

Visit the EJN website

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The EJN website is a one-stop shop for information in the area of judicial cooperation in criminal matters. It also provides an extensive toolbox for practitioners, including:

- ▶ **Atlas**
to find a competent authority to which to address a request;
- ▶ **Compendium**
to draft a request online;
- ▶ **Fiches Belges**
to find basic legal and practical information concerning procedural and investigative measures in every EU Member State;
- ▶ **Judicial Library**
to find comprehensive information regarding EU and international legal instruments.



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What is the EJN?

The **EJN** is a **network** of national contact points – prosecutors, judges, representatives of ministries of justice, and law enforcement authorities – whose main task is to facilitate international judicial cooperation in criminal matters.

Operational since **1998**, the EJN Contact Points are recognised as an essential hub to enable judicial cooperation in their respective countries, as the number of recorded cases during the period between 2010 and 2020 has exceeded 90 000. The administration, functioning and continuity of the **EJN** is ensured by the **EJN Secretariat**.



Ask the EJN to help you:

- **identify** and **establish** direct contacts with the competent local authority in another Member State to send a request to;
- **find** the contact details of authorities throughout the EU and around the world;
- **connect** with foreign counterparts for legal advice on the correct approach to judicial cooperation in criminal matters;
- **obtain legal** and **practical information** on judicial cooperation;
- **study** the most comprehensive information regarding EU legal instruments on judicial cooperation, including case law.

The EJN and facilitating cooperation

- **EJN Contact Points** identify and establish direct contacts between authorities throughout the EU and provide legal and practical information on judicial cooperation.
- The **EJN allows practitioners** to make contact with their counterparts around the world.
- The **EJN maintains** secure telecommunication connections to support the operational work of the Contact Points.
- The **EJN presents** a forum for discussion of practical and legal problems encountered in the context of judicial cooperation:
 - *to improve the practical application of legal instruments*
 - *to build mutual trust between Member States*
 - *to transmit the opinion of practitioners to the responsible EU institutions.*

The EJN and experts networking

- The **EJN holds five EU-level meetings per year**, allowing practitioners to get to know each other, establish professional relationships and deal with requests for judicial cooperation on the spot.
- The **EJN facilitates** common approaches to judicial cooperation between the representatives of different legal systems.
- The **EJN provides** financial and organisational support for regional and national EJN meetings.

The EJN and broadening knowledge

- The **EJN organizes**:
 - *training sessions on languages, including substantive judicial cooperation topics*
 - *workshops for practitioners on the practical application of legal instruments.*
- The **EJN provides** public access to an exhaustive catalogue of EU legal instruments, relevant case law and supporting information.