

Questionnaire

Name of State or territorial unit: ^[1]	Norway
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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:

There have been no big developments, but we are still working on eliminating checks, We have started using standard XML - ISO20022 files when receiving payments. It has not yet been implemented for outgoing payments.

- 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:

We are still receiving a few checks from Ontario, Oregon and North Carolina, (as well as checks sent to our US Lockbox, but these are transferred to our Norwegian bank account from the US). For outgoing payments, we are only sending checks to the US, and only in a few cases

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:

Please insert text here

^[1] 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:

We have not yet been able to start using Swift GPI tracker as our bank is still working on implementing it. The use of Swift GPI Tracker will improve the traceability of payments, and thusly increase transparency.

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

Please insert text here

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:

Please insert text here

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

We are responsible for the costs incurred by our bank in Norway. We have no control over the potential costs in the creditor's bank abroad.

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:

Please insert text here

Is being considered. Please explain:

Please insert text here

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

We cover all the costs incurred by the bank in Norway.

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:

Even if we can identify the costs, we have considered that we would probably not be able to do something about it. We do not check every payment we receive, However, we do of course compare tables of arrears and payments received/sent if we discover discrepancies.

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:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

[We already have this in place. We have one bank account for incoming payments, and one bank account for outgoing payments.](#)

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 are regulations restricting us from adopting such solutions.](#)

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:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

All debtors and creditors can, at any given point, have their case through the Collection Agency and benefit from the payment services. However, if payments are not received, enforcement proceedings will be initiated against the debtor.

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:

We already have this. We monitor all incoming and outgoing payments.

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:

The use of Swift GPI tracker is being considered, but this requires that the other bank is using it as well. We are also considering using the iSupport reference numbers when we start using iSupport.

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

[Please insert text here](#)

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:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

In our agreement with the bank, it is stated that these conversions are made at the point of transfer from the bank to the creditor.

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

Not being considered. Please explain:

We do not provide any other information to the debtors than how to make payments to our bank account, and we only ask the creditors to provide us with a bank account

Is being considered. Please explain:

Please insert text here

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

- 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:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

We already have this in place. Most of the payments in and out are handled automatically

- 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:

The use of Swift GPI is being considered. We are waiting for our bank to implement this.

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

[Please insert text here](#)

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

Yes

[We will consider contributing to iSupport ITMF if we receive a request with more information concerning the project.](#)

No

[Please insert text here](#)

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

[Nothing in particular](#)

Thank you!