

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 Administration, PO Box 25, FI-00023, GOVERNMENT email: central.authority(at)om.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 ¹):	Finnish judicial authorities accept any means of communication that are capable of producing written records and allow establishing authenticity of the documents (e.g. fax, email).
Language requirements:	Requests and documents accompanying the request are accepted in Finnish, Swedish or English languages.
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.

¹ Please indicate if encryption or electronic signature is required.

Limitation of use of evidence obtained:	The point of departure of the Central Authority is that mutual legal assistance is provided for investigating or prosecuting a particular offence in the requesting state, but information may normally be used also for any other legitimate purposes.
Other particularly relevant information (e.g. documentation required for special types of assistance):	None
Links to national legislation, national guides on procedure:	International Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Act (5 January 1994/4). See, in general, databank of Finnish legislation that include also material in foreign languages: www.finlex.fi
Parties to the Second Additional Protocol: Link to database with contact details of competent authorities for the purpose of direct transmission of MLA requests	