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Estonia

#### Article 2(1) – Authorities that can be considered as courts

For the purposes of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) 2020/1783 of the European Parliament and of the Council on cooperation between the courts of the Member States in the taking of evidence in civil or commercial matters (taking of evidence) (recast), an Estonian notary is deemed to be a 'court' as regards handling succession matters.

#### Article 3(2) – Requested courts

County courts

#### Article 4 – Central body

The functions of the central body referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EU) 2020/1783 are carried out by the Ministry of Justice (*Justiitsministeerium*).

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#### Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

Under Article 6 of the Regulation, Estonia accepts standard forms in both Estonian and English.

#### Article 7 – Means accepted for transmission of requests and other communications

Applications can be submitted by post, fax or email.

#### Article 19 – Central body or competent authority(ies) responsible for decisions on requests for direct taking of evidence

The functions of the central body referred to in Article 4(3) of the Regulation are carried out by the Ministry of Justice. The Ministry of Justice is designated as the authority competent to decide whether to accept or reject a request made under Article 19 of the Regulation.

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#### Article 29 – Agreements or arrangements to which Member States are parties and which comply with the conditions in Article 29(2)

- The Agreement between Estonia and Poland on Granting Legal Assistance and Legal Relations on Civil, Labour and Criminal Matters
- The Agreement between the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Lithuania on Legal Assistance and Legal Relationships

#### Article 31(4) – Notification on the early use of the decentralised IT-system

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