

Questionnaire in preparation of the Experts' Group meeting of 7 to 10 February 2022 on international transfers of maintenance funds

Survey response 1

Identification

For follow-up purposes. This information will not be published as part of the questionnaire response. The term "State" in this Questionnaire includes a territorial unit, where relevant. [Name of State or territorial unit:]

Lithuania

Questionnaire

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

There are no changes that we are aware of.

b. Elimination of the use of cheques (see C&R 2019 No 1; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 11-14)

Has already been implemented.

Please explain:

The check-cashing procedure in Lithuanian banks is not available.

c. Solutions with regard to increased transparency and cost reduction of transfers and currency conversion (see C&R 2019 Nos 2 and 10; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 24-25)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

The State-guaranteed Legal Aid Service is 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 C&R 2019 No 2; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 26-29)

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 State-guaranteed Legal Aid Service is not involved in this process.

e. Requested Central Authority arrangements with their bank to cover transfer fees or other arrangements to that effect (see C&R 2019 No 3; aide-mémoire 2021, para. 32)

Not being considered.

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 C&R 2019 No 3; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 15-17)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

All transfers are made directly to the creditor's account, and the State-guaranteed Legal Aid Service is not directly involved in the 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 C&R 2019 Nos 4 and 5; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 33-35)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

The centralized point for International transfers is not established.

h. Provision of payment transfer services to any debtors transferring payments within the scope of the HCCH 2007 Child Support Convention (see C&R 2019 No 5; aide-mémoire 2021, para. 18)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

There is no provision of payment transfer services by the State-guaranteed Legal Aid Service.

i. Implementation of payment transfer monitoring systems (see C&R 2019 No 6; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 36-37)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

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

j. Implementation of unique case references, known to both the requesting and requested State, attached to each transfer of funds (see C&R 2019 No 7; aide-mémoire 2021, para. 20)

Not being considered.

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.

k. Implementation of currency conversion of payments done by the relevant authority in the requested State at the time of transfer (see C&R 2019 No 8; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 21-23)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

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

l. Implementation of bundled payments to reduce costs of transfers (see C&R 2019 No 11; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 38-40)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

All transfers are made directly to the creditor's account, and the State-guaranteed Legal Aid Service is not directly involved in the transferring process.

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

None.