

## Questionnaire

Name of State or territorial unit: <sup>[1]</sup>	Estonia
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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:

In essence international collection proceedings has not changed, but we will mention that the national system of minimum child maintenance payments has changed.

The minimum monthly child maintenance payment will not depend on the minimum wage anymore as of 1st of January 2022. Instead, it will be bound to the needs of the child, economic capability of the parents, family allowances paid by the state and the number of the children entitled to receive maintenance from the same person.

<https://www.just.ee/en/child-maintenance>

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

Not being considered. Please explain:

Estonia has not been considering cheques and it is not possible to cash them.

Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

Please insert text here

- 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.

If the case comes into enforcement in Estonia, we prefer the calculation is made in EUR, or at least the full debt sum is in EUR. If it is possible, it can be calculated based on the Bank of Estonia current rate.

CA does not do currency conversion etc.

Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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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:

Usually there are no costs for creditors. Payments in proceedings are made when possible monthly, when it is possible to deduct payments. Creditors generally don't bear transfer costs.

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:

No information about such agreements.

Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

Please insert text here

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:  
We have not had issues with differences in payments.

Is being considered. Please explain:  
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Has already been implemented. Please explain:  
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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:  
Not applicable. Payments go directly to the creditor or through a bailiff.

Is being considered. Please explain:  
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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:  
There have been no issues.

Is being considered. Please explain:  
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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 HCCCH 2007 Child Support Convention (see Report and C&R 2022 No 5)

Not being considered. Please explain:  
There have been no issues.

Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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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:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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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:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

There is a reference number allocated to each case, also cases are identifiable via the surname of the debtor.

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:

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

Not being considered. Please explain:

Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

We generally have not had issues or questions about it. We assist on gathering information case-by-case basis. For example cases with US, we have been trying to figure out then best solutions for creditors to receive payments. We have been talking with US CA-s and provided information to the creditors.

- 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:

Estonian CA is not handling the transferring of funds. It goes generally through bailiffs. We help answering questions, if there are any issues.

Is being considered. Please explain:

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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:

No information.

Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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

Yes

Please insert text here

No

As Estonian CA has not been handling actual transfers of money, we do not have experience on the topic.

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

We are testing ISupport systems with Finland.

We have agreements between CA-s with neighboring countries, exchanging paperless proceedings. For example, with Latvia, using digital signature, and also via-email with Finland.

Thank you!