

**Contact points in Finland**

The contact points in Finland are two designated officials working in the Unit for International Legal Assistance in the Ministry of Justice. The contact point belongs to a unit that acts as the central authority for several EU regulations and international agreements in the field of civil and criminal law. In addition to networking, the duties of the contact point include central authority tasks and other civil law cooperation.

The contact point has a separate email address for courts and other legal and administrative authorities involved in judicial cooperation in civil and commercial law matters that need practical assistance in problems related to cross-border cases.

The contact point works actively with national judicial authorities, lawyers and other legal professionals. The tasks of the contact point include disseminating information on the legal provisions of EU civil and commercial law and the practical application thereof, as well as providing training in related issues. The contact point also helps national judicial authorities in problems related to cross-border requests for assistance and is actively involved in relevant networks and working groups.

The Finnish Bar Association has been appointed as a member of the Network pursuant to Article 2(1)(e) of the founding decision.

As well as the contact point and the Finnish Bar Association, members of the Finnish civil law network participate in the work of the Network (see below for details).

**The Finnish national network in cross-border civil-law cases**

A national network for cross-border civil-law cases was established in Finland in 2016.

The work of the national network includes knowledge sharing and ensuring the flow of information about EU civil-law legislation and associated sources of information between the European civil-law network and both the Finnish judicial authorities and other legal professionals.

Representatives of the local courts, the courts of appeal, the enforcement authorities, the Legal Aid Authority, the Finnish Bar Association and the Ministry of Justice have been appointed to the national network. The Network's contact point in Finland coordinates the operations of the network.

The national network meets twice a year. Representatives of the national network also take part in the meetings and work of the European civil-law network.

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