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Maintenance obligations:

[Guidance on the use of the Annexes under Regulation \(EC\) No 4/2009 on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and cooperation in matters relating to maintenance obligations](#)

[Collection of EU legislation in the area of cross-border judicial cooperation](#)

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Key EJN documents

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[Commission report of 10 March 2016 on the activities of the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters \(COM\(2016\) 129 final\)](#)

[2014 Study: Evaluation of the activities of the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters](#)

[2016 Council conclusions on the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters](#)

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