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National information and online forms concerning Regulation No. 2020/1783

General information

Regulation (EU) 2020/1783 on cooperation between the courts of the Member States in the taking of evidence in civil or commercial matters (taking of evidence)(recast) seeks to improve, simplify and accelerate cooperation between courts in the taking of evidence. The Regulation replaced Council Regulation (EC) No 1206/2001 as of 1 July 2022.

However, the decentralised IT system as an obligatory means of communication to be used for the transmission and receipt of requests, forms and other communication will only start applying from **1 May 2025** (the first day of the month following the period of three years after the date of entry into force of the [implementing act](#) referred to in Article 25 (for further details see Article 35 of Regulation (EU) 2020/1783)).

The Regulation applies between all Member States of the European Union with the exception of Denmark. Between Denmark and the other Member States the Hague Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters of 1970 applies.

The Regulation provides for three ways of taking of evidence between Member States: taking of evidence through the requested court, direct taking of evidence by the requesting court and taking of evidence by diplomatic agents or consular officers.

The Requesting Court is the court or other competent authority if notified by the relevant Member State, before which the proceedings are commenced or contemplated. The Requested Court is the competent court of another Member State for the performance of the taking of evidence. The Central Body is responsible for supplying information and seeking solutions to any difficulties which may arise in respect of a request.

The Regulation provides for fourteen forms.

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](#).

Please select the relevant country's flag to obtain detailed national information.

Related links

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1206/2001 of 28 May 2001 on cooperation between the courts of the Member States in the taking of evidence in civil or commercial matters](#)

[The Hague Convention of 18 March 1970 on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters](#)

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Taking evidence (recast) - Belgium

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

Not applicable.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

The court of first instance (*rechtbank van eerste aanleg / tribunal de première instance*).

Article 4 – Central body

Federal Public Service Justice

Department for International Legal Assistance in Civil Matters

Waterloolaan / Boulevard de Waterloo 115

1000 Brussels

Belgium

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Fax: +32 25427006 / +32 25427038

Email: eu1206ue@just.fgov.be

Territorial jurisdiction: Belgium (whole country)

Languages: French, Dutch and English.

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

The standard forms referred to in Annex I to the Regulation and any attachments must be completed in or translated into the language of the judicial district of the court of first instance to which the application is made. No other language is accepted.

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

Post or fax.

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

Federal Public Service Justice

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Fax: +32 25427006 / +32 25427038

Email: eu1206ue@just.fgov.be

Territorial jurisdiction: Belgium (whole country)

Languages: French, Dutch and English.

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

Belgium declares that, in its relations with the other Member States, the Regulation prevails in matters within its scope over the following instruments:

Convention of 21 June 1922 between Belgium and the United Kingdom on the transmission of judicial and extra-judicial documents and the collection of evidence;

Convention of The Hague of 1 March 1954 on civil procedure;

Convention of 1 March 1956 between Belgium and France on mutual judicial assistance in civil and commercial matters;

Convention of New York of 20 June 1956 on the recovery abroad of maintenance;

Agreement of 25 April 1959 between the Government of Belgium and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to facilitate the application of the Convention of The Hague of 1 March 1954 on civil procedure;

Convention of 23 October 1989 between Belgium and Austria on mutual judicial assistance and legal cooperation, additional to the Convention of The Hague of 1 March 1954 on civil procedure.

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

Not applicable.

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Taking evidence (recast) - Bulgaria

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

Courts.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

Requests for the taking of evidence should be sent to the district court (*rayonen sad*) in whose jurisdiction evidence is to be taken.

Article 4 – Central body

Ministry of Justice

International Legal Cooperation and European Affairs Directorate

International Cooperation in Civil Matters Unit

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+359 2 9237 544

+359 2 9237 576

Fax: +3592 9809223

Email: civil@justice.government.bg

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1040 Sofia

Bulgaria

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

Requests from another Member State for the taking of evidence and statements should be drawn up in Bulgarian or accompanied by a translation into Bulgarian.

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

District courts accept requests for the taking of evidence and other communications received by post.

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

The authority competent to authorise the direct taking of evidence in the Republic of Bulgaria is the provincial court (*okrazhen sad*) in whose jurisdiction evidence is to be taken.

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

The Republic of Bulgaria does not implement and has not concluded any international agreements or arrangements with other EU Member States which aim to facilitate the taking of evidence and must be compatible with this Regulation.

The Regulation takes precedence over agreements concluded by the Republic of Bulgaria with other Member States as regards the taking of evidence in civil and commercial matters.

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

To date, Bulgaria does not intend to take advantage of the possibility of early use of the decentralised IT system.

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Taking evidence (recast) - Czechia

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

There are no such bodies in the Czech Republic.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

District courts (*okresní soudy*) (in Prague: *obvodní soudy*, in Brno: *Městský soud*).

Article 4 – Central body

Ministry of Justice (*Ministerstvo spravedlnosti*)

International Civil Department

Vyšehradská 16

128 10 Prague 2

Phone: +420-221-997-111

Fax: +420-224-919-927

E-mail: posta@mzp.justice.cz

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

Languages accepted: Czech, Slovak, English

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

The technical means for the receipt of requests are post, fax and e-mail.

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

Ministry of Justice (*Ministerstvo spravedlnosti*)

International Civil Department

Vyšehradská 16

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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)

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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Taking evidence (recast) - Germany

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

None.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

The court competent to take evidence in Germany – as the requested court within the meaning of Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2020/1783 – is the local court (*Amtsgericht*) in whose district the proceedings are to be conducted (Section 1074(1) of the Code of Civil Procedure (*Zivilprozessordnung*, ZPO)).

The *Land* governments may issue orders (*Rechtsverordnungen*) instructing one local court to perform the function of the requested court for the districts covered by several local courts (Section 1074(2) ZPO).

Article 4 – Central body

The functions of the central body are primarily performed at *Land* level.

In each *Land*, there is a central body with competence over that *Land*. The *Land* government determines which body performs this function in the territory of the *Land* (Section 1074(3) ZPO). In most cases, the *Land* central body is the *Land* judicial authority, a higher regional court or a local court.

In addition to the 16 central bodies at *Land* level, there is one central body at federal level – the Federal Office of Justice (*Bundesamt für Justiz*). When needed, the federal central body supports the competent authorities in the *Länder* (Section 1074(4) ZPO).

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

Requests, communications under the Regulation and entries in the forms in Annex I to the Regulation must be made in German (Section 1075 ZPO).

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

No information.

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

In each German *Land*, the function of the central body is performed by a body designated by the *Land* government. As a rule, these are *Land* judicial authorities, higher regional courts or local courts of the given *Land*.

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

No information.

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

No information.

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Taking evidence (recast) - 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 (*Justitsministeerium*).

Contact details:

Suur-Ameerika 1

10122 Tallinn, Estonia

Tel.: (+372) 620 8183

Fax: (+372) 620 8109

Email: central.authority@just.ee

<http://www.just.ee/>

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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<http://www.just.ee/>

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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Taking evidence (recast) - Ireland

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

None

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

District Court 1st Floor,

Aras Ui Dhalaigh, Four Courts,

Dublin 7

Tel.: (353-01) 888 6152

Fax: (353-01) 878 3218

maevefoley@courts.ie

Contact Person: Ms Maeve Foley

Territorial Jurisdiction: National

Article 4 – Central body

Courts Service, 1st Floor,

Aras Ui Dhalaigh, Four Courts,

Dublin 7

Tel.: (353-01) 888 6152

Fax: (353-01) 878 3218

maevefoley@courts.ie

Contact Person: Ms Maeve Foley

Territorial Jurisdiction: National.

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

Forms will be accepted in Irish or English only

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

Requests may be sent by post, fax or email

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

(1) The Circuit Court shall be competent to take evidence pursuant to a request to which Article 1.1(a) of the Council Regulation applies.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the power conferred on the Circuit Court by paragraph (1) shall be exercised by the county registrar for the county or county borough in which the witness from whom evidence is to be taken resides, or carries on any profession, trade, business or other occupation.

(3) Where a request relates to more than one witness and paragraph (2) would operate to require the taking of evidence from the witnesses concerned by county registrars for different counties or county boroughs, the power conferred on the Circuit Court by paragraph (1) shall, in relation to the taking of evidence from each of those witnesses, be exercised by such county registrar as may be designated by the Chief Executive of the Courts Service or by such member of staff of the Courts Service as he or she may authorise in that behalf.

(4) The Courts Service is designated as the central body in the State for the purposes of Articles 4 and 19 of the Council Regulation.

Contact details can be found below:

Courts Service, 1st Floor,

Aras Ui Dhalaigh, Four Courts,

Dublin 7

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Circuit & District Court Operations Directorate

Courts Service,

4th Floor Phoenix House,

15 - 24 Phoenix St. North,

Smithfield, Dublin 7

Tel: +353 1 888 6066/6070

Fax: (353-01) 888 60 63
Contact person : Treena Hever
Email: CDDirectorate@courts.ie

Superior Courts Directorate

Courts Service,
4th Floor Phoenix House,
15 - 24 Phoenix St. North,
Smithfield, Dublin 7
Contact person: Natasha Whyte
Email: superiorcourtsoperations@courts.ie

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

None

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

N/A

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Taking evidence (recast) - Greece

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

Competence to take evidence for the purposes of judicial proceedings in civil or commercial matters lies with the courts of first instance (*Protodikeia*) in Greece, on the basis of their territorial jurisdiction. No authorities other than courts have been designated.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

The courts of first instance designated under Article 2(1), in the context of the execution of requests for legal assistance, have general jurisdiction to take evidence in all civil and commercial matters, on the basis of their territorial jurisdiction.

Click on the link below to see all the competent courts, pursuant to this Article, on the basis of their territorial jurisdiction (<https://www.ministryofjustice.gr/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Protodikeia.pdf>).

Article 4 – Central body

The central body is the Ministry of Justice, Department of Private International Law (address: Leoforos Mesogeion 96, 11527 Athens). Contact: Giorgios Kouvelas, tel. +30 213 130 7529, +213 130 7480, email: civilunit@justice.gov.gr, gkouvelas@justice.gov.gr, xpappa@justice.gov.gr.

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

Languages accepted for the completion of the request: Greek.

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

The technical means available to the courts mentioned in the list referred to in Article 3(2) for the transmission of requests may differ from one another and may change over time.

Personal consultation is therefore recommended, by means of electronic correspondence between the competent persons of the requesting court and the requested court, assisted by the central authorities if necessary. Commercial applications (e.g. Skype) can also be used, by prior agreement.

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

Central body or competent authority(ies) responsible for decisions on requests for direct taking of evidence: Ministry of Justice, Department of Private International Law (address: Leoforos Mesogeion 96, 11527 Athens). Contact: Giorgios Kouvelas, tel. +30 213 130 7529, +213 130 7480, email: civilunit@justice.gov.gr, gkouvelas@justice.gov.gr, xpappa@justice.gov.gr.

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

This Regulation takes precedence over other provisions contained in the following bilateral agreements to which Greece is a signatory:

- Convention between Greece and Germany of 11 May 1938 on reciprocal legal support for cases under civil and commercial law (Emergency Law 1432/1938 – Government Gazette, Series I, No 399/1938);
- Convention between Greece and Yugoslavia of 18 June 1959 on mutual legal relations, ratified by Legislative Decree 4009/1959 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 238/5.11.1959);
- Convention between the Kingdom of Greece and the Republic of Austria on reciprocal legal assistance in the field of civil and commercial law, signed at Athens on 6 December 1965 (Legislative Decree 137/1969 – Government Gazette, Series I, No 45/1969);
- Convention between the Socialist Republic of Romania and the Hellenic Republic on legal assistance in civil and criminal matters, signed at Bucharest on 19 October 1972 (Legislative Decree 429/1974 – Government Gazette, Series I, No 178/1974);
- Convention between the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the Hellenic Republic on legal assistance in civil and criminal matters, signed at Athens on 10 April 1976 (Law 841/1978 – Government Gazette, Series I, No 228/1978);
- Convention between the People's Republic of Hungary and the Hellenic Republic on judicial assistance in civil and criminal matters, signed at Budapest on 8 October 1979 (Law 1149/1981 – Government Gazette, Series I, No 117/1981);
- Convention between the Polish People's Republic and the Hellenic Republic on legal assistance in civil and criminal matters, signed at Athens on 24 October 1979 (Law 1184/1981 – Government Gazette, Series I, No 198/1981);
- Convention between the Hellenic Republic and the Socialist Republic of Czechoslovakia on legal assistance in civil and criminal matters, signed at Athens on 22 October 1980 and still in force as between the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Greece (Law 1323/1983 – Government Gazette, Series I, No 8/1983);
- Convention between the Republic of Cyprus and the Hellenic Republic on legal cooperation in matters of civil, family, commercial and criminal law, signed at Nicosia on 5 March 1984 (Law 1548/1985 – Government Gazette, Series I, No 95/1985).

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

Greece does not intend to put the decentralised system into operation earlier than required by this Regulation.

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Taking evidence (recast) - Spain

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

Not applicable.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

Judges or magistrates.

Under the Spanish judicial system, the authority designated by Spain as receiving authority (Court Registries and Central Services (*Decanatos y Servicios comunes procesales*)) forwards the request to the authority competent to take evidence.

Article 4 – Central body

The central body designated by Spain is the Subdirectorate-General for International Legal Cooperation at the Ministry of Justice (*Subdirección General de Cooperación Jurídica Internacional del Ministerio de Justicia*).

Subdirectorate-General for International Legal Cooperation

Ministry of Justice

C/San Bernardo, 62

28015 Madrid

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Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

Spain accepts requests and communications pursuant to the Regulation that are drawn up in Spanish or Portuguese.

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

As regards the means of reception currently available, the courts are able to use IT and digital means to handle requests and other communications. In the absence of electronic means, requests and documents are transmitted and received by post.

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

The judges or magistrates of the competent courts in the place where the evidence is to be taken are responsible for decisions on requests for direct taking of evidence.

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

No comment.

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

No comment.

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Taking evidence (recast) - France

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

The judge, at the request of the parties or of their own motion, has sole competence to issue a request for the taking of evidence in civil and commercial matters in order to carry out the judicial acts they consider necessary or to have such acts carried out.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

The combined regional and district courts (*tribunaux judiciaires*) have sole competence for executing requests for the taking of evidence in civil and commercial matters.

The court with territorial competence is the court in whose jurisdiction the request for the taking of evidence must be executed.

The competent court and its contact details can be identified with the help of the European Judicial Atlas on the e-Justice website.

Article 4 – Central body

France has opted for a single body to be competent at national level, namely the Department for Mutual Assistance, Private International Law and EU Law (*Département de l'entraide, du droit international privé et européen – DEDIPE*) of the Ministry of Justice:

Address:

Ministère de la Justice [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 (DEDIPE)

13 place Vendôme

75042, PARIS Cedex 01

Tel. +33 144776105

Fax +33 144776122

Email: ✉ Entraide-civile-internationale@justice.gouv.fr

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

Forms sent to the combined courts or the French central body must be written in or translated into French.

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

Requests can be sent to the French courts or the French central body by post, fax or email.

If a request requires or bears a stamp or a handwritten signature, these can be replaced by a 'qualified electronic seal' or a 'qualified electronic signature' within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 (Article 7(3)).

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

Ministère de la Justice [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 (DEDIPE)

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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)

None

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

Not available

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Taking evidence (recast) - Croatia

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

Not applicable.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

The court competent to take evidence is the municipal court (*općinski sud*) in whose territory procedural actions have to be undertaken.

Article 4 – Central body

The Ministry of Justice and Administration of the Republic of Croatia (*Ministarstvo pravosuđa i uprave Republike Hrvatske*)

Ulica grada Vukovara 49

10000 Zagreb

tel.: +385 1 371 40 00

web: <https://mpu.gov.hr/>

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

The forms may be completed in English.

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

Requests and other communications are to be transmitted by email.

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

The Ministry of Justice and Administration of the Republic of Croatia (*Ministarstvo pravosuđa i uprave Republike Hrvatske*)

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10000 Zagreb

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web: <https://mpu.gov.hr/>

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

Agreement between the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Slovenia of 7 February 1994 on legal assistance in civil and criminal matters.

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

Croatia is not in a position to operate the decentralised IT system earlier than required by the Regulation.

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Taking evidence (recast) - Italy

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

None

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

Ordinary courts (*tribunali ordinari*)

Article 4 – Central body

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE (*Ministero della Giustizia*)

Department of Judicial Affairs (*Dipartimento Affari di Giustizia*)

Directorate-General for International Affairs and Judicial Cooperation (*Direzione Generale degli Affari Internazionali e della Cooperazione Giudiziaria*)

Office I – International Judicial Cooperation (*Ufficio I – Cooperazione Giudiziaria Internazionale*)

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Email: cooperation.dginternazionale.dag@giustizia.it

Via Arenula, 70 - 00186 Rome

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

Italian or the language of the requesting State, if accompanied by a translation into Italian certified by a public authority or translator

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

Ordinary mail

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

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Via Arenula, 70 - 00186 Rome

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

Italy does not intend to use this option, as it considers the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2020/1783 to be appropriate and sufficient

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

None currently

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Taking evidence (recast) - Cyprus

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

In Cyprus, there are no authorities other than the courts, as laid down in Article 2(1) of the Regulation, that are competent to take evidence in civil and commercial matters.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

The courts competent to take evidence on the basis of the Regulation ('requested court') are the District Courts of Cyprus, namely the District Court of Nicosia, the District Court of Limassol, the District Court of Larnaca, the District Court of Famagusta and the District Court of Paphos. Their territorial jurisdiction is limited to their own district.

Article 4 – Central body

The central body of Cyprus is the Ministry of Justice and Public Order, which has territorial jurisdiction over the whole country. The Ministry also acts as the central body for deciding on requests for direct taking of evidence. The central body's address is:

Leoforos Athalassas 125

1461 Nicosia

<http://www.mjpo.gov.cy>

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

The forms in Annex I are accepted in Greek and in English.

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

In the event of a technical problem or disruption of the system, as referred to in Article 7(4) of the Regulation, requests may be sent and received by email, post and fax.

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

The central body that decides on requests for direct taking of evidence is the Ministry of Justice and Public Order, which has territorial jurisdiction over the whole country. The central body's address is:

Leoforos Athalassas 125

1461 Nicosia

<http://www.mjpo.gov.cy>

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

Cyprus is a party to the 1970 Hague Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad. It does not intend to conclude agreements or arrangements under Article 29(2) of the Regulation.

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

Cyprus does not intend to use the decentralised IT system earlier than required.

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Taking evidence (recast) - Latvia

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

Not applicable – there are only courts.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

Under Article 689(1) of the Law on civil procedure, a request by a foreign country for the taking of evidence is decided on by the district (city) court in whose area of jurisdiction the source of the evidence to be taken is located.

Article 4 – Central body

Ministry of Justice

Address: Brīvības bulvāris 36, Rīga, LV-1050

Tel. +371 67036801

Email: pasts@tm.gov.lv

Web: <https://www.tm.gov.lv/lv>

Languages of communication: Latvian, English

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

In addition to forms completed in Latvian, forms completed in English are also accepted in Latvia.

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

Requests may be sent by mail or email.

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

Ministry of Justice

Address: Brīvības bulvāris 36, Rīga, LV-1050

Tel. +371 67036801

Email: pasts@tm.gov.lv

Web: <https://www.tm.gov.lv/lv>

Languages of communication: Latvian, English

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

Latvia has not concluded any agreements or arrangements with Member States pursuant to Article 29(2).

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

Not applicable.

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Taking evidence (recast) - Lithuania

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

Under the national law of the Republic of Lithuania, only Lithuanian courts are competent to take evidence for the purposes of judicial proceedings in civil or commercial matters.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

The requested courts are the courts of first instance:

– district courts and, in the cases specified by law, regional courts.

Civil matters which may be heard by regional courts

Regional courts, acting as courts of first instance, hear civil cases:

- 1) for claims exceeding forty thousand euro, excluding cases relating to family law, employment relationships or compensation for non-material damage;
- 2) relating to moral legal relationships under copyright;
- 3) relating to legal relationships arising from a civilian public tender;
- 4) relating to bankruptcy and restructuring, excluding cases relating to the bankruptcy of natural persons;
- 5) in which one of the parties is a foreign state;
- 6) for claims relating to the compulsory sale of shares (interests, members' shares);
- 7) for claims relating to an investigation into a legal entity's activities;
- 8) relating to compensation for material and non-material damage in violation of established patients' rights;
- 9) which, under the law, are heard by regional courts as the court of first instance.

Civil cases which may be heard solely by Vilnius Regional Court

Vilnius Regional Court, acting as a court of first instance, has sole jurisdiction to hear civil cases:

- 1) involving disputes under the Lithuanian Patent Act;
- 2) involving disputes under the Lithuanian Trademarks Act;
- 3) involving adoption on the basis of applications by citizens of the Republic of Lithuania who have their permanent residence in a foreign country, foreign nationals or stateless persons to adopt a citizen of the Republic of Lithuania residing in the Republic of Lithuania, and applications by persons whose habitual residence is in the Republic of Lithuania to adopt a citizen of the Republic of Lithuania residing in a foreign country;
- 4) which, in accordance with applicable law, are heard solely by Vilnius Regional Court as the court of first instance.

<https://www.teismai.lt/lt/visuomenei-ir-ziniasklaidai/teismai-ir-teisejai/teismu-kontaktai/1700>;

[Svetainės struktūra](https://www.teismai.lt/lt/visuomenei-ir-ziniasklaidai/teismai-ir-teisejai/teismu-veiklos-teritoriju-sarasas/1866) <https://www.teismai.lt/lt/visuomenei-ir-ziniasklaidai/teismai-ir-teisejai/teismu-veiklos-teritoriju-sarasas/1866>

Article 4 – Central body

Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania

Gedimino pr. 30

LT-01104 Vilnius

Telephone: + 370 600 38 904

Fax: +370 5 262 59 40

E-mail: rastine@tm.lt

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

Apart from Lithuanian, the Republic of Lithuania will accept forms completed in English.

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

If transmission is not possible owing to the disruption of the decentralised IT system, requests and other notifications may be transmitted by post or e-mail.

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

Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania

Gedimino pr. 30

LT-01104 Vilnius

Telephone: + 370 600 38 904

Fax: +370 5 262 59 40

E-mail: rastine@tm.lt

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

Lithuania has not concluded any agreements or arrangements with Member States to facilitate the further taking of evidence, as referred to in Article 29(2).

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

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Taking evidence (recast) - Luxembourg

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

In Luxembourg, only the judicial authorities are competent to gather evidence for legal proceedings in civil or commercial matters.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

The following link provides access to the contact details of the courts with jurisdiction in civil and commercial matters:

[Juridictions judiciaires - Organisation de la justice - La Justice - Luxembourg \(public.lu\)](#).

Article 4 – Central body

The central body is:

Parquet Général
Cité Judiciaire, Bâtiment CR
Plateau du Saint-Esprit
L-2080 Luxembourg
Telephone: (+352) 47 59 81-2329
Fax: (+352) 47 05 50
E-mail: parquet.general@justice.etat.lu

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

Luxembourg allows the request form to be completed in German as well as French.

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

Means of transmission accepted by Luxembourg:

- post
- fax

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

The central body is:

Parquet Général
Cité Judiciaire, Bâtiment CR
Plateau du Saint-Esprit
L-2080 Luxembourg
Telephone: (+352) 47 59 81-2329
Fax: (+352) 47 05 50
E-mail: parquet.general@justice.etat.lu

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

The Convention of 17 March 1972 between the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Republic of Austria, in addition to the Hague Convention of 1 March 1954 on Civil Procedure.

The exchange of statements of 23 July 1956 between France and Luxembourg concerning the forwarding of letters rogatory.

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

N/A

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Taking evidence (recast) - Hungary

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

Notary (in matters of succession and payment order procedures), and the guardianship authority (procedures concerning parental responsibility).

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

Executing requests for legal assistance in respect of taking evidence falls within the jurisdiction and competence of the district court (in Budapest, the Central District Court of Buda (Budai Központi Kerületi Bíróság)) in whose area

- (a) the person to be heard is domiciled or habitually resident in Hungary,
- (b) the subject of the inspection falls, or
- (c) taking evidence can be most practicably conducted, in particular where several persons to be heard are domiciled or habitually resident and/or where several subjects of the inspection fall within the jurisdiction of several courts.

Article 4 – Central body

The central body referred to in Article 4(1) shall be the Minister for Justice:

Ministry of Justice
Department of Private International Law (Nemzetközi Magánjogi Főosztály)
Address: Nádor utca 22., 1051 Budapest
Postal address: Pf. 2., 1357 Budapest
Tel.: +36 1 795 5397, 1 795 3188
Fax: +36 1 550 3946
Email: nmfo@im.gov.hu

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

Hungarian, English and German are accepted.

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

The forms may be sent to the court by post, fax or email.

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

The central body referred to in Article 4(3) and Article 19 shall be the Minister for Justice:

Ministry of Justice
Department of Private International Law (Nemzetközi Magánjogi Főosztály)
Address: Nádor utca 22., 1051 Budapest
Postal address: Pf. 2., 1357 Budapest
Tel.: +36 1 795 5397, 1 795 3188
Fax: +36 1 550 3946
Email: nmfo@im.gov.hu

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

Hungary has no such agreements with other Member States.

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

Not applicable.

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Taking evidence (recast) - Malta

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

Not applicable

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

1. First Hall of the Civil Court, which has general jurisdiction over civil and commercial matters not assigned to be judged and determined by another court by means of a special provision of law. The First Hall of the Civil Court also has jurisdiction to hear: cases of judicial review of administrative actions; actions relating to human rights; applications relating to issues of indeterminate value and real rights issues;
2. Civil Court (Commercial Section), which has special jurisdiction over commercial matters;
3. Civil Court (Family Section), which has special jurisdiction over family matters;
4. Civil Court (Voluntary Jurisdiction Section), which has special jurisdiction over non-contentious matters. Its function is to supervise and protect certain rights and interests which are not exercised by the person to whom they belong;
5. Civil Court (Asset Recovery Section), which has special jurisdiction to hear actions *in rem*, to recover proceeds from crime or to confiscate any property not based on a conviction by the State or by a State entity;
6. Court of Magistrates (Malta), which has special jurisdiction to hear civil claims up to the amount of EUR 15 000 against persons who live or have their ordinary residence on the island of Malta;
7. Court of Magistrates (Gozo) (Superior Jurisdiction), which has special jurisdiction to hear all claims against persons who live or have their ordinary residence on the islands of Gozo and Comino that would otherwise have been judged by the First Hall of the Civil Court (Family Section) or the Civil Court (Voluntary Jurisdiction Section);
8. Court of Magistrates (Gozo) (Inferior Jurisdiction), which has special jurisdiction to hear civil claims up to the amount of EUR 15 000 against persons who live or have their ordinary residence on the islands of Gozo or Comino;
9. Small Claims Tribunal, which has special jurisdiction to hear all pecuniary claims not exceeding EUR 5 000.

Article 4 – Central body

Office of the State Advocate

16 Casa Scaglia, Triq Mikiel Anton Vassalli,

Valletta VLT1311, Malta

Tel.: (+356) 22265000

Email: info@stateadvocate.mt

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

English

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

Registered mail

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

The Courts of Justice of Malta are the competent authorities for the direct taking of evidence.

Address: Courts of Justice of Malta

Triq ir-Repubblika

Valletta VLT1112, Malta

Email: info.courts@courtservices.mt

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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Taking evidence (recast) - Netherlands

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

Click on the link below for a list of all the competent courts in the Netherlands in relation to this article.

<https://www.rechtspraak.nl/Organisatie-en-contact/Organisatie/Rechtbanken>

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

The name and address of the competent authority;

Rechtbank 's-Gravenhage (District Court, The Hague)

Prins Clauslaan 60, 2595 AJ The Hague

Postbus 20302, 2500 EH The Hague

Tel. 070 362 2200

Article 4 – Central body

The name and address of the central body which will carry out the tasks in the Regulation:

Raad voor de Rechtspraak (Council for the Judiciary)

Kneuterdijk 1, 2514 EM The Hague

Postbus 90613, 2509 LP The Hague

Tel. 070 361 6161

The Council for the Judiciary is the only central body and is therefore competent in all cases to carry out the tasks.

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

The languages accepted with regard to the form referred to in Article 6 of the Regulation are English and Dutch.

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

The means of transmission accepted by the Netherlands is by post. Other possible arrangements may be laid down by General Administrative Order.

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

The name and address of the competent authority;

Raad voor de Rechtspraak (Council for the Judiciary)

Kneuterdijk 1, 2514 EM The Hague

Postbus 90613, 2509 LP The Hague

Tel. 070 361 6161

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

Not relevant.

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

To be determined

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Taking evidence (recast) - Austria

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

Under Austrian national law, no authorities other than courts are currently competent to take evidence across borders under Article 2(1) of the Regulation.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

In Austria, district courts are competent to execute requests for the taking of evidence in line with Regulation (EU) 2020/1783 of 25 November 2020 on cooperation between the courts of the Member States in the taking of evidence in civil or commercial matters (taking of evidence).

Article 4 – Central body

The central body referred to in Article 4 of the Regulation is, for all of Austria:

the Federal Ministry of Justice

Museumstraße 7

1070 Vienna

Tel.: (+43-1) 52 1 52 0

Fax: (+43-1) 52 1 52 2727

Email: team.z@bmj.gv.at

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

Forms may be completed in German or English.

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

Even after the obligation to transmit requests and communications via the decentralised IT system based on e-CODEX (Article 7(1) in conjunction with Article 35(3) of the Regulation) becomes applicable, in the event of an IT system failure or other exceptional circumstances referred to in Article 7(4), requests and communications may still be transmitted by post, courier service, fax or email.

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

The central body referred to in Article 4 in conjunction with Article 19 of the Regulation is, for all of Austria:

the Federal Ministry of Justice

Museumstraße 7

1070 Vienna

Tel.: (+43-1) 52 1 52 0

Fax: (+43-1) 52 1 52 2727

Email: team.z@bmj.gv.at

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

There are currently no plans to maintain any bilateral agreements.

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

There are no specific plans yet.

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Taking evidence (recast) - Poland

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

There are no authorities other than the courts.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

a district court (*sąd rejonowy*)

Article 4 – Central body

Ministry of Justice, Department of International Cooperation and Human Rights

Al. Ujazdowskie 11, 00-950 Warsaw, tel.: +48 22 23 90 870

Email: sekretariat.dwmpc@ms.gov.pl

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

not applicable

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

Documents may be sent by post.

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

Ministry of Justice, Department of International Cooperation and Human Rights

Al. Ujazdowskie 11, 00-950 Warsaw, tel.: +48 22 23 90 870

Email: sekretariat.dwmpc@ms.gov.pl

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

not applicable

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

not applicable

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Taking evidence (recast) - Portugal

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

Not applicable.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

Article 4 – Central body

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

Av. D. João II, No 1.08.01 D/E, Pisos 0, 9-14

PT - 1990-097 LISBON

Tel.: (+351) 217 906 500 – (+351) 217 906 200/1

Fax: (+351) 211 545 116 – (+351) 211 545 100

Email: correio@dgaj.mj.pt

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

The remit of the Directorate-General for Justice Administration covers the whole of Portugal.

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

Portuguese and Spanish.

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

Requests and other communications may be received by:

post;

fax; or

telematic means.

The following may be used in urgent cases:

telegram;

telephone call (followed up with a written document); or

other analogue means of communication.

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

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

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Fax: (+351) 211 545 116 – (+351) 211 545 100

Email: correio@dgaj.mj.pt

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

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

[Agreement between the Republic of Portugal and the Kingdom of Spain on Judicial Cooperation in Criminal and Civil Matters](#). In this connection, please see also [Notice No 274/98](#) and [List No 73/2000](#).

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

Not applicable.

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Taking evidence (recast) - Romania

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

Not applicable.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

The district court under whose jurisdiction the evidence is to be taken.

Article 4 – Central body

Ministry of Justice

Directorate for International Law and Judicial Cooperation

Service for international judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters

Strada Apolodor 17, Sector 5, Bucharest 050741

Tel.: +40 37204 1077 Secretariat, Fax: +40 37204 1079; E-mail: dreptinternational@just.ro; ddit@just.ro

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

Only Romanian.

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

Post, fax.

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

Ministry of Justice

Directorate for International Law and Judicial Cooperation
Service for international judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters
Strada Apolodor 17, Sector 5, Bucharest 050741
Tel.: +40 37204 1077 Secretariat, Fax: +40 37204 1079
E-mail: dreptinternational@just.ro; ddit@just.ro

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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Taking evidence (recast) - Slovenia

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

Only courts have competence to take evidence for the purposes of judicial proceedings and the implementation of the Regulation.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

The courts that may take evidence in accordance with this Regulation are district courts.

Article 4 – Central body

The central authority for implementation of the Regulation is:

Ministry of Justice
Župančičeva 3
SLO-1000 Ljubljana
Tel.: (+386)1 369 53 94
Fax: (+386)1 369 52 33
Email: gp.mp@gov.si

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

The forms from Annex I can be submitted in Slovenian or English.

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

When the receipt of requests comes under Article 7(4) of the Regulation, the requests are sent by post, including express delivery services and fax.

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

The competent authority for receipt of requests for direct taking of evidence in Slovenia is:

Ministry of Justice
Župančičeva 3
SLO-1000 Ljubljana
Tel.: (+386)1 369 53 94
Fax: (+386)1 369 52 33
Email: gp.mp@gov.si

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

The Treaty between the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Croatia on Legal Assistance in Civil and Criminal Matters of 7 February 1994.

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

Does not apply.

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Taking evidence (recast) - Slovakia

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

Notaries are the other authorities for the purposes of Article 2(1) (in inheritance proceedings and in proceedings seeking to reconstitute a lost or destroyed legal instrument, such as a title deed (*konanie o umorení listiny*)).

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

The district courts (*okresné súdy*) or city courts (*mestské súdy*) in whose district the requested evidence is to be taken, with the following courts to be requested as specified below:

- for family law and civil status cases the competent court for all districts of Bratislava is the Bratislava II City Court (*Mestský súd Bratislava II*);
- for commercial cases the competent court for all districts of Bratislava and for the districts of Malacky and Pezinok is the Bratislava III City Court (*Mestský súd Bratislava III*);
- for other cases the competent court for all districts of Bratislava is the Bratislava IV City Court (*Mestský súd Bratislava IV*).

Article 4 – Central body

Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic (*Ministerstvo spravodlivosti Slovenskej republiky*)
International Private Law Division
Račianska ul. 71
813 11 Bratislava
Slovak Republic

Telephone: (421) 2 888 91 111
Fax: (421) 2 888 91 604
E-mail: civil.inter.coop@justice.sk
web: <https://www.justice.gov.sk>

Language knowledge: Slovak, Czech and English

Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

Slovak and Czech.

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

The Slovak authorities accept requests in writing, in paper form.

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

Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic

International Private Law Division

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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)

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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Taking evidence (recast) - Finland

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

Finland does not have such authorities.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

Requests are received by the district courts.

Article 4 – Central body

The Ministry of Justice is the central body as referred to in Article 4(1) of the Regulation. Its jurisdiction covers all of Finland. As central body, the Ministry of Justice is designated as the competent authority referred to in Article 4(3) of the Regulation responsible for taking decisions on requests made pursuant to Article 19. Its contact details are:

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Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

Languages accepted: Finnish, Swedish, English

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

Requests may 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

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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)

Not applicable.

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

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Taking evidence (recast) - Sweden

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

Not applicable.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

District courts

Article 4 – Central body

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Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

In addition to Swedish, English may be used to complete the form in Annex I.

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

Not applicable.

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

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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)

There are no remaining agreements.

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

Not applicable.

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