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Poland

In Poland, there are 12 contact points of the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters. One contact point is located at the Ministry of Justice and the other contact points are located in eleven regional courts and include the jurisdiction of the superior courts of appeal (hereinafter: 'judicial contact points').

The contact point at the Ministry of Justice responds to queries concerning Polish civil and commercial law and forwards to the competent judicial contact point questions concerning the execution of a request for mutual legal assistance, unless the question has been forwarded directly to the judicial contact point.

The contact point at the Ministry of Justice receives information from the European Commission on network meetings and other issues and then forwards it to the competent national authorities or courts, depending on the issue or subject of the meeting.

Coordination of the activities of the contact points in Poland is ensured by the Ministry of Justice.

The European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters also includes the judge coordinators for international cooperation and human rights in civil matters who assist the persons acting as judicial contact points. The judge coordinators perform their tasks in all courts within the jurisdiction of the regional court concerned, i.e. the regional court and district courts located within that regional court's jurisdiction. If the court of appeal is located in that regional court's jurisdiction, the coordinators carry out their activities also at that court.

The European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters also includes the central bodies indicated in Regulation (EU) 2020/1784 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2020 on the service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters (service of documents) (recast); Regulation (EU) 2020/1783 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2020 on cooperation between the courts of the Member States in the taking of evidence in civil or commercial matters (taking of evidence) (recast); the central authority within the meaning of Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1111 of 25 June 2019 on jurisdiction, the recognition and enforcement of decisions in matrimonial matters and the matters of parental responsibility, and on international child abduction (recast), and the central authority within the meaning of Council Regulation, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and cooperation in matters relating to maintenance obligations.

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