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Croatia

The examination of witnesses in Croatia for the purpose of proceedings before a foreign court is carried out in response to a request for international (mutual) legal assistance. This also applies to the questioning of a witness by video conference where the domestic court, at the request of a foreign judicial authority, conducts the examination of a witness in Croatia and allows this questioning to be broadcast via video link.

Legal framework

European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters of 20 April 1959, along with both Additional Protocols (of 17 March 1978 – *Narodne novine* (NN; Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia) *Međunarodni ugovori* [International Treaties] No 4/99 – and of 8 November 2001 – NN International Treaties No 4/07)

Act on international legal assistance in criminal matters (*Zakon o međunarodnoj pravnoj pomoći u kaznenim stvarima*) (NN No 178/04)

Criminal Procedure Act (*Zakon o kaznenom postupku*) (NN Nos 152/08, 76/09, 80/11, 121/11, 91/12, 143/12, 56/13, 145/13, 152/14, 70/17)

The central authority for receiving letters rogatory for legal aid is the Division for International Legal Assistance and Judicial Cooperation with EU Member States of the Directorate for European Affairs, International and Judicial Cooperation at the Croatian Ministry of Justice (*Ministarstvo pravosuđa RH, Uprava za europske poslove, međunarodnu i pravosudnu suradnju, Sektor za međunarodnu pravnu pomoć i pravosudnu suradnju s državama članicama EU*).

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Zagreb Municipal Criminal Court (<i>općinski kazneni sud</i>)
Split Municipal Court (<i>općinski sud</i>)
Bjelovar County Court (<i>županijski sud</i>)
Osijek County Court
Rijeka County Court
Sisak County Court
Split County Court
Varaždin County Court
Zagreb County Court
Velika Gorica County Court

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