

“Order for payment” procedures

The  **European Payment Order** is a simplified procedure for cross-border monetary claims which are uncontested by the defendant, based on standard forms.



Standard forms have been drawn up for the European Payment Order and are available [here](#) in all languages. This link will also provide more information about which courts can issue a European Payment Order and where the application forms should be sent.

To start the procedure, Form A must be filled in, giving all the details of the parties and the nature and amount of the claim. The court will examine the application, and if the form is correctly filled in, the court should issue the European Payment Order within 30 days.

The European Payment Order must then be served on the defendant by the court. S/he can either pay the amount of the claim, or contest it. S/he has 30 days to lodge any statement of opposition to the European Payment Order. If this happens, the case may, subject to a choice of the claimant, either be transferred to the normal civil law courts to be dealt with under national law; or dealt with in accordance with a European Small Claims Procedure, or discontinued.

If there is no statement of opposition by the defendant, the European Payment Order will become automatically enforceable. A copy of the European Payment Order, and if necessary a translation, must be sent to the enforcement authorities of the Member State where it needs to be enforced. Enforcement takes place in accordance with the national rules and procedures of the Member State where the European Payment Order is being enforced. For details on the enforcement, please consult the [relevant section](#).

Related link

[Practice Guide for the application of the Regulation on the European Order for Payment](#)

European payment order – notifications of the Member States and a search tool helping to identify competent court(s)/authority(ies)

Please note that there are also national order for payment procedures. You can obtain information about such national procedures by selecting the relevant country's flag.

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