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National information and online forms concerning Regulation No. 2201/2003.

#### General information

**Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003** of 27 November 2003 concerning jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and the matters of parental responsibility, repealing Regulation (EC) No 1347/2000

The Regulation applies between all Member States of the European Union with the exception of Denmark.

A judgment given in a Member State shall be recognised in the other Member States without any special procedure being required.

A judgment given in a Member State and enforceable in that State shall be enforced in another Member State when, on the application of any interested party, it has been declared enforceable there. An application for a declaration of enforceability shall be submitted to the court appearing in **Court for recognition/enforceability application**. The appeal against the decision on the application for a declaration of enforceability shall be lodged with the court appearing in the list **Court for appeal against a decision on recognition/enforceability**.

Judgments on access rights and judgments concerning the return of the child are recognised and enforceable in other Member States, without the need for a declaration of enforceability, provided they are accompanied by a certificate.

The Regulation provides for four standard forms.

Each Member State shall designate at least one central authority to assist with the application of the Regulation.

The European e-Justice Portal provides you with information concerning the application of the Regulation and a user-friendly tool for filling in the **forms**.

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#### **Brussels Ila Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Belgium**

##### **Article 67 (a)**

The names, addresses and contact details of the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

##### **Service Public Fédéral Justice / Federale Overheidsdienst Justitie**

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1000 Bruxelles / Brussel

Tel.: +32 2 542 67 00

Email:  [rapt-parental@just.fgov.be](mailto:rapt-parental@just.fgov.be)

##### **Article 67 (b)**

French, Dutch, German, English.

##### **Article 67 (c)**

The certificate must be accompanied by a translation into the official language of the place of enforcement.

##### **Articles 21 and 29**

Courts of first instance (*tribunaux de première instance / rechtbanken van eerste aanleg*).

##### **Article 33**

- The person applying for a declaration of enforceability may lodge an appeal with the court of appeal (*cour d'appel / hof van beroep*).

- The person against whom enforceability is sought may lodge opposition with the court of first instance.

##### **Article 34**

Appeal on a point of law (*pourvoi en cassation / cassatieberoep*).

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## **Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Bulgaria**

### **Article 67 (a)**

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53 are as follows:

The Ministry of Justice

International Legal Protection for Children and International Adoptions Directorate

Tel.: (+359 2) 9237302

E-mail: [L\\_Chernogorova@justice.government.bg](mailto:L_Chernogorova@justice.government.bg)

Fax: (+359 2) 9871557

Address: Ul. Slavyanska No 1

BG-1040 Sofia

Bulgaria

*(for all questions covered by the Regulation in connection with parental responsibility and the abduction and placement of children (Article 56))*

International Legal Cooperation and European Affairs Directorate

Tel.: (+359 2) 9237413

Fax: (+359 2) 9809223

Address: Ul. Slavyanska No 1

BG-1040 Sofia

Bulgaria

*(for all questions covered by the Regulation, except for matters relating to parental responsibility and the abduction and placement of children (Article 56))*

### **Article 67 (b)**

The languages accepted for communications with the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 57(2) are: Bulgarian, English and French.

### **Article 67 (c)**

The languages accepted for the certificate concerning rights of access pursuant to Article 45(2) are: Bulgarian, English and French.

### **Articles 21 and 29**

The competent bodies referred to in Article 21(2) for the recognition of judgments in matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility are the authorities competent for registration, namely the mayors of municipalities (Article 621(2) of the Code of Civil Procedure).

The competent body referred to in Article 21(3) for the recognition of judgments is the Provincial Court having jurisdiction over the opposing party's permanent or registered address or, if that party has no permanent or registered address in the Republic of Bulgaria, over the permanent or registered address of the interested party (Article 622(1) of the Code of Civil Procedure). If the interested party does not have a permanent address or registered address in Bulgaria either, the application is to be made to the Sofia Municipal Court.

The competent authority to which the application referred to in Article 29, for a declaration of enforceability of a judicial decision issued in another EU Member State, should be submitted is the Provincial Court having jurisdiction over the debtor's permanent or registered address, or over the place of enforcement. (Article 623(1) of the Code of Civil Procedure)

### **Article 33**

The decision is subject to appeal before the Sofia Court of Appeal. (Article 623(6), first sentence, of the Code of Civil Procedure)

### **Article 34**

Further appeals against decisions of the Sofia Court of Appeal are to be lodged with the Supreme Court of Cassation. (Article 623(6), second sentence, of the Code of Civil Procedure).

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## **Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Czechia**

### **Article 67 (a)**

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

**Office for International Legal Protection of Children (Úřad pro mezinárodně právní ochranu dětí)**

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602 00 Brno

Czech Republic

Phone: 00420 542 215 522

Fax: 00420 542 212 836  
E-mail: [podatelna@umpod.cz](mailto:podatelna@umpod.cz)  
Web address: <http://www.umpod.cz/>  
Contacts:

Zdeněk Kapitán, Director  
Markéta Nováková, Deputy Director

#### Article 67 (b)

The languages accepted for communications to central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2): Czech, English, German and French.

#### Article 67 (c)

For the certificate on access rights and the return of a child – Article 45(2): Czech

#### Articles 21 and 29

Applications under Articles 21 and 29 are to be submitted to the following in the Czech Republic:

- district courts (*okresní soudy*) or court bailiffs (*soudní exekutoři*).

#### Article 33

Appeals under Article 33 are to be lodged with the following courts in the Czech Republic:


- district courts (*okresní soudy*).

#### Article 34

The only appeals that may be lodged under Article 34 in the Czech Republic are:

- action in annulment (*žaloba pro zmatečnost*) pursuant to Section 229 et seq. of Act No 99/1963 (Code of Judicial Civil Procedure), as amended, and appellate review (*dovolání*) pursuant to Section 236 et seq. of Act No 99/1963 (Code of Judicial Civil Procedure), as amended.

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#### Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Germany

##### Article 67 (a)

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

Bundesamt für Justiz

Zentrale Behörde - Adenauerallee 99 – 103

53113 Bonn

Tel: +49 228 410 5212

Fax: +49 228 410 5401

E-Mail: [int.sorgerecht@bfj.bund.de](mailto:int.sorgerecht@bfj.bund.de)

##### Article 67 (b)

The languages accepted for communications to central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2): German and English.

##### Article 67 (c)

The languages accepted for the certificate concerning rights of access and return of the child pursuant to Article 45(2): German.

##### Articles 21 and 29

The applications provided for by Articles 21 and 29 shall be submitted to the following courts:

- in Germany:

- in the district of the *Kammergericht* (Berlin), the *Familiengericht, Pankow*.

- in the districts of the *Oberlandesgerichte* Braunschweig, Celle and Oldenburg, to the *Familiengericht* Celle.

- in the districts of the remaining *Oberlandesgerichte*, to the *Familiengericht* located at the seat of the respective *Oberlandesgericht*.

##### Article 33

The appeal provided for by Article 33 shall be lodged with the following courts:


- in Germany, the *Oberlandesgericht*.

##### Article 34

The appeals provided for in Article 34 may be brought only:

- in Germany, by a *Rechtsbeschwerde*.

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### **Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Estonia**

#### **Article 67 (a)**

The names, addresses and contact details of the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

Ministry of Justice

International Judicial Cooperation Division

Suur-Ameerika 1

10122 Tallinn

Email: [central.authority@just.ee](mailto:central.authority@just.ee)

Tel: +372 620 8183; +372 620 8186; +372 620 8190

#### **Article 67 (b)**

Pursuant to Article 57(2), the following languages are accepted for communicating with central authorities: *Estonian, English.*

#### **Article 67 (c)**

Pursuant to Article 45(2), the following languages are accepted for certificates on access rights and the return of a child: *Estonian and English.*

#### **Articles 21 and 29**

Applications under Articles 21 and 29 must be submitted to the relevant *county court* in Estonia.


#### **Article 33**

Appeals under Article 33 must be submitted to the relevant *district court* in Estonia.

#### **Article 34**

Appeals under Article 34 may be submitted in Estonia only as *appeals in cassation*.

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### **Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Ireland**

#### **Article 67 (a)**

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

Central Authority for International Child Abduction,

Department of Justice,

7 Ely Place,

Dublin 2.

Phone number +353 (1) 602 8202,

Email  [internationalchildabduction@justice.ie](mailto:internationalchildabduction@justice.ie)

#### **Article 67 (b)**

The languages accepted for communications to the central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2): Irish and/or English.

#### **Article 67 (c)**

The languages accepted for the certificate concerning rights of access and return of the child pursuant to Article 45(2): English and/or Irish.

#### **Articles 21 and 29**

The applications provided for by Articles 21 and 29 shall be submitted to the following courts:

- in Ireland, the High Court.

### Article 33

The appeal provided for by Article 33 shall be lodged with the following courts:

- in Ireland, the High Court.

### Article 34

In Ireland, an appeal on a point of law to the Court of Appeal (it should be noted, however, that in accordance with the provisions of the Irish Constitution, the Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction from a decision of the High Court if it is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances warranting a direct appeal to it. The Supreme Court shall also have appellate jurisdiction from a decision of the Court of Appeal if it is satisfied that certain conditions laid down in the Constitution are satisfied.)

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### Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Greece

#### Article 67 (a)

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#### Article 67 (b)

Languages accepted for correspondence with central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2): Greek, English, French

#### Article 67 (c)

Languages accepted for certificates concerning the right of access to and return of a child pursuant to Article 45(2): Greek, English, French

#### Articles 21 and 29

Applications under Articles 21 and 29 shall be submitted to the following courts:

- in Greece, a court of first instance (*Protodikeío*).

Applications shall be submitted to the court with jurisdiction for the debtor's place of residence or, if the debtor has no residence, the court for the debtor's place of accommodation or, if the debtor has no place of accommodation either, the court for Athens.

#### Article 33

Appeals under Article 33 shall be lodged with the following courts:

- in Greece, a court of appeal (*Efeteío*).

#### Article 34

Appeals under Article 34 may be lodged only by means of:

- in Greece, an appeal in cassation.

Appeals in cassation shall be lodged with the Supreme Court.

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## Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Spain

### Article 67 (a)

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

Dirección General de Cooperación Jurídica Internacional del Ministerio de Justicia

Servicio de Convenios

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28015 Madrid

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E-Mail: [✉ sustraccionmenores@mjusticia.es](mailto:sustraccionmenores@mjusticia.es)

### Article 67 (b)

The languages accepted for communications to central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2): Spanish, English, French.

### Article 67 (c)

The languages accepted for the certificate concerning rights of access and return of the child pursuant to Article 45(2): Spanish.

### Articles 21 and 29

The applications provided for by Articles 21 and 29 shall be submitted to the following courts:

- in Spain, *Juzgado de Primera Instancia*.

### Article 33

The appeal provided for by Article 33 shall be lodged with the following courts:

- in Spain, *Audiencia Provincial*.

### Article 34

The appeals provided for in Article 34 may be brought only:

- in Spain, by an appeal in cassation.

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## Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - France

### Article 67 (a)

The names, addresses and contact details of the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

**Two central authorities have been designated.**

#### 1. For the whole Regulation except for Article 56 (cross-border placements)

Ministry of Justice

*Direction des Affaires Civiles et du Sceau* (Civil Affairs and Seals Directorate)

*Département de l'entraide, du droit international privé et européen* (Department for Mutual Assistance, Private International Law and European Law)

13 place Vendôme

75042 Paris Cedex 01

Email: [✉ entraide-civile-internationale@justice.gouv.fr](mailto:entraide-civile-internationale@justice.gouv.fr)

#### 2. For the application of Article 56 (cross-border placements)

Ministry of Justice

*Direction de la Protection Judiciaire de la Jeunesse* (Directorate for the Judicial Protection of Young People)

*Bureau de la législation et des affaires juridiques* (Office for Legislation and Legal Affairs, K1)

13 place Vendôme

75042 Paris Cedex 01

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Email: [✉ saei.dpjj@justice.gouv.fr](mailto:saei.dpjj@justice.gouv.fr)

### Article 67 (b)

The languages accepted for correspondence with central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2): French, English.

### Article 67 (c)

The languages accepted for the certificate concerning rights of access and the certificate for the return of the child pursuant to Article 45(2): French, English.

#### **Articles 21 and 29**

The applications provided for by Articles 21 and 29 must be submitted to the following court authorities:

- in France, the President of the Civil Court (*Président du tribunal judiciaire*) or their delegate.

#### **Article 33**

Appeals under Article 33 are to be lodged with the following courts:


- in France, the *Cour d'appel* (Court of Appeal).

#### **Article 34**

As provided for by Article 34, the judgment given on appeal may be contested:

- in France, only by bringing a *pourvoi en cassation* (appeal on a point of law to the Court of Cassation).

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#### **Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Croatia**

##### **Article 67 (a)**

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Policy

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10000 Zagreb

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Email:  [pisarnica@mrosp.hr](mailto:pisarnica@mrosp.hr)

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Fax: +385 1 6106 171

##### **Article 67 (b)**

The languages accepted for communications to central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2):

(a) Croatian or English for communication with the central authorities;

(b) Croatian for applications.

##### **Article 67 (c)**

The languages accepted for the certificate concerning rights of access pursuant to Article 45(2):

Croatian

#### **Articles 21 and 29**

The applications provided for by Articles 21 and 29 must be submitted to the following courts:

Municipal courts (*općinski sudovi*; sing. *općinski sud*) receive and decide on applications for a declaration of enforceability.

#### **Article 33**

The appeal provided for by Article 33 must be lodged with the following courts:

Appeals are lodged with courts of second instance (county courts (*županijski sudovi*; sing. *županijski sud*) via the court of first instance that adopted the decision (a municipal court).

#### **Article 34**

Appeals pursuant to Article 34:

The judgment given on appeal may be contested by one of the parties submitting a motion for a retrial (Articles 421-428 of the Civil Procedure Act). A motion for a retrial must be submitted to the court which adopted the judgment at first instance (a municipal court).

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#### **Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Italy**

##### **Article 67 (a)**

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

**the central authority for the whole of Italy is the Department of Juvenile and Community Justice (*Dipartimento per la Giustizia Minorile e di Comunità*)**

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00136 Rome

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##### **Article 67 (b)**

The languages accepted for communications to central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2): Italian, French, English.

##### **Article 67 (c)**

For the certificate on access rights and the return of a child – Article 45(2): Italian, English, French.

##### **Articles 21 and 29**

The applications provided for by Articles 21 and 29 should be lodged with the courts listed below:

- in Italy, the 'Corte d'appello'

##### **Article 33**

The appeals provided for in Article 33 should be lodged with the courts listed below:

- in Italy, the 'Corte d'appello'.

##### **Article 34**

The appeals provided for in Article 34 may be brought only:

- in Italy, by appeal on a point of law (*cassazione*).

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#### **Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Cyprus**

##### **Article 67 (a)**

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

**Ministry of Justice and Public Order (*Υπουργείο Δικαιοσύνης και Δημοσίας Τάξεως*)**

International Legal Cooperation Unit (*Μονάδα Διεθνοús Νομικής Συnergασίας*)

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#### Article 67 (b)

For the purposes of Articles 57(2) and 45(2), in addition to the official languages of Cyprus, i.e. Greek and Turkish, English is also accepted.

#### Article 67 (c)

For the certificate concerning rights of access and return of a child pursuant to Article 45(2):

For the purposes of Articles 57(2) and 45(2), in addition to the official languages of Cyprus, i.e. Greek and Turkish, English is also accepted.

#### Articles 21 and 29

Applications under Articles 21 and 29 are to be submitted to the following courts:

- in Cyprus

- (a) Family Court (*Oikogeneiakó Dikastírio*) of Nicosia-Kyrenia;
- (b) Family Court of Limassol-Paphos;
- (c) Family Court of Larnaca-Famagusta.

#### Article 33


Appeals under Article 33 are to be lodged with the following courts:

- in Cyprus, the Family Court of Appeal (*Devterobáthmio Oikogeneiakó Dikastírio*).

#### Article 34

In Cyprus, for the purposes of Article 34, there is no mechanism by which a judgment given on appeal can be contested before a court of third instance.

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### Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Latvia

#### Article 67 (a)

Names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

##### The Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia

Brīvības bulvāris 36

Rīga, LV - 1536

Latvia

E-Mail:  [pasts@tm.gov.lv](mailto:pasts@tm.gov.lv)

#### Article 67 (b)

The languages accepted for communications to central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2): Latvian, English.

#### Article 67 (c)

The languages accepted for the certificate concerning rights of access and return of the child pursuant to Article 45(2): Latvian, English.

#### Articles 21 and 29

The applications provided for by Articles 21 and 29 shall be submitted to the following courts:

- in Latvia, the *rajona (pilsētas) tiesa* [district (town) court]

#### Article 33

The appeal provided for by Article 33 shall be lodged with the following courts:

- in Latvia, the *apgabaltiesā* [regional court].

#### Article 34

The appeals provided for in Article 34 may be brought only:

- in Latvia, *Augstākajā tiesā* [an appeal to the Supreme Court].

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## **Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Lithuania**

### **Article 67 (a)**

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

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Ministry of Social Security and Labour

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### **Article 67 (b)**

The languages accepted for communications to central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2): Lithuanian, English.

### **Article 67 (c)**

The languages accepted for the certificate concerning rights of access and return of the child pursuant to Article 45(2): Lithuanian.

### **Articles 21 and 29**

The applications provided for by Articles 21 and 29 shall be submitted to the following courts:

- in Lithuania, the *Lietuvos apeliacinis teismas* [Court of Appeal].

### **Article 33**

The appeal provided for by Article 33 shall be lodged with the following courts:

- in Lithuania, the *Lietuvos apeliacinis teismas* [Court of Appeal].

### **Article 34**

The appeals provided for in Article 34 may be brought only:

- in Lithuania, the *Lietuvos Aukščiausiasis Teismas* [an appeal in Cassation to the Supreme Court].

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## **Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Luxembourg**

### **Article 67 (a)**

The names, addresses and contact details of the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

**Office of the Public Prosecutor attached to the Supreme Court of Justice (*Parquet général près la Cour Supérieure de Justice*)**

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Cité Judiciaire, Bâtiment CR

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Email: [parquet.general@justice.etat.lu](mailto:parquet.general@justice.etat.lu)

#### Article 67 (b)

The languages accepted for correspondence with the central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2) are: French, English and German.

#### Article 67 (c)

The languages accepted for the certificate concerning rights of access and the certificate concerning return of the child(ren) pursuant to Article 45(2) are: French, English and German.

#### Articles 21 and 29

The applications provided for by Articles 21 and 29 must be submitted to the following court authorities:

- in Luxembourg, the presiding judge at the district court (*Tribunal d'arrondissement*).

#### Article 33

The appeals provided for by Article 33 must be lodged with the following courts:

- in Luxembourg, the Court of Appeal (*Cour d'appel*).

#### Article 34

As provided for by Article 34, the judgment given on appeal may only be contested by:

- in Luxembourg, bringing an appeal on a point of law (*pourvoi en cassation*).

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### Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Hungary

#### Article 67 (a)

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53 can be found using the search tool at the top of the page.

#### Article 67 (b)

The languages accepted for communications to central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2) are Hungarian, English, German and French.

#### Article 67 (c)

The languages accepted for the certificate concerning rights of access and the return of the child pursuant to Article 45(2) are Hungarian, English, German and French.

#### Articles 21 and 29

The courts to which applications referred to in Articles 21 and 29 may be submitted are the following:

– in Hungary, the district court operating at the seat of the competent regional court (*törvényszék székhelyén működő járásbíróóság*) and, in Budapest, the Central District Court of Buda (*Budai Központi Kerületi Bíróság*).

#### Article 33

The courts with which appeals referred to in Article 33 may be lodged are the following:

– in Hungary, the regional courts (*törvényszék*) and, in Budapest, Budapest-Capital Regional Court (*Fővárosi Törvényszék*).

#### Article 34

The judgment given on appeal pursuant to Article 34 may be contested only by:

— in Hungary: a request for review (*felülvizsgálati kérelem*).

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## Brussels Ila Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Malta

### Article 67 (a)

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

The Chief Executive Officer, Social Care Standards Authority  
Ministry for the Family, Children's Rights and Social Solidarity  
Social Care Standards Authority  
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Sta Venera SVR 1012  
MALTA  
Telephone: +356 25494000  
Fax: +356 25494355  
Email: [feedback-scsa@gov.mt](mailto:feedback-scsa@gov.mt)  
Website: <https://scsa.gov.mt/>

### Article 67 (b)

The languages accepted for communications to central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2): Maltese, English.

### Article 67 (c)

For the certificate on access rights and the return of a child — Article 45(2): Maltese, English.

### Articles 21 and 29

The applications provided for by Articles 21 and 29 shall be submitted to the following courts:

In Malta, the Civil Court (Family Section) and in Gozo, the Court of Magistrates (Gozo) (Family Section) (Superior Jurisdiction)

### Article 33

The appeals provided for in Article 33 shall be brought in the courts listed below:

— in Malta and Gozo, the *Qorti tal-Appell* [Court of Appeal] in accordance with the procedure laid down for appeals in the Code of Organisation and Civil Procedure — Cap. 12.

### Article 34

The appeals provided for in Article 34 may be brought only: this does not exist in national law.

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## Brussels Ila Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Netherlands

### Article 67 (a)

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

The Department Legal and International Affairs of the Direction  
Legal Youth Policy of the Ministry of Justice  
Turfmarkt 147  
2511 DP Den Haag  
Postbus 20301  
2500 EH Den Haag  
Telefoon: (070) 370 79 11

### Article 67 (b)

The languages accepted for communications to central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2): Dutch, English, German, French.

### Article 67 (c)

The languages accepted for the certificate concerning rights of access and return of the child pursuant to Article 45(2): Dutch, English, German.

### Articles 21 and 29

The applications provided for by Articles 21 and 29 shall be submitted to the following courts:

-in Netherlands, the *voorzieningenrechter van de rechtbank*.

### Article 33

The appeal provided for by Article 33 shall be lodged with the following courts:

- in Netherlands, the *rechtbank*.

#### Article 34

The appeals provided for in Article 34 may be brought only:

- in Netherlands, by an appeal in cassation.

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#### Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Austria

##### Article 67 (a)

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

Bundesministerium für Justiz (Federal Ministry of Justice), Museumstraße 7, 1070 Vienna

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Email: [team.z@bmj.gv.at](mailto:team.z@bmj.gv.at)

##### Article 67 (b)

The languages accepted for communications to central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2): German.

##### Article 67 (c)

For the certificate on access rights and the return of a child – Article 45(2): German.

##### Articles 21 and 29

The applications provided for by Articles 21 and 29 shall be submitted to the following courts or competent authorities:

- in Austria, the District Court (*Bezirksgericht*).

##### Article 33

The appeals provided for by Article 33 shall be lodged with the courts listed below:

- in Austria, the District Court.

##### Article 34

The appeals provided for by Article 34 may be brought only:

- in Austria: by an appeal on a point of law (*Revisionsrekurs*), lodged with the District Court but addressed to the Supreme Court (*Oberster Gerichtshof*).

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#### Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Poland

##### Article 67 (a)

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

Minister for Justice

The tasks of the Central Authority are carried out by the

Department of International Family Proceedings

Department for Family and Minor Affairs

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fax. (+48) 22 89 70 321  
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#### Article 67 (b)

Information on the languages accepted for communications to central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2): Polish, German, English.

#### Article 67 (c)

In the case of certificates concerning rights of access and the return of the child - Article 45(2): Polish.

#### Articles 21 and 29

The applications provided for by Articles 21 and 29 shall be submitted to the following courts:

in Poland: the County Court [*Sąd Okręgowy*]

#### Article 33

The applications provided for by Article 33 shall be submitted to the following courts:

in Poland, the Court of Appeal [*Sąd Apelacyjny*].

#### Article 34

The appeals provided for by Article 34 may be brought:

In Poland, an appeal on a point of law to the Supreme Court.

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### Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Portugal

#### Article 67 (a)

The central authority designated pursuant to Article 53 is:

**the Directorate-General for Justice Administration (Direcção-Geral da Administração da Justiça)**

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E-mail: [criancas@dgaj.mj.pt](mailto:criancas@dgaj.mj.pt)

Website: <https://dgaj.justica.gov.pt/>

#### Article 67 (b)

Pursuant to Article 57(2), the languages that may be used to communicate with the Central Authority are Portuguese, English and French.

#### Article 67 (c)

The languages accepted for the certificate concerning rights of access and the return of a child pursuant to Article 45(2) are **Portuguese and English**.

#### Articles 21 and 29

For the cases referred to in Articles 21 and 29, the court with jurisdiction is:

- the **Family and Minors Division** (*Juízo de Família e Menores*); or, if there isn't one:

- the **Local Civil Division** (*Juízo Local Cível*), if one exists, or the **Local General Division** (*Juízo Local de Competência Genérica*).

#### Article 33

The appeals provided for under Article 33 must be lodged with the **Court of Appeal** (*Tribunal da Relação*).

#### Article 34

For the purposes of Article 34 of the Regulation, it is only possible to bring an **appeal on a point of law** and this must be lodged with the **Supreme Court of Justice** (*Supremo Tribunal de Justiça*).

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#### **Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Romania**

##### **Article 67 (a)**

The Ministry of Justice is the central authority in Romania (Article 3 of Article I 3 of Law No 191/2007 approving Government Emergency Order No 119/2006 on certain measures necessary for the application of Community Regulations from the date of Romania's accession to the European Union).

Ministry of Justice, Directorate for International Law and Judicial Cooperation,

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##### **Article 67 (b)**

Romania accepts the Romanian, English and French languages for the certificate of child return or visit and for communications to central authorities.

##### **Article 67 (c)**

Romania accepts the Romanian, English and French languages for the certificate of child return or visit and for communications to central authorities.

##### **Articles 21 and 29**

Claims for recognition and declaration of enforceability (exequatur) fall within the jurisdiction of the court in the district of which the defendant ('the refuser') is a resident and, if this is unknown, the court in the district in which the claimant is a resident. If it is not possible to establish jurisdiction, the application shall be submitted to the Bucharest Court.

##### **Article 33**

In Romania appeals against the decision on recognition and declaration of enforceability fall within the jurisdiction of the court of appeal (Article 96 (2) of Law No 134/2010 on the Code of Civil Procedure).

##### **Article 34**

Appeal (Article 97(1) of the Code of Civil Procedure)

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#### **Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Slovenia**

##### **Article 67 (a)**

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

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##### **Article 67 (b)**

The languages accepted for communications to central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2): Slovene, English.

##### **Article 67 (c)**

The languages accepted for the certificate concerning rights of access and return of the child pursuant to Article 45(2): Slovene.

##### **Articles 21 and 29**



The applications provided for by Articles 21 and 29 shall be submitted to the following courts:

- in Slovenia, the *okrožno sodišče*.

#### Article 33

The appeal provided for by Article 33 shall be lodged with the following courts:

- in Slovenia, the *okrožno sodišče*.

#### Article 34

The appeals provided for in Article 34 may be brought only:

- in Slovenia, *pritožba na Vrhovno sodišče Republike Slovenije*.

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#### Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Slovakia

##### Article 67 (a)

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

**(Article 55(c)) - Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic (Ministerstvo spravodlivosti Slovenskej republiky)**

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Website:  <https://www.justice.gov.sk>

**(Article 55(a), (b), (d) and (e) and Article 56) - Centre for International Legal Protection of Children and Youth (Centrum pre medzinárodnoprávnu ochranu detí a mládeže)**

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Website:  <http://www.cipc.gov.sk>

##### Article 67 (b)

The languages accepted for communication with central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2):

for the purpose of Article 55(c): Slovak, English, French

for the purpose of Article 55(d): Slovak, English, Czech

for the purpose of Article 55(a), (b) and (e): Slovak, English, French, Czech and German

##### Article 67 (c)

For a certificate concerning child access rights and a certificate concerning the return of a child – Article 45(2): Slovak

#### Articles 21 and 29

Applications under Article 21 are to be submitted to the following courts:

(a) the Regional Court in Bratislava (*Krajský súd v Bratislave*), in the case of applications for recognition of a decision relating to divorce, legal separation or marriage annulment.

(b) the district court in the place where the child is resident or, if the child is not resident, in the place where he or she is currently staying, in the case of applications for recognition of a decision relating to parental rights and responsibilities. If there is no such court, jurisdiction lies with Bratislava II Municipal Court.

Applications provided for by Article 29 are to be submitted to the following courts:

the district court in the place where the child is resident or, if the child is not resident, in the place where he or she is currently staying, in the case of applications for a declaration of enforceability. If there is no such court, jurisdiction lies with Bratislava II Municipal Court.

#### Article 33

Challenges under Article 33 are to be submitted to the following courts:

- the court that ruled at first instance.

#### Article 34

Challenges that may be lodged pursuant to Article 34:

- *appellate review*.

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### **Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Finland**

#### **Article 67 (a)**

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

#### **The Ministry of Justice**

##### **International legal assistance**

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#### **Article 67 (b)**

The languages accepted for communications to central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2): Finnish, Swedish, English.

#### **Article 67 (c)**

For the certificate on access rights and the return of a child - Article 45(2): Finnish, Swedish, English.

#### **Articles 21 and 29**

The applications provided for in Articles 21 and 29 shall be submitted to the following courts:

- in Finland, the *käräjäoikeus/tingsrätt*.

#### **Article 33**

The appeal provided for in Article 33 shall be lodged with the following courts:


- in Finland, the *hovioikeus/hovrätt*.

#### **Article 34**

The judgments given on appeal provided for in Article 34 may be contested only at:

- in Finland, the *Korkein oikeus/högsta domstolen*.

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### **Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Sweden**

#### **Article 67 (a)**

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

#### **Utrikesdepartementet Enheten för konsulära och civilrättsliga ärenden**

(Foreign Ministry Department for Consular Affairs and Civil Law)

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Fax: +46 (8) 723 1176;

Email address: [ud-kc@gov.se](mailto:ud-kc@gov.se)

#### Article 67 (b)

The languages accepted for communications to central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2) are Swedish and English.

#### Article 67 (c)

For the certificate on access rights and the return of a child - Article 45(2): Swedish or English.

#### Articles 21 and 29

##### Article 21

If the application relates entirely or in part to a child's person, it should be made to the district court (*tingsrätt*) as provided for in Chapter 21, Section 1 of the Swedish Children and Parents Code (*föräldrabalken*).

If the application does not relate to a child's person, it should be made to the district court, of those listed in Section 5(1) of Ordinance (2005:97) laying down supplementary provisions to the Brussels II Regulation, where the other party has his or her residence, or to the Nacka district court if the other party is not resident in Sweden.

##### Article 29

If the application relates entirely or in part to a child's person, it should be made to the district court in accordance with Article 29(2) of the Brussels II Regulation.

If the application does not relate to a child's person, it should be made to the district court, of those listed in Section 5(2) of Ordinance (2005:97) laying down supplementary provisions to the Brussels II Regulation, determined in accordance with Article 29(2) of the Brussels II Regulation.

#### Article 33

The appeals provided for by Article 33 must be lodged with the district court that handed down the decision.

#### Article 34

The appeals provided for by Article 34 can be lodged only with a court of appeal (*hovrätt*) or with the Supreme Court (*Högsta domstolen*).

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#### Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - England and Wales

#### Article 67 (a)

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

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Fax: +44 (0) 20 3681 2763

E-Mail:  [icacu@offsol.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:icacu@offsol.gsi.gov.uk)

#### Article 67 (b)

The languages accepted for communications to central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2): English, French.

#### Article 67 (c)

The languages accepted for the certificate concerning rights of access and return of the child pursuant to Article 45(2): English, French.

#### Articles 21 and 29

The applications provided for by Articles 21 and 29 shall be submitted to the following courts:

- in England and Wales, the High Court of Justice – Principal Registry of the Family Division.

#### Article 33

The appeal provided for by Article 33 shall be lodged with the following courts:

- in England and Wales, the High Court of Justice – Principal Registry of the Family Division;

#### Article 34

The appeals provided for in Article 34 may be brought only by a single further appeal on a point of law:

- in England and Wales, to the Court of Appeal.

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### **Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Northern Ireland**

#### **Article 67 (a)**

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

Operational Policy Branch  
Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service  
Department of Justice  
4th Floor Laganside House  
23-27 Oxford Street  
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BT1 3LA  
Northern Ireland

email: [InternationalChildAbduction@courtsni.gov.uk](mailto:InternationalChildAbduction@courtsni.gov.uk)

#### **Article 67 (b)**

The languages accepted for communications to central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2): English, French.

#### **Article 67 (c)**

The languages accepted for the certificate concerning rights of access and return of the child pursuant to Article 45(2): English, French.

#### **Articles 21 and 29**

The applications provided for by Articles 21 and 29 shall be submitted to the following courts:

- in Northern Ireland, the High Court of Justice.

#### **Article 33**

The appeal provided for by Article 33 shall be lodged with the following courts:

- in Northern Ireland, the High Court of Justice.

#### **Article 34**

The appeals provided for in Article 34 may be brought only:

- in Northern Ireland, to the Northern Ireland Court of Appeal.

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### **Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Scotland**

#### **Article 67 (a)**

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53:

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[✉ Paula.Nugent@gov.scot](mailto:Paula.Nugent@gov.scot) (Casework Manager);

**Article 67 (b)**

The languages accepted for communications to central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2): English, French.

**Article 67 (c)**

The languages accepted for the certificate concerning rights of access and return of the child pursuant to Article 45(2): English, French.

**Articles 21 and 29**

The applications provided for by Articles 21 and 29 shall be submitted to the following courts:

- in Scotland, the Court of Session.

**Article 33**

The appeal provided for by Article 33 shall be lodged with the following courts:

- in Scotland, the Court of Session, Outer House;

**Article 34**

The appeals provided for in Article 34 may be brought only:

- in Scotland, to the Court of Session, Inner House.

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**Brussels IIa Regulation - Matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility - Gibraltar**

**Article 67 (a)**

Ministry of Education,

Justice and International Exchange of Information

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Gibraltar

**Article 67 (b)**

The languages accepted for communications to central authorities pursuant to Article 57(2): English, French.

**Article 67 (c)**

The languages accepted for the certificate concerning rights of access and return of the child pursuant to Article 45(2): English, French.

**Articles 21 and 29**

The applications provided for by Articles 21 and 29 shall be submitted to the following courts:

- in Gibraltar, the Supreme Court.

**Article 33**

The appeal provided for by Article 33 shall be lodged with the following courts:

- in Gibraltar, the Supreme Court.

**Article 34**

The appeals provided for in Article 34 may be brought only:

- in Gibraltar, by an appeal to the Court of Appeal.

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