



The Find a bailiff directory and its consolidation in the framework of the Find a Bailiff III project

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The FAB timeline

The Find a Bailiff directory is a search engine that enables you to identify the competent bailiff/enforcement authority in a Member State.

The three phases of the development of the European directory of bailiffs (FAB Directory):

1/ EJE – European Judicial Enforcement (2010 – 2012)

2/ FAB II – Find a Bailiff II (2016 – 2018)

3/ FAB III – Find a Bailiff III (2020 – 2022)



European Judicial Enforcement (EJE)

- **Implemented from 2010 to 2012** and co-financed by the European Union (80%)
- **Partners:** French national chamber of bailiffs (France), Le Deutscher Gerichtsvollzieher bund (Germany), the Belgian national chamber of bailiffs (Belgium), the Society of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers (Scotland), La Magyar Birosgagi Vegrehajtoi Kamara (Hungary), L'Associazione Ufficiali Giudiziari In Europa (Italy), The national chamber of Bailiff of Luxembourg (Luxembourg), Le Koninklijke Beroepsorganisatie van Gerechtsdeurwaarders (Netherlands), La Krajowa Rada Komornicza (Poland) and the support of the UIHJ.

EJE

Co-financed by the European Union, the EJE project pursued three fundamental objectives :

1/ provide European citizens with the information needed to enforce court judgments in the territories of other Member States, thereby improving access to justice.

2/ give European bailiffs the necessary tools to boost mutual trust and encourage closer cooperation in their daily practice as enforcement authorities.

3/ remove the hindrances to the smooth operation of cross-border civil enforcement procedures.

The Find a Bailiff directory

- The European Directory of Bailiffs and Enforcement authorities is a unified single electronic directory covering several EU Member State available to the public: www.eubailiff.eu
- The FAB directory provides contact details of competent practitioners together with useful information such as spoken languages or location.
- The directory is based on a simple logic that complies with European standards:
 - *each country develops, with the help of the consortium, an electronic directory containing the contact details of its bailiffs / enforcement authorities;*
 - *each national directory is subsequently integrated into the FAB directory.*

FIND A BAILIFF IN EUROPE

TO HELP YOU IN YOUR LANGUAGE

Find a bailiff

France

Postcode

SUBMIT

Why do you need a bailiff?

How to find a bailiff?

The search engine is based on the ZIP codes because of the bailiffs' different territorial competencies in the Member States.

We aim to provide a list of bailiffs competent to carry out their duties in the area of a specific ZIP code.

Search



Country

Postcode

SUBMIT

The added value of the directory

- increases the visibility of Bailiffs/Enforcement authorities in your Member State
- eases access for European citizens and legal practitioners to cross-border legal procedures
- provides guidelines on how to search for the competent authority according to national laws
- facilitates the cooperation between the Bailiffs/Enforcement authorities and other legal practitioners at national and European levels

FAB II

Implemented from 2016 to 2018 and co-financed by the European Union.

Partners: Ministero della Giustizia (Italy) and the Judgment Enforcement Development Initiative (JEDI - Bulgaria)

FAB II

FAB II mainly focused on :

- The communication around the project and its directory: creation of the website (<http://eubailiff.eu/>), organization of four conferences, publication in specialized press.
- The creation of an applet (national generic database) to facilitate the adhesion of new countries.
- The addition of Bulgaria, Italy and Greece in the directory.
- The beginning of the process with the EC for the integration of the data.

FAB III

- **2020 – 2022** co-financed by the EU
- In addition to EUBF, the consortium of the project is composed of:
 - the European Union of Judicial Officers (UEHJ) in charge of the outreach activities
 - the University of Aristotle of Thessaloniki (AUTH) in charge of the technical developments
 - the OSAE (Portugal)
 - the Administration Court (Latvia)
- The FAB III project aims to add, in addition to Portugal and Latvia (members of the consortium), all the EU Member States to the directory.
- Integration of data in the e-Justice portal

FAB III – consolidation of the directory

- In addition to Portugal and Latvia, we have started the procedure of adhesion with several new Member States
- Reinvention of our communication activities: online conferences and workshops
- Communication via the website and social media

The importance of the tool in the framework of the regulation on service of documents recast

- To ensure a complete upgrade of the judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters in the European Union, the regulation (UE) n°2020/1784 on service of documents was adopted on November 25, 2020
- The new regulation maintains the principle of transmission between receiving and transmitting agencies but introduces a major shift by fully exploiting the potential of new technologies



The FAB directory: an essential tool

- The new regulation states that the transmission will be done through a secure and reliable decentralized IT system
- The important role of the FAB database for the identification of the relevant actors

Questions?



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