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# Contact Points of the European Judicial Network (EJN) in Civil and Commercial Matters

## Facilitating Cross-Border Judicial Cooperation



Federal German EJN Contact Point



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# Legal Basis of the EJN



- **Council Decision 2001/470/EC of 28 May 2001 / consolidated version Decision 568/2009/EC of 18 June 2009**
- **Started operating on 1 December 2002**



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## Members

All EU Members States with the exception of Denmark, i.e. the contact points provide support in cross-border judicial proceedings relating to another EU Member State



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# Modus operandi of the EJM Contact Points



## The Contact Points

- ...identify **solutions** for problems with judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters
  - Direct, swift, and informal mode of operation via e-mail and telephone
  - Help with problems arising in pending cases only for courts (judges and court staff) and judicial authorities
- ...provide **information**



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# Frequent queries and examples how the EJM facilitates cross-border cooperation



- **Help with cross-border requests**
  - Upon a request for service of a judicial document the transmitting agency receives neither an acknowledgment of receipt nor a certificate of service
  - The execution of a request for the direct taking of evidence is refused for unclear reasons
  - Information authority does not provide account information pursuant to Art. 14 EAPO-Regulation
  - Many other queries relating to specific cross-border cases!
- **Get information where documents establishing execution of a request are unclear**
  - E.g. the information contained in the form (provided for by the respective Regulation) leaves room for interpretation
- **Get information on another Member States' applicable law**
  - Basic information on the national law of other Member States
- **Finding the competent authority abroad**



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# Contact Points in Germany

Federal Contact Point  
Contact data:  
[www.bundesjustizamt.de](http://www.bundesjustizamt.de)



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Federal Contact Point and  
Contact Points of the Länder

- May equally be contacted
- Federal Contact Point  
coordinates the national  
network





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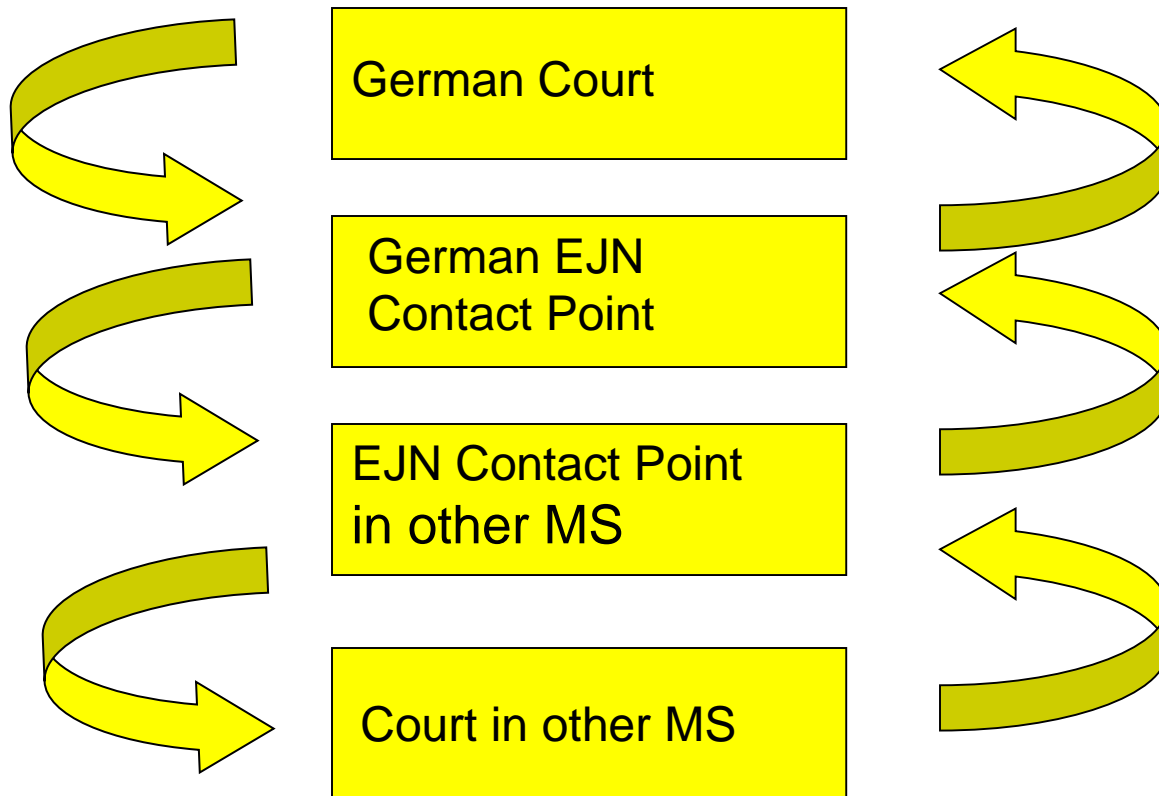
## How to reach us best?

- Via email, EGVP or telephone
- Short summary of the case
- For queries relating to the applicable law of another Member States: specific questions
- If applicable, attach a copy of the request



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# Queries via the German EJN Contact Points







<https://e-justice.europa.eu>

- Information on national law of the Member States
- Notifications of Member States (European Judicial Atlas)
- Dynamic forms
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- Practice guides
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European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters



# European e-Justice Portal

<https://e-justice.europa.eu>



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### Information on national law (information sheets)

Quick access to a list of information sheets prepared by EJM-civil covering EU, national and international procedures

The Network establishes and updates universally accessible and free of charge information sheets on Union, international and national law competent authorities coordinated by the national Network's contact points.

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# Information on national law of the Member States (information sheets/factsheets)



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### Serving documents - Germany

#### FINDING COMPETENT COURTS/AUTHORITIES

The search tool below will help you to identify court(s)/authority(ies) competent for a specific European legal instrument. Please note that although every effort has been made to ascertain the accuracy of the results, there may be some exceptional cases concerning the determination of competence that are not necessarily covered.

Country: Germany  
Instrument: Serving documents

Proceed

Clear

This Atlas provides you with a user-friendly access to information relevant for judicial cooperation in civil matters

European Judicial Atlas in civil matters

Brussels I Regulation (recast)

Judgments in civil and commercial matters - Brussels I Regulation

Mutual recognition of protection measures in civil matters

Law applicable to divorce and legal separation

Mediation

Small claims

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# European Judicial Atlas in civil matters (Communication of the Member States)

in which the head office is located; Lander governments may issue an executive order instructing one district court to perform the tasks of the transmitting agency for districts covered by several local district courts (Section 1069(1) ZPO).

#### Article 2(2) – Receiving agencies



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## 2. RECEIVING AGENCY

Country :  ✓

2.1. Identity:  ✓

2.2. Address:

2.2.1. Street and number:

2.2.2. Place and post code:

2.3. Tel.:

2.4. Fax:

2.5. e-mail:

## 3. APPLICANT

3.1. Identity:

3.2. Address:

**Find a competent court/authority** ✕

Country: Croatia

Instrument: Serving documents ✓

Competence type: Receiving agencies

City:

- Zagreb
- Zagvozd
- Žagrović
- Zagrađe
- Zaglav, Sali
- Zagrad, Zadarska Županija
- Žagrići
- Zaglav, Zadarska Županija
- Zaglavice
- Zaglavići

## Dynamic forms with autocomplete feature

[https://e-justice.europa.eu/content\\_dynamic\\_forms-155-en.do](https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_dynamic_forms-155-en.do)



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European Judicial Networks (214 Kb) [en](#)  
Working document on family mediation (November 2013) (400 Kb) [en](#)

**EJN's publications**

Citizens Guides	Practitioners Guides
<a href="#">Citizens' guide to cross-border civil litigation in the European Union</a> (719 Kb) <a href="#">en</a>	<a href="#">Judicial cooperation in civil matters in the European Union</a> (3560 Kb) <a href="#">en</a>
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<a href="#">Debt recovery made easier in EU cross-border cases</a>	<a href="#">Practice Guide for the Application of the European Small Claims Procedure</a> (2237 KB) <a href="#">en</a>
	<a href="#">Practice Guide for the application of the Regulation on the European Order for Payment</a> (5809 Kb) <a href="#">en</a>
	<a href="#">Practical guide on using videoconferencing to obtain evidence in civil and commercial matters</a> (724 Kb) <a href="#">en</a>
	<a href="#">Practice guide for the application of the Regulation on the European Enforcement Order</a> (1310 Kb) <a href="#">en</a>

**Practice Guides for many EU legal instruments**  
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I am looking for a Contact Point in *(note that the EJM-civil Contact Points' data is accessible only to the representatives of the judiciary and other authorities exercising judicial functions)* :

★ France

My name :

My email address (please provide your professional email address) :

★

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...ation in civil and commercial matters and need help in a cross-border case?

...assist you:

...cial cooperation (e.g. service of documents or taking of evidence)

...tion of the law of another Member State that is applicable under a Union or

...of a request for judicial cooperation

...ial cooperation between the Member States

...Union and international instruments relating to judicial cooperation in civil and

The Network's contact points play a key role. They are available to the Network members and to local judicial authorities in their Member State. They are also at the disposal of other authorities provided for in Union or international instruments relating to judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters. The contact points assist these authorities in all practicable ways. In general terms, they are in regular contact with the contact points in the other Member States.

If you wish to contact your national contact point, please click [here](#).

# Find contact data for the EJM Contact Point from your Member State



# Toolkit for Legal Cooperation

[www.bundesjustizamt.de](http://www.bundesjustizamt.de)  
(only accesible for German courts)



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Passwort \*

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## Useful links:



- **European e-Justice Portal:**

<https://e-justice.europa.eu>

Forms, European Judicial Atlas, information on national law of Member States and much more information on judicial cooperation

- **Website of the German Federal Contact Point:**

<https://www.bundesjustizamt.de/EJNZH>

Latest Information and Contact Data

- **Tools and Forms for German Courts for requests for judicial cooperation:**

Sample requests and other tools

[https://www.bundesjustizamt.de/DE/Themen/Gerichte\\_Behoerden/IRZH/Rechtshilfeordnung/Arbeitshilfen/Arbeitshilfen\\_node.html](https://www.bundesjustizamt.de/DE/Themen/Gerichte_Behoerden/IRZH/Rechtshilfeordnung/Arbeitshilfen/Arbeitshilfen_node.html)



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