

Title	Development of e-Country Profiles for key HCCH Conventions
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I. Context

1 Members will recall the “e-Country Profiles” project, which was funded at 90% by the European Union, with the remainder covered by other voluntary contributions from Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland, and the European Union Bailiffs’ Foundation (EUBF). An e-Country Profile is a standardised web page that Contracting Parties can complete, view and update electronically. The profiles are designed to assist users of the Conventions by providing information on Central Authorities and other authorities, as well as other pertinent details necessary for the effective domestic operation of each Convention. Within this framework e-Country Profiles have been developed for the following core HCCH Conventions:

- 1965 Service Convention;
- 1970 Evidence Convention;
- 1980 Child Abduction Convention;
- 1993 Adoption Convention;
- 1996 Child Protection Convention;
- 2000 Protection of Adults Convention; and
- 2007 Child Support Convention.

II. Work performed and results

2 Following the selection in 2024 of Alphinat as the preferred contractor, the PB worked closely with Alphinat to finalise the specifications and test the e-Country Profiles in each of the three official languages. In order to complete this work, the PB conducted extensive reviews and testing and in the second half of 2025, the seven e-Country Profiles were made available to Contracting Parties for update or completion. The e-Country Profiles can be completed online in three languages. The creation and management of user profiles are both now performed directly by the PB, resulting in shorter processing times. Reports that compile responses to a set of questions can be generated directly from the interface, making it easier to retrieve information for comparison, which will be particularly useful to the PB. Finally, registered users can opt to receive notifications when a Profile is updated, while non-registered users have the option to subscribe to a Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feed.

III. Continued operation by the PB

3 The cost for hosting the previous e-Country Profile for the 2007 Child Support Convention has been covered by the HCCH Budget since 2014. Starting in October 2025, the continued hosting of the seven e-Country Profiles has required a small increase in funding, which has already been factored into the HCCH Budget. In addition, the PB will need to manage existing and future users of the respective e-Country Profiles, as well as handle requests for support.

IV. Proposal for CGAP

4 The PB proposes the following C&D for CGAP’s consideration:

CGAP welcomed the release of e-Country Profiles under the 1965 Service, 1970 Evidence, 1980 Child Abduction, 1993 Adoption, 1996 Child Protection, 2000 Protection of Adults, and 2007 Child Support Conventions, and invited Contracting Parties to those Conventions to complete or update their e-Country Profiles as soon as possible.