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Legal aid

Netherlands

The Netherlands have implemented the EC-Directive in the existing Act on Legal Aid. This is done by [Act of 19 february 2005 \(Stb. 2005, 90\)](#)  (28 Kb) 
, which has come into force on 2 march 2005. Since that date, new articles 23a - 23k provide for legal aid in cross-border European cases. Of course this was already possible from the earlier moment the Directive had to be implemented in the Dutch legal system: 30 november 2004.

Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities

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Competence type: Receiving authorities

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Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction

In strictly Dutch cases, this Council only has jurisdiction in the western part of The Netherlands. But in cross-border ("European") cases, the The Hague Council has central jurisdiction for the whole country.

Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications

Applications can be done by fax or by normal postal means. Our The Hague Council not only accepts requests done by E-mail (which often happen to be incomplete).

Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application

Languages for the application are Dutch and English. Also done in the French or German language.

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