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Latvia

The functions of the National Network Contact Point and the representative of the Central Authority are performed by the [Department for International Cooperation of the Ministry of Justice](#) (*Tieslietu ministrijas Starptautiskās sadarbības departaments*).

Main functions of the contact points:

- to ensure that local judicial authorities receive general information on Community and international instruments relating to judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters, as well as to provide the information necessary for successful judicial cooperation between Member States in order to assist them in preparing enforceable judicial requests for judicial assistance;
- to seek solutions to problems that may arise in connection with a request for judicial cooperation;
- to help inform the public about judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters in the European Union and about the relevant Community and international instruments through the website of the network;
- to cooperate and participate in the organisation of network meetings;
- to contribute to the preparation and updating of information intended for the public;
- to ensure cooperation between network members at national level.

Depending on the topic discussed, the contact point also invites experts from other institutions to the meetings of the Network to share their experience. For example, several judges, representatives of the Ministry of Justice from various sectors, notaries, certified mediators, representatives of the administration of the Maintenance Guarantee Fund (*Uzturliedzekļu garantijas fonds*), representatives of the Council of Bailiffs (*Tiesu izpildītāju padome*), and academics have attended meetings alongside the contact point.

On 11 January 2023, the Ministry of Justice and the European Commission concluded a contract for the implementation of the project 'Strengthening the capacity of the Latvian national judicial cooperation network within the EJNI' (*Stiprināt Latvijas Nacionālā tiesiskās sadarbības tīkla kapacitātes Eiropas Tiesiskās sadarbības tīkla ietvaros*) (the [LVJUCO project](#)). The project will promote judicial cooperation between competent authorities and raise public awareness of the national judicial network.

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