

# Malta Law Courts Video Conference



## 1. What is Video Conferencing?

- Video Conferencing is a live video connection between persons in different locations/countries for the purpose of communication.
- Video Conferencing allows persons at different locations to see and hear each other via audio and visual transmission.

## 2. When is Video Conference usually used?

### When:

- One of the parties is in a foreign country
- A witness is in a foreign country
- A foreign expert who needs to give his expert advice on any matter from his own country.
- A case that is being heard abroad and one of the parties or witnesses resides in Malta
- An interpreter is required

## 3. Some of the Advantages of Video Conferencing

- Savings in litigation costs and reduction in time
- More Access to Courts
- Protection of Vulnerable persons

## 4. Which equipment is used in the Maltese Law Courts?

The equipment in use is a **Polycom Instructor RP Unit** which comprises an integrated **VSX 8000 codec** that offers quality video conferencing through IP technologies.

- Malta Law Courts video conference connects by using **Static Public IP**

## 5. What information do we require in order to be able to hold the Video Conference?

### Prior the date of the hearing the following is required:

- Time zone of the other country
- An appointment for testing should be made with the other side
- The other side's fixed public IP
- The date and time for testing
- The details of the technical contact person
- The date and time of the actual sitting

## 6. What fees are applicable?

- A **€100** fee must be paid that covers up to the first two hours of the conference
- A **€50** fee per hour must be paid for any subsequent hours
- An hourly technician fee of **€58** is also applicable

Payment should be made to Mr George Camillieri (Accounts Section, 4th floor).

N.B. The first payment of **€158** (**€100** for the conference + **€58** for the first technician's hour rate) payment must be made prior to the hearing, preferably before testing. Should there be need for further payment, this will be paid after the video conference. A copy of the receipt should be filed in the File Process.

- In case of a criminal case that hearing is being heard by a foreign court the same tariffs apply as above
- In case of a criminal case that it is being heard by Malta law courts no fees are applicable.

## Contact Persons:

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