

Lithuania – 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.

<p>The Central Authority (name of the institution, address, telephone, fax and e-mail where available) responsible for mutual legal assistance:</p>	<p><b>During pre-trial investigation until submitting the case to the court:</b></p> <p>Prosecutor General’s Office of the Republic of Lithuania –</p> <p>Address: Rinktinės str. 5A, LT-01515, Vilnius</p> <p>Tel: + 370 5 266 2305</p> <p>Fax +370 5 266 2317</p> <p>e-mail: <a href="mailto:generaline.prokuratūra@prokuratūros.lt">generaline.prokuratūra@prokuratūros.lt</a></p> <p><b>During the trial:</b></p> <p>Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania</p> <p>Address: Gedimino ave. 30, LT-01104 Vilnius</p> <p>Telephone: +370-5-2662933</p> <p>Fax: +370-5-2625940</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:rastine@tm.lt">rastine@tm.lt</a></p>
<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):</p>	<p>As regards direct transmission pursuant to the <u>Second Additional Protocol</u>, the declarations made by the Republic of Lithuania regarding the competent authorities are the following:</p> <p>In accordance with Article 4 Paragraph 6 the Republic of Lithuania declares that territorial County Prosecutor’s Offices, the Court of Appeal of Lithuania, district and county courts shall perform the functions provided in Article 4.</p> <p>In accordance with Article 6, the Republic of Lithuania declares that the General Prosecutor’s Office of the Republic of Lithuania, the territorial County Prosecutor’s Offices of the Republic of Lithuania, the Court of Appeal of Lithuania, district and county courts are judicial authorities for the purposes of the Convention and its Protocol.</p>

Channels of communication for the request for mutual legal assistance (directly, through diplomatic channels or other):	<p>The central authorities, including other competent institutions, in the cases established by the international treaties of the Republic of Lithuania for the purpose of these treaties communicate with each other directly.</p> <p>In the cases specified by the international treaties of the Republic of Lithuania the requests may be communicated through diplomatic channels.</p> <p>In urgent cases the requests may be transferred through Interpol channels and following the provision of the US legal acts – through the national member of Eurojust as well.</p>
Means of communication (e.g. by post, fax, e-mail <sup>1</sup> ):	<p>As a rule, Lithuania accepts requests (together with supporting documents and supplementary information) sent by post in writing.</p> <p>However in urgent cases, faxed or e-mailed versions of the aforementioned documents can be also accepted, if provided, that originals will be sent later by post in due time.</p>
Language requirements:	<p>In relation to paragraph 2 of Article 16 of the Convention, the Republic of Lithuania reserves the right to stipulate that requests and annexed documents shall be addressed to it in Lithuanian or accompanied by a translation into one of the official languages of the Council of Europe, and that in default, the Republic of Lithuania will require compensation for all expenses incurred in translation.</p>
Double criminality requirement, if applicable:	<p>Lithuania reserves the right not to comply with a request insofar as it concerns an offence which is not qualified as a "crime" and punishable as such under Lithuanian law.</p>

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

Limitation of use of evidence obtained:	For investigation or court procedure only.
Other particularly relevant information (e.g. documentation required for special types of assistance):	If MLA concerns the application of procedural coercive measures, it should be accompanied by the relevant procedural decisions on application of such coercive measures or authorisation thereof.
Links to national legislation, national guides on procedure:	National guides on investigation measures can be found on the EJN website:  <a href="http://www.ejn-crimjust.europa.eu/ejn/EJN_FichesBelges.aspx">http://www.ejn-crimjust.europa.eu/ejn/EJN_FichesBelges.aspx</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	MLA Atlas:  <a href="http://www.ejn-crimjust.europa.eu/ejn/AtlasChooseCountry.aspx?Type=2">http://www.ejn-crimjust.europa.eu/ejn/AtlasChooseCountry.aspx?Type=2</a>