

EJN's publications

Documents and guides for EU citizens and practitioners regarding EJN-civil topics.

To strengthen the efficient application of Union instruments, the Network has also produced a wide range of citizens' and practitioners' guides. In these guides available in Union languages you will find useful information which can be downloaded at the EJN-civil section of the European e-Justice Portal or at the EU Bookshop (for those published as of 2014).

Key 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

Council conclusions on the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters

 Keynote speech of 1 February 2017 by Ms Věra Jourová, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality: Building a stronger European Judicial Network [PDF](#) (214 Kb) [en](#)

 Working document on family mediation (November 2013) [PDF](#) (400 Kb) [en](#)

 EJN Good practices for data collection [PDF](#) (619 KB) [en](#)

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Citizens Guides	Practitioners Guides
Citizens' guide to cross-border civil litigation in the European Union PDF (719 Kb) en	Judicial cooperation in civil matters in the European Union PDF (3560 Kb) en
A Guide for Users to the European Small Claims Procedure PDF (1699 KB) en	Practice Guide for the application of the new Brussels II Regulation (2004) PDF (1588 Kb) en
A citizen's guide: how EU rules simplify international inheritances	Practice Guide for the application of the Brussels IIa Regulation (2014) PDF (2985 Kb) en
Debt recovery made easier in EU cross-border cases	Practice Guide for the Application of the European Small Claims Procedure PDF (2237 KB) en
	Practice Guide for the application of the Regulation on the European Order for Payment PDF (5809 Kb) en Please note that the guide does not reflect two amendments that entered into force on 14 July 2017. The first amendment 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. The second amendment extends the application of the European Small Claims Procedure to 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.
	Practical guide on using videoconferencing to obtain evidence in civil and commercial matters PDF (724 Kb) en
	Practice guide for the application of the Regulation on the European Enforcement Order PDF (1310 Kb) en
	Practice guide for the application of the Regulation on the Taking of Evidence PDF (74 Kb) en
	Practice Guide - Jurisdiction and applicable law in international disputes between the employee and the employer
	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 - Jurisdiction and applicable law in international consumer contracts

Other publications relevant in the area of civil judicial cooperation

Compendium of European Union Legislation on Judicial Cooperation in Civil and Commercial Matters - 2018 Edition

Compendium of European Union Legislation on Judicial Cooperation in Civil and Commercial Matters - 2017 Edition Supplement

Compendium of European Union legislation on judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters - 2017 Edition

European Council e-book on Civil Law – European Judicial Cooperation

 Guide to Good Practice under the Hague Convention of 25 October 1980 on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction - Mediation [PDF](#) (771 Kb) [en](#)

[Challenges in adoption procedures in Europe: Ensuring the best interests of the child](#)  (4876 Kb) 

[Practical Handbook for Caseworkers under the 2007 Child Support Convention](#)

[Explanatory Report on the Hague Protocol of 23 November 2007 on the Law Applicable to Maintenance Obligations](#)

[Wrongful removal or retention of a child - English](#)  (4064 Kb)  | [Romanian](#)  (2982 Kb) 

Promotional material

[EJN poster](#)  (162 Kb)  (available for dissemination)

[Leaflet – Need help in a cross-border case?](#)  (740 Kb) 

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