


Mediation in Member States - Bulgaria

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Rather than going to court, why not try to solve your dispute through mediation? This is an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) measure, whereby a mediator assists those involved in a dispute to reach an agreement. The government and justice practitioners of Bulgaria are aware of the advantages of mediation.

Who to contact?

The **Ministry of Justice of Bulgaria** has established a register of mediators as part of the central register of non-profit corporate bodies offering useful public services.

The website of the [Ministry of Justice](#) provides access to:

- A [list of mediators](#)
- Private organisations which train mediators

In what area is recourse to mediation admissible and/or the most common?

Mediation is admissible in many areas of law. However, these areas are not regulated or limited by legislation. Up until now, most registered mediators have specialised in commercial and business mediation.

Are there specific rules to follow?

Mediation is entirely voluntary. Although mediation provides an alternative means of resolving a dispute without going to court, it is not a prerequisite when initiating court proceedings.

There is no specific code of conduct for mediators. However, provisions on ethical standards are contained in the Law of Mediation and Regulation No. 2 of 15th March 2007, which sets out the conditions and process of approving organisations that provide mediation.

Information and training

Organisations that offer training to mediators are from the private sector.

Training seminar topics include legal proceedings and ethical rules for the conduct of mediators, as well as the procedure set out in the **Law of Mediation and Regulation No. 2 of 15th March 2007**.

What is the cost of mediation?

Mediation is not free of charge; **payment** is subject to agreement between the mediator and the parties involved.

Is it possible to enforce an agreement resulting from mediation?

According to [Directive 2008/52/EC](#) (to encourage and facilitate mediation as an alternative form of resolution of cross-border disputes in the EU), it must be possible to request that the content of a written agreement resulting from mediation be made enforceable.

Member states will communicate this to the courts and other authorities competent to receive such requests.

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