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France

NB! Council Regulation (EC) No [1206/2001](#) has been replaced by Regulation (EU) [2020/1783](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council as of 1 July 2022.

Notifications made under the new Regulation can be found [here!](#)

Article 2 – Requested courts

In France, the judicial courts have sole competence for executing requests for the taking of evidence in civil and commercial matters. The judicial court with territorial competence is the court in whose jurisdiction the request for the taking of evidence must be executed. The competent court and its contact details can be identified with the help of the European Judicial Atlas on the e-justice website.

Article 3 – Central body

France has opted for a single body to be competent at national level, namely the Department for mutual assistance, private international law and EU law (*Département de l'entraide, du droit international privé et européen* – DEDIPE) of the Ministry of Justice:

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Article 5 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

Forms sent to the judicial courts and the French central body must be written in or translated into French.

Article 6 – Means accepted for transmission of requests and other communications

Requests can be sent to the French courts and the French central body by post, fax or e-mail.

Article 17 – Central body or competent authority(ies) responsible for decisions on requests for direct taking of evidence

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Article 21 – Agreements or arrangements to which Member States are parties and which comply with the conditions in Article 21(2)

None

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