240 Kb | pt |

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

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

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

Click here for a copy of Law No 34/2004 of 29 July 2004 and Decree-Law No 71/2005 of 17 March 2005 (both in Portuguese).
Persons who are resident in another EU Member State but are seeking legal aid in a case for which the Portuguese courts have jurisdiction may send their application in Portuguese or English.

Last update: 21/03/2022

The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

### Legal aid - Romania

- Articles 90 and 91 of Law No 134/2010 of the Code of Civil Procedure
- Government Emergency Order No 51/2008 on public legal aid, approved with amendments by Law No 193/2008, as amended
- Articles 42 to 44 of Emergency Government Order No 80/2013 on judicial stamp duties.
- Law No 51/1995 on the organisation and exercise of the legal profession, as amended

### Legal aid - Slovakia

The Ministry of Justice, Directorate for International Law and Judicial Cooperation (Ministerul Justiţiei, Direcţia Drept Internaţional şi Cooperare Judiciară) Service for international judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters (Serviciul Cooperare judiciară internaţională în materie civilă şi comercială) Str. Apolodor 17, Sector 5, Bucharest 050741
Tel.: + 40372041077, Fax: + 40372041079, Fax: + 40372041084 Email: ddit@just.ro

The Romanian receiving authority can be either the Ministry of Justice
Directorate for International Law and Judicial Cooperation
Service for international judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters
Str. Apolodor 17, Sector 5, Bucharest 050741
Tel.: + 40372041077, Fax: + 40372041079, Fax: + 40372041084 Email: ddit@just.ro
or the Romanian court with the relevant territorial/jurisdictional jurisdiction.

### Legal aid - Slovenia

**Zakon o brezplačni pravni pomoči (Free Legal Aid Act)**

The receiving and transmitting authority in Slovenia is:
Ministrstvo za pravosodje (Ministry of Justice)
Županičeva 3
SLO-1000 Ljubljana
Tel.: (+386) 1 369 53 42
Fax: (+386) 1 369 57 83
Email: gp.mp@gov.si

The geographical areas in which it has jurisdiction:
The Ministry of Justice has jurisdiction for the territory of the Republic of Slovenia.

The means by which it is able to receive applications:
Legal aid applications must be sent by post.

The languages that may be used for completion of the application:
The application and supporting documents must be translated into Romanian and lodged in that language.

Last update: 22/12/2021

The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.
Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities
Applications shall be handed in or sent to the Legal Aid Centre's office serving the place where the applicant normally or temporarily resides.

Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction
Geographical territory where the Legal Aid Centre has jurisdiction: Slovak Republic.

Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications
Means of communication:
submission of applications in person at one of the Centre's offices
sending of applications via a postal operator to one of the Centre's office addresses

Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application
Languages in which applications may be submitted: Slovak.

Last update: 22/06/2021
The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

Legal aid - Finland
National Law

Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities
The Ministry of Justice and the Legal Aid Offices are competent throughout Finland.

Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications
Applications may be delivered to the receiving authority in person or sent by post, fax or, under certain conditions, by e-mail (further information available from http://www.oikeus.fi/oikeusapu/fi/index.html)

Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application
The receiving authority will accept applications in Finnish, Swedish or English.

Last update: 14/02/2022
The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

Legal aid - Sweden

This constitutes communication pursuant to Articles 14(4) and 21(1) of the above legal act.

The act has been transposed through the following national provision: Act No 327/2005

See the correlation table in Annex 1 and the legislative text in Annexes 2 and 3. The provisions entered into force on 1 November 2004.

In addition, Sweden fulfils its obligations under the Directive by means of the provisions of the Legal Aid Act (rättshjälpslagen, 1996:1619, Annex 4) and the Legal Aid Ordinance (rättshjälpsförordningen, 1997:404, Annex 5); Chapter 5 Sections 6 and 8, Chapter 33 Section 9 and Chapter 36 Section 24 of the Code of Judicial Procedure (rättegångsbalken, Annex 6); Sections 26, 50 and 52 of the Administrative Judicial Procedure Act (förvaltningsprocesslagen, 1971:291, Annex 7); Section 8 of the Administrative Procedure Act (förvaltningslagen, 1986:223, Annex 8); and Section 48 of the Act on Court Matters (lägen om domstolsväsenden, 1996:242, Annex 9).

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

Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction
Not applicable.

Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications
The Ministry of Justice can accept an application for legal aid submitted by post, courier or fax, or, following agreement in an individual case, by any agreed means.

Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application
The application may be made in Swedish or English (see Sections 11c-d of the Legal Aid Ordinance).

Last update: 24/01/2022
The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.

Legal aid - England and Wales
Legal Aid Directive UK Compliance
Article 15 - Processing of Applications

The computer systems of the United Kingdom legal aid authorities ensure that applicants are informed when applications are received and when any decisions are made on an application. Reasons are always given by the appropriate authority for all full or partial rejections of applications.
In England and Wales, for most forms of legal aid there is a right of appeal to an independent legal panel of experienced lawyers drawn from private practice. Procedures for review of refusal of applications for civil legal aid are also in place in Scotland. All refusals of legal aid in the United Kingdom are challengeable by the Courts through judicial review.

**Article 16 - Standard Form**

In England and Wales the standard form established under this Directive will entitle the applicant to any required pre-litigation advice. As with any applicant, further information or a further form may be required to proceed to representation in Court. The solicitor providing initial advice will assist the client in preparing any further information or application form that may be required.

Scotland will accept the standard form for applications for civil legal aid for representation from November 2004 but is not yet in a position to introduce measures which will allow it to accept applications for pre litigation advice and assistance under the Directive. However, the existing advice and assistance scheme allows pre litigation advice to be made available to cross border applicants regardless of nationality or residence.

As well as the standard form under this Directive, the United Kingdom will, of course, accept applications for legal aid from persons using its own domestic application forms in cross border cases.

**Final Provisions**

In relation to Article 18 full information and guidance on legal aid in the United Kingdom can be found in the following website:

- Legal Aid Board for Scotland: [http://www.slab.org.uk/](http://www.slab.org.uk/)

Transposition Note for Implementation in The United Kingdom of the Legal Aid Directive [en](en)
Legal aid - Scotland

Legal Aid Directive UK Compliance

Article 15 - Processing of Applications

The computer systems of the United Kingdom legal aid authorities ensure that applicants are informed when applications are received and when any decisions are made on an application.

Reasons are always given by the appropriate authority for all full or partial rejections of applications.

In England and Wales, for most forms of legal aid there is a right of appeal to an independent legal panel of experienced lawyers drawn from private practice. Procedures for review of refusal of applications for civil legal aid are also in place in Scotland. All refusals of legal aid in the United Kingdom are challengeable by the Courts through judicial review.

Article 16 - Standard Form

In England and Wales the standard form established under this Directive will entitle the applicant to any required pre-litigation advice. As with any applicant, further information or a further form may be required to proceed to representation in Court. The solicitor providing initial advice will assist the client in preparing any further information or application form that may be required.

Scotland will accept the standard form for applications for civil legal aid for representation from November 2004 but is not yet in a position to introduce measures which will allow it to accept applications for pre litigation advice and assistance under the Directive. However, the existing advice and assistance scheme allows pre litigation advice to be made available to cross border applicants regardless of nationality or residence.

As well as the standard form under this Directive, the United Kingdom will, of course, accept applications for legal aid from persons using its own domestic application forms in cross border cases.

Final Provisions

In relation to Article 18 full information and guidance on legal aid in the United Kingdom can be found in the following website:


Legal Aid Board for Scotland: [http://www.slab.org.uk/](http://www.slab.org.uk/)

Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission: [www.nilsc.org.uk](http://www.nilsc.org.uk)

Transposition Note for Implementation in The United Kingdom of the Legal Aid Directive (104 Kb)

Last update: 18/02/2020

The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.