

Republic of Bulgaria – 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:	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Bulgaria – central authority Department of International Cooperation and Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters 1040 Sofia, 1, Slavyanska Str. +35929237545/515, fax: +35929237545, e-mail: k_panova@justice.government.bg Terziivanov@justice.government.bg S_filipova@justice.government.bg
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):	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Bulgaria
Means of communication (e.g. by post, fax, e-mail ¹):	post, fax, e-mail
Language requirements:	Requests for assistance and annexed documents shall be accompanied by a translation into Bulgarian, or in the absence of such, by a translation into either of the official languages of the Council of Europe.
Double criminality requirement, if	

¹ Please indicate if encryption or electronic signature is required.

applicable:	
Limitation of use of evidence obtained:	Only for the purposes expressed within the request for mutual legal assistance.
Other particularly relevant information (e.g. documentation required for special types of assistance):	<p>Requests for mutual assistance shall include as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a the authority making the request; b the object of and the reason for the request; c where possible, the identity and the nationality of the person concerned, and d where necessary, the name and address of the person to be served. <p>Letters rogatory shall, in addition, state the offence and contain a summary of the facts.</p> <p>Summons on an accused person who is in Bulgarian territory must be transmitted to the competent authorities no later than 50 days before the date set for that person's appearance.</p> <p>Bulgarian Penal-Procedure Code, chapter 36, section III – “International legal assistance in penal matters”.</p>
Links to national legislation, national guides on procedure:	www.justice.government.bg
Parties to the Second Additional Protocol: Link to database with contact details of competent authorities for the purpose of direct transmission of MLA requests	