

2007 Child Support Convention and Maintenance Protocol: Questionnaire in preparation of the Experts' Group meeting of 13 to 15 February 2023 on international transfers of maintenance funds.

Questionnaire

Name of State or territorial unit: Lithuania

For the purpose of the 13 to 15 February 2023 meeting of the EG, Members are invited to report on consideration given to and / or implementation of the following arrangements in their jurisdiction:

a. Developments in general regarding the international transfer of maintenance funds:

The transfer of funds is not processed by the Central Authorities of Lithuania. There are no changes that we are aware of.

b. Elimination of the use of cheques (see Report and C&R 2022 No 1)

- Not being considered.
- Is being considered.
- x - Has already been implemented.**

Please explain:

There is no check cashing procedure in Lithuanian banks.

c. Solutions with regard to increased transparency and cost reduction of transfers and currency conversion (see Report and C&R 2022 Nos 2 and 10)

- x - Not being considered.**
- Is being considered.
- Has already been implemented.

Please explain:

The Central Authorities of Lithuania are not directly involved in the money conversion and transfer process.

d. Solutions where creditors would not bear the costs related to the transfer of funds (see Report and C&R 2022 Nos 2 and 11)

- Not being considered.
- Is being considered.
- x - Has already been implemented.**

Please explain:

The debtor is responsible for the cost of the transfer. The funds are transferred directly to the creditor's account, and the Central Authorities of Lithuania are not involved in this process.

e. Requested Central Authority arrangements with their bank to cover transfer fees or other arrangements to that effect (see Report and C&R 2022 No 3)

- x - Not being considered.**
- Is being considered.
- Has already been implemented.

Please explain:

There are no arrangements.

f. Requesting Central Authority providing confirmation to the requested Central Authority that the amounts received are the same as the amounts sent and, where applicable, information on the reasons for any difference (see Report and C&R 2022 No 3)

- x - Not being considered.**
- Is being considered.
- Has already been implemented.

Please explain:

All transfers are made directly to the creditor's account, and the Central Authorities of Lithuania are not directly involved in the transferring process.

g. Establishment of a centralised point (e.g., bank account, central bank) for international transfers dedicated to both incoming and outgoing transfer of funds (see Report and C&R 2022 Nos 4 and 5)

- x - Not being considered.**
- Is being considered.
- Has already been implemented.

Please explain:

The centralized point for the international transfers is not established.

h. Use of the possibilities afforded by the Universal Postal Union Postal Payment Services Agreement of 6 October 2016 (see Report and C&R 2022 No 4)

x - Not being considered.

- Is being considered.
- Has already been implemented.

Please explain:

The Central Authorities of Lithuania are not directly involved in the money transfer process.

i. Provision of payment transfer services to any debtors transferring payments within the scope of the HCCH 2007 Child Support Convention (see Report and C&R 2022 No 5)

x - Not being considered.

- Is being considered.
- Has already been implemented.

Please explain:

There is no provision of payment transfer services by the Central Authorities of Lithuania.

j. Implementation of payment transfer monitoring systems (see Report and C&R 2022 No 6)

x - Not being considered.

- Is being considered.
- Has already been implemented.

Please explain:

There are no systems for monitoring payment transfers, as funds are transferred directly to the creditor's account.

k. Implementation of unique case references, known to both the requesting and requested State, attached to each transfer of funds (see Report and C&R 2022 No 7)

x - Not being considered.

- Is being considered.
- Has already been implemented.

Please explain:

As the funds are transferred directly to the creditor's account, it is not possible to ensure that a unique case reference is added to each transfer.

l. Implementation of currency conversion of payments done by the relevant authority in the requested State at the time of transfer (see Report and C&R 2022 No 8)

x - Not being considered.

- Is being considered.
- Has already been implemented.

Please explain:

The bank, not the Central Authorities of Lithuania, is responsible for currency conversion of payments.

m. Provision of information about international banking to creditors and debtors (see Report and C&R 2022 No 12)

x - Not being considered.

- Is being considered.
- Has already been implemented.

Please explain:

Until now, for the Central Authorities of Lithuania, it was not relevant. The Central Authorities of Lithuania does not provide information on international banking to creditors or debtors.

n. Implementation of a legal framework enabling the Central Authority, acting both as requesting and requested Central Authority, to handle the transfer of funds – or at least major parts of the process – in as automated a manner as possible (see Report and C&R 2022 No 13)

x - Not being considered.

- Is being considered.
- Has already been implemented.

Please explain:

Until now, for the Central Authorities of Lithuania, it was not relevant.

o. Implementation of an arrangement with banks that are transparent in relation to their fees and / or are part of the SWIFT Global Payment Initiative (GPI) (see Report and C&R 2022 No 14)

x - Not being considered.

- Is being considered.
- Has already been implemented.

Please explain:

Until now, for the Central Authorities of Lithuania, it was not relevant.

p. Would your State consider contributing to iSupport ITMF in terms of expertise and experience?

- Yes
- **No**

Please explain:

No, there are too few cases.

q. Any other developments including bilateral solutions put in place between States and ongoing trials between States:

None.