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Introduction

Court fees for the European Payment Order Procedure are governed by the "Court Fees Act" (*Gerichtskostengesetz – GKG*)

Court fees can be paid either upon application or by paying a court fees invoice. Technically speaking, payment is made via bank transfer.

What fees are applicable?

§ 12(3) and (4) of the Court Fees Act provides that the European Payment Order is to be issued only after payment of the designated fee.

The precise fees are specified in an annex to the Court Fees Act (Cost index [*Kostenverzeichnis – KV-GKG*]). Number 1100 KV-GKG provides for a fee with a charge rate of 0.5 for the European Payment Order Procedure.

The amount of the fee is determined by the value of the dispute, which is normally identical to the amount of the claim brought. If, in addition to the principal claim, interest or costs are also involved as ancillary claims, the value of these ancillary claims is not taken into account.

How much shall I pay?

The court fee to be paid upon the issue of a European Payment Order is:

Value of dispute up to	Fee in EUR	Value of dispute up to	Fee in EUR
500	32.00	50 000	273.00
1 000	32.00	65 000	333.00
1 500	35.50	80 000	393.00
2 000	44.50	95 000	453.00
3 000	54.00	110 000	513.00
4 000	63.50	125 000	573.00
5 000	73.00	140 000	633.00
6 000	82.50	155 000	693.00
7 000	92.00	170 000	753.00
8 000	101.50	185 000	813.00
9 000	111.00	200 000	873.00
10 000	120.50	230 000	962.50
13 000	133.50	260 000	1 052.00
16 000	146.50	290 000	1 141.50
19 000	159.50	320 000	1 231.00
22 000	172.50	350 000	1 320.50
25 000	185.50	380 000	1 410.00
30 000	203.00	410 000	1 499.50
35 000	220.50	440 000	1 589.00
40 000	238.00	470 000	1 678.50
45 000	255.50	500 000	1 768.00

What happens if I do not pay the court fees on time?

If the advance payment on court fees is not made, the court will not issue a payment order and the proceedings will not be taken any further.

In order for the payment to be assigned to the corresponding file number by the court, it is imperative that the applicant also specifies the file number when making the bank transfer.

How can I pay the court fees?

The advance on court fees can be paid directly when filing the application. If it has not yet been paid, the court will send a court fees invoice to the applicant.

a) Bank transfer

You may pay by bank transfer.

b) Credit card

You may not pay by credit card.

c) Collection from the applicant's bank account by the court

Payment by means of collection from the applicant's bank account is not possible.

d) Legal aid

Where the applicant has been granted legal aid, he or she will not be required to pay any legal costs or make any advance payments. The application for legal aid may be submitted to the same court as the application for a European Payment Order.

e) Other

There are no other types of payment.

What shall I do after the payment?

After successful payment, the court will assign the payment to the application and process the application.

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