

## Questionnaire

Name of State or territorial unit: <sup>[1]</sup>	Portugal
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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 central authority does not handle the transfer of funds. Courts are responsible to process the tranference, but the transfer of funds is done by a public body (IGFEJ). We are seeking for techinal solutions so when a transfer is made by IGFEJ. I.P. the information is also made available to the central authority. We use the same case management system as the courts, and there is a possibility to ask authorization to access the file. With that authorization we can monitor the status of the enforcement and the payments that are done.

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

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

Please insert text here

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

The use of checks only applies when transfer eletronic of funds is not possible (eg. inexistence of bank account

- 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)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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<sup>[1]</sup> In this questionnaire, references to the term "State", where relevant, are to be considered as also applicable to a territorial unit.

Is being considered. Please explain:

[Please insert text here](#)

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

[Transfers made by our courts, through the public body \(IGFEJ.I.P\) have no costs to the beneficiary of the payment](#)

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. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

[The portuguese central authority centralized the paymens made by cheque from Estates where the electronic transfer of funds is not possible](#)

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)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

[Transfers made by our courts, through the public body \(IGFEJ.I.P\) have no costs associated](#)

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)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

In some cases we ask information on the costs involved in the electronic transfer of funds, trying to understand if the costs are associated to the origin of the transfer or are charged by the bank in which creditors have their accounts

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)

Not being considered. Please explain:

Please insert text here

Is being considered. Please explain:

We are considering this option when it comes to receiving payments, but our central authority does not have this competence. Outgoing Funds are handled by a public body (IGFEJ) and we are studying possibilities so that when a transfer is made, a communication is automatically sent to our case.

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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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)

Not being considered. Please explain:

Transfers are done by a public body (IGFEJ).

Is being considered. Please explain:

Please insert text here

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

Please insert text here

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)

Not being considered. Please explain:

Our central authority does not handle payments.

Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

Please insert text here

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

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

Outgoing Funds are handled by a public body (IGFEJ) and we are studying possibilities so that when a transfer is made, a communication is automatically sent to our case.

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

Please insert text here

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

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

Please insert text here

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

Our central authority does not handle the transfer of funds.

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)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

Please insert text here

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

Currency conversion is made by the public body that processes transfers ordered by our courts.

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

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

[Payments are handled by a public body IGFEJ,I.P, that processes all the payments in court proceedings. When there is a need to provide information on money transfer, we try to provide as much information as possible.](#)

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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- 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)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

[Payments are currently handled by a public body \(IGFEJ, IP.\), that processes all the payments in court proceedings.](#)

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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- 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)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

Payments are currently handled by a public body (IGFEJ, IP.), that processes all the payments in court proceedings. No costs are charged

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

Yes

Please insert text here

No

We do not handle payments in our central authority. We do not have expertise dealing with payments.

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

Not at the moment

Thank you!