

FINLAND – national procedures for mutual legal assistance
in criminal matters
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States Parties are requested to fill in this table with the necessary information and return it to the Secretariat of the PC-OC. 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:	The Ministry of Justice, Unit for International Judicial Assistance, PO Box 25, FI-00023, GOVERNMENT email: central.authority.om(at)gov.fi Tel: +358 9 1606 7628 Fax: + 358 9 1606 7524
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):	Though the Central Authority or directly to the competent authority.
Means of communication (eg. by post, fax, e-mail ²):	Finnish judicial authorities accept any means of communication that produce written records and enable to verify the sender and the authenticity of the documents (e.g. e-mail, post, fax).
Language requirements:	Requests and accompanying documents are accepted in Finnish, Swedish or English.

² Please indicate if encryption or electronic signature is required.

Double criminality requirement, if applicable:	According to the declaration made by Finland to Article 5 of the Convention, search and seizure are subject to the requirement of double criminality.
Limitation of use of evidence obtained:	As a rule, mutual legal assistance is provided for the investigation or the prosecution of a particular offence in the requesting state, but information may normally be used for other legitimate purposes also.
Other particularly relevant information (e.g. documentation required for special types of assistance):	
Links to national legislation, national guides on procedure:	Act on International Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (4/1994). https://www.finlex.fi/en/
Parties to the Second Additional Protocol: Link to database with contact details of competent authorities for the purpose of direct transmission of MLA requests	