**Legal aid - Bulgaria**

- **Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction**
  - The Federal Public Justice Service has territorial jurisdiction throughout the Kingdom.

- **Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications**
  - Both the legal aid offices and the Federal Public Justice Service can receive applications by post.

- **Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application**
  - The Federal Public Justice Service can accept applications in Dutch, French and German. Applications in other languages will not be accepted.

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**Legal aid - Czechia**

- **Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities**
  - The receiving and transmitting authority is:
    - **Ministry of Justice**
    - **International Legal Cooperation and European Affairs Directorate**
    - **Cooperation in Civil Matters Unit**
  - **Address:**
    - **Administrative address:** Ul. Slavyanska No 1
    - **Postal address:** Sofia, 1040
  - **Telephone:** (+359-2) 92 37 544; 92 37 576
  - **E-mail address:** civil@justice.gov.cz

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**Council Directive 2003/8/EC** of 27 January 2003 to improve access to justice in cross-border disputes by establishing minimum common rules relating to legal aid for such disputes seeks to promote the application of legal aid in cross-border disputes for persons who lack sufficient resources where aid is necessary to secure effective access to justice.

The Directive applies between all Member States of the European Union with the exception of Denmark. Between Denmark and certain Member States the European Agreement on the Transmission of Applications for Legal Aid of 1977 applies.

Transmitting authorities are competent to send applications. Receiving authorities are competent to receive applications.

The directive provides for two standard forms, one for legal aid applications and one for the transmission of legal aid applications.

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

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

**Related links**

- ARCHIVED European Judicial ATLAS website (closed on 30 September 2017)
**Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction**

The conditions for submitting an application for state legal aid are laid down in Section 10 of the **State Legal Aid Act** and in every court and law firm.

**Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications**

Applications for state legal aid must be submitted to the competent county court in writing. The application form is available on the website of the Ministry of Justice and in every court and law firm.

**Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application**

Applications for state legal aid must be submitted in Estonian. Applications may also be submitted in English if legal aid is applied for by a natural person residing in another Member State of the European Union or by a citizen or legal person of another Member State of the European Union. Applications submitted to the court in any other language will be returned to the applicant.

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**Legal aid - Germany**

The court that has jurisdiction for outgoing requests is the local court (Amtsgericht) of the district where the applicant has their domicile (Wohnsitz) or habitual residence (gewöhnlicher Aufenthalt). The Land governments may make orders (Rechtsverordnungen) giving a single local court the function of requested court for the districts of several local courts. In North Rhine-Westphalia the local courts that sit in the same place as the regional court (Landgericht) have jurisdiction for receiving and transmitting applications for cross-border assistance with court costs (Prozesskostenhilfe) submitted by natural persons, and for transmitting applications for cross-border assistance with legal advice (Beratungshilfe).

In accordance with the first sentence of section 21(1) of the Foreign Maintenance Act (Auslandsunterhaltsgesetz - AUG), the transmitting authority for cross-border requests for assistance with court costs in maintenance claims is the local court for the district of the seat of the higher regional court (Oberlandesgericht) in whose jurisdiction the applicant habitually resides.

The address given should be the special postal address for large customers (the Großkundenadresse, consisting of a post code and locality), if available, and failing that — or indeed in addition — the PO box address (Postfachadresse). Letter post should use the special postal address for large customers and failing that the PO box address. Express items and packages (including small packages) should use only the full street address.

Incoming applications for assistance with court costs are dealt with by the court hearing the case or enforcing the decisions.

**Legal aid - Estonia**


*German*

The following means of communication are available:

For receipt and dispatch: post, including private courier services, fax.

For informal communications: Telephone and email (where indicated).

**Legal aid - Ireland**

*English*

The names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authority is:

The Legal Aid Board
Legal Services Support Unit
Quay Street
Cahirciveen
Co Kerry
Ireland

The geographical areas in which we have jurisdiction: Ireland.
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Applications must be completed in French.

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Legal aid - Croatia

Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities

The competent authority to transmit and receive applications in the Republic of Croatia is:

Ministarstvo pravosuđa i uprave Republike Hrvatske

Ulica grada Vukovara 49

Tel.: +385 1 371 40 00

Fax: +385 1 371 45 07

Website: https://mpu.gov.hr/

Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction

The Ministry of Justice and Administration of the Republic of Croatia is the competent authority for the whole of the Republic of Croatia.

Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications

Applications are accepted by mail in the Republic of Croatia.

Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application

Applications must be completed in Croatian. If a party domiciled or resident in the Republic of Croatia seeks legal aid in a cross-border dispute before a court in another Member State of the European Union, the application form and accompanying documents will be translated by the Ministry of Justice and Administration into the official language or one of the official languages of the relevant Member State of the European Union and of the competent receiving authority.

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Legal aid - Italy

Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities

Ministry of Justice (Ministero della Giustizia)

Department of Judicial Affairs (Dipartimento Affari di Giustizia)

Direzione Generale 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)

Tel.: 0039 06.6885.2633

Fax: 0039 06.6889.7528

Email: cooperation.dginternazionale.dag@giustizia.it

Via Arenula 70 – 00186 Rome

Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction

Solo responsible authority in Italy

Ministry of Justice

Department of Judicial Affairs

Direzione Generale for International Affairs and Judicial Cooperation

Office I - International Judicial Cooperation

Tel.: 0039 06.6885.2633 - 0039 06.6885.2305 - 0039 06.6885.2180

Email: cooperation.dginternazionale.dag@giustizia.it

Via Arenula 70 – 00186 Rome

Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications

Applications may be received in two ways:

1) by email: cooperation.dginternazionale.dag@giustizia.it
2) by registered letter to the following address:

MINISTERO DELLA GIUSTIZIA

Dipartimento Affari di Giustizia

Direzione Generale degli Affari Internazionali e della Cooperazione Giudiziaria

Ufficio I – Cooperazione Giudiziaria Internazionale

Via Arenula 70 – 00186 Rome

Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application

Italian, English, French

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### Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities

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The authority competent to transmit applications made by persons domiciled or habitually resident in Cyprus is the Ministry of Justice and Public Order.

**Address:** Ministry of Justice and Public Order
Leoforos Athalassas 125, 1461 Nicosia
Tel.: +357 22805950
Fax: +357 22518356
Email: registry@mjpo.gov.cy

### Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction

The entire territory of the Republic of Cyprus.

### Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications

- By post, email, or fax

### Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application

Greek and English

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### Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction

The territorial jurisdiction of the receiving and transmitting administration, i.e. the Legal Aid Administration, is the Republic of Latvia.

### Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications

- By post, email or fax

### Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application

Applications forms can be completed in English as well as Latvian.

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The authority competent to receive applications made by persons domiciled or habitually resident in a Member State other than Cyprus is the Ministry of Justice and Public Order.

**Address:** Ministry of Justice
13, rue Erasme; L-1468 Luxembourg-Kirchberg
Tel.: +357 22805950
Fax: +357 22518356
Email: registry@mjpo.gov.cy

### Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction

The entire territory of the Republic of Cyprus.

### Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications

- All methods permitted (post, fax, electronic means of communication).

### Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application

It should be noted that legal aid applications and documents attesting to a person’s right to receive State-guaranteed legal aid, which are submitted to the receiving institution, must be translated into Lithuanian or English.

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Legal aid applications are received by post at the Ministry of Justice, L-2934 Luxembourg. In urgent cases requiring accelerated processing, applications may be sent by fax to the following numbers:

(352) 22 52 96 or
(352) 26 68 48 61

After sending an application by fax, the original application must be forwarded by post as soon as possible.

Applications for legal aid made in Luxembourg are to be completed in one of the official administrative languages listed below:
- Dutch
- French
- German

The legal aid has been transposed by means of a legal notice (Ordni ta’ l-2005 dwar Emenda fil-Kodiċi ta’ Organizzazzjoni u Proċedura Ċivili) which has come into force on 2 march 2005. Since that date, new articles 23a - 23k provide for legal aid in cross-border European cases. Of course this was already possible from the earlier moment the Directive had to be implemented in the Dutch legal system: 30 november 2004.

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**Legal aid - Austria**

**Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities**

The transferring authorities are regional courts (sądy okręgowe).

Receiving authorities:

Ministry of Justice
Department of International Cooperation and Human Rights
Al. Ujazdowskie 11
00-950 Warsaw
Tel./Fax: +48 22 23-90-870 +48 22 628 09 49
Email: dwmpc@ms.gov.pl

District courts (sądy rejonowe) and regional courts are also receiving authorities.

**Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction**

**Territorial jurisdiction of the transferring authorities:**

Legal aid applications which are to be transferred to another Member State must be filed with the regional court with jurisdiction over the applicant's domicile or habitual residence.

**Territorial jurisdiction of the receiving authorities:**

Under Article 8(1) of the Act of 17 December 2004 on the right to legal aid in civil proceedings in Member States of the European Union (Journal of Laws 2005 No 10, item 67), legal aid applications may be filed directly with the court competent to examine the application (that is, the court before which the declaratory proceedings are ongoing or are to be opened), or, if the application is for legal aid in enforcement proceedings, with the district court with jurisdiction over the place of enforcement.

For all legal aid applications submitted to Polish courts by applicants with domicile or habitual residence in other EU Member States, the receiving authority with territorial jurisdiction is the Ministry of Justice.

**Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications**

Methods of receiving applications.

Applications may be filed directly with the transferring authority or by post.

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**Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application**

Languages that may be used for completing the application

**Transferring authorities:** The application must be drafted in Polish and in an official language of the Community institutions accepted by the EU Member State to which the application is to be transferred.

**Receiving authorities:** The application must be drafted in Polish or in English.

**Official languages of the Community institutions, other than Polish, which are accepted by Polish receiving authorities:** English.

**Legal aid - Poland**

**Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities**

The transferring authorities are regional courts (sąd okręgowy).

Receiving authorities:

Ministry of Justice
Department of International Cooperation and Human Rights
Al. Ujazdowskie 11
00-950 Warsaw
Tel./Fax: +48 22 23-90-870 +48 22 628 09 49
Email: dwmpc@ms.gov.pl

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Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities

The Romanian transmitting authority is
the Ministry of Justice, Directorate for International Law and Judicial Cooperation (Ministerul Justiţiei, Direcţia Drept Internaţional şi Cooperare Judiciară)
Service for international judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters (Serviciul Cooperare judiciară internaţională în materie civilă şi comercială)
Str. Apolodor 17, Sector 5, Bucharest 050741
Tel.: + 40372041077, Fax: + 40372041079, Fax: + 40372041084 Email: ddit@just.ro

The Romanian receiving authority can be
either the Ministry of Justice
Directorate for International Law and Judicial Cooperation
Service for international judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters
Str. Apolodor 17, Sector 5, Bucharest 050741
Tel.: + 40372041077, Fax: + 40372041079, Fax: + 40372041084 Email: ddit@just.ro
or the Romanian court with the relevant territorial/material jurisdiction

Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities’ geographical areas of jurisdiction

As regards the receiving authorities, under Article 11 of Government Emergency Order No 51/2008 on public legal aid in civil matters, approved with amendments by Law No 193/2008, as amended, the application for public legal aid shall be submitted to the court which has jurisdiction to rule on the case in respect of which aid is being requested; in the case of public aid requested in connection with the enforcement of a judgment, the competent court shall be the court of enforcement.

Where it is not possible to determine the competent court, it shall be the district court in whose jurisdiction the applicant is domiciled or resident.
Under Article 43 of Government Emergency Order No 51/2008 on public legal aid in civil matters, approved with amendments by Law No 193/2008, as amended, where, at the time of submission of an application for public legal aid, it is not possible to determine the competent court, the application shall be ruled on by the Bucharest Court.

Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications

Applications must be sent by post.

Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application

Applications may be made in person or sent by fax or by post.

Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application

Persons who are resident in another EU Member State but are seeking legal aid in a case for which the Portuguese courts have jurisdiction may send their application in Portuguese or English.

Applications must be sent by post.

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Legal aid - Slovenia

- Zakon o brezplačni pravni pomoči (Free Legal Aid Act)

Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities

The receiving and transmitting authority in Slovenia is:
Ministrstvo za pravosodje (Ministry of Justice)
Župančičeva 3
SLO-1000 Ljubljana
Tel.: (+386) 1 369 53 42
Fax: (+386) 1 369 57 83
Email: gp.mp@gov.si

Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities’ geographical areas of jurisdiction

The geographical areas in which it has jurisdiction:
The Ministry of Justice has jurisdiction for the territory of the Republic of Slovenia.

Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications

The means by which it is able to receive applications:
Legal aid applications must be sent by post.

Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application

The languages that may be used for the completion of the application: Slovenian.
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### Legal aid - Slovakia

**National rule: Legal Aid Act**

Act No 327/2005 on the provision of legal aid, by which the Slovak Republic transposed the Legal Aid Directive, has been in force since 1 January 2006.

**Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities**

The Ministry of Justice can accept an application for legal aid submitted by post, courier or fax, or, following agreement in an individual case, by any agreed means.

**Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction**

The Minister of Justice and the Legal Aid Offices are competent throughout Slovakia.

**Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications**

Applications, which must be made using the prescribed form, can be submitted on paper, electronically with an advanced electronic signature or via the Central Public Administration Portal.

**Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application**

Languages in which applications may be submitted: Slovak.

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### Legal aid - Finland

**National Law**

The Ministry of Justice and the Legal Aid Offices are competent throughout Finland.

**Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities**

The receiving authority will accept applications in Finnish, Swedish or English.

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### Legal aid - Sweden


This constitutes communication pursuant to Articles 14(4) and 21(1) of the above legal act.

The act has been transposed through the following national provisions: 1997:223, Annex 8); and Section 48 of the Act on Court Matters (domstolsärenden, 1996:242, Annex 9).

**Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities**

- Ministry of Justice (Justitiedepartementet)

**Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction**

Not applicable.

**Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications**

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The application may be made in Swedish or English (see Sections 11c-d of the Legal Aid Ordinance).

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### Legal aid - England and Wales

**Legal Aid Directive UK Compliance**

Article 15 - Processing of Applications
The computer systems of the United Kingdom legal aid authorities ensure that applicants are informed when applications are received and when any decisions are made on an application.

Reasons are always given by the appropriate authority for all full or partial rejections of applications.

In England and Wales, for most forms of legal aid there is a right of appeal to an independent legal panel of experienced lawyers drawn from private practice. Procedures for review of refusal of applications for civil legal aid are also in place in Scotland. All refusals of legal aid in the United Kingdom are challengeable by the Courts through judicial review.

Article 16 - Standard Form
In England and Wales the standard form established under this Directive will entitle the applicant to any required pre-litigation advice. As with any applicant, further information or a further form may be required to proceed to representation in Court. The solicitor providing initial advice will assist the client in preparing any further information or application form that may be required.

Scotland will accept the standard form for applications for civil legal aid for representation from November 2004 but is not yet in a position to introduce measures which will allow it to accept applications for pre litigation advice and assistance under the Directive. However, the existing advice and assistance scheme allows pre litigation advice to be made available to cross border applicants regardless of nationality or residence.

As well as the standard form under this Directive, the United Kingdom will, of course, accept applications for legal aid from persons using its own domestic application forms in cross border cases.

Final Provisions
In relation to Article 18 full information and guidance on legal aid in the United Kingdom can be found in the following website:

Legal Services Commission for England and Wales:  http://www.legalservices.gov.uk/
Legal Aid Board for Scotland:  http://www.slab.org.uk/
Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission:  http://www.nilsc.org.uk/

Appointments will be accepted in English.

Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities
We accept applications by post (including Document Exchange) or email to the address given above. We also accept requests from solicitors to undertake urgent steps on behalf of clients prior to submission and determination of the actual application for civil legal aid.

Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications

Applications will be accepted in English. The Central Customer Services Team is able to arrange for translations of applications or documents if required by the receiving authority.

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