

THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA – national procedures for mutual legal  
assistance in criminal matters  
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The information contained in this table should be updated on a yearly basis.

The Central Authority (name of the institution, address, telephone, fax and e-mail where available) responsible for mutual legal assistance:	<p>Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Serbia</p> <p>Sector for normative affairs and mutual legal assistance</p> <p>Department for Mutual Legal Assistance</p> <p>22-26 Nemanjina Street, 11000 Belgrade</p> <p>Phone +381 11 3622 352; +381 11 3622 351</p> <p>Fax +381 11 3622 351</p> <p>goran.tokic@mpravde.gov.rs, snezana.milenkovic@mpravde.gov.rs</p>
If different from the Central Authority, the authority to which the request should be sent (name of the institution, address, telephone, fax and e-mail where available):	
Channels of communication for the request for mutual legal assistance (directly, through diplomatic channels or other):	<p>According to Article 6 of the Serbian Law on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters (Official Gazette of the RS, No.20/2009) letters rogatory and supporting documents shall be transmitted to the national judicial authority through the Ministry of Justice, and vice versa. At the request of the requesting state, letter rogatory and other documents shall be submitted through diplomatic channels.</p> <p>On condition of reciprocity request and other documents can be submitted directly to a foreign judicial authority, and in case of urgency, they may be transmitted through the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)</p>
Means of communication (e.g. by post, fax, e-mail <sup>1</sup> ):	<p>By post.</p> <p>In the urgent cases it is possible to submit documentation</p>

<sup>1</sup>Please indicate if encryption or electronic signature is required.

	by fax and e-mail (no encryption or electronic signature is required), provided that the competent authority of the requesting State is obliged to subsequently submit the documentation (original) in the regular manner (by post).
Language requirements:	According to the Article 5 of the Law on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, letters rogatory and requests for extradition shall be submitted and accompanied by translations into the language of the requested state or translated into English. A copy of translation shall be certified.
Double criminality requirement, if applicable:	One of the precondition to the execution of requests for mutual assistance is that the criminal offence, in respect of which legal assistance is requested, constitutes the offence under the legislation of the Republic of Serbia.
Limitation of use of evidence obtained:	It is the duty of state authorities to safeguard confidentiality of information obtained during the execution of requests for mutual legal assistance. Personal data may be used solely in criminal or administrative proceedings in respect of which letters rogatory have been submitted.
Other particularly relevant information (e.g. documentation required for special types of assistance):	<p>For assumption and transfer of criminal prosecution, the letter rogatory shall be accompanied by the original or certified copy of crime related documents.</p> <p>For execution of foreign criminal judgment the letter rogatory shall be accompanied by certified transcript of the foreign court's criminal judgment.</p> <p>For execution of criminal judgment with transfer, the letter rogatory shall be accompanied by a certified transcript of the criminal judgment and a statement of consent to transfer provided by the convict.</p> <p>For mutual assistance regarding examination of witnesses and experts) a letter rogatory shall be accompanied by a</p>

	specification of expenses to be paid to a witness or an expert
Links to national legislation, national guides on procedure:	<a href="http://www.portal.sud.rs/ocp/templates/pretraga-sudova.aspx?Id=833">http://www.portal.sud.rs/ocp/templates/pretraga-sudova.aspx?Id=833</a>
Parties to the Second Additional Protocol: Link to database with contact details of competent authorities for the purpose of direct transmission of MLA requests	<a href="http://www.portal.sud.rs/ocp/templates/pretraga-sudova.aspx?Id=833">http://www.portal.sud.rs/ocp/templates/pretraga-sudova.aspx?Id=833</a>