

**LIECHTENSTEIN<sup>1</sup>**

**National Procedures for Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters**

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<b>The Central Authority responsible for MLA</b>	<p>The competent central authority is:</p> <p>Office of Justice P.O. Box 684 9490 Vaduz Liechtenstein Fax: +423 236 7581 Mail: <a href="mailto:mla.aju@lv.li">mla.aju@lv.li</a></p> <p>Contacts: Mr. Harald Oberdorfer, +423 236 6590 Mr. Hubert Wachter, +423 236 7427</p> <p>According to Liechtenstein legislation the Princely Court in Vaduz is competent to carry out requests for Mutual Legal Assistance.</p>
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If different from the Central Authority, the authority to which the request should be sent:	
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<b>Channels of communication</b> for the request of MLA:  (through diplomatic channels or other):  In case of urgency (Art 15.2) direct transmission (link to contact details of competent authorities) or other	See Article 15 of the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters.
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<sup>1</sup> Please indicate your state.

<b>Means of communication</b> (eg. by post, fax, e-mail <sup>2</sup> ):	Liechtenstein authorities accept any means of communication that are capable of producing written records and allow to establish the authenticity of the document.
<b>Language requirements:</b>	Requests for Mutual Legal Assistance and the relevant documents have to be accompanied by a translation into German language.
<b>Double criminality requirement</b> , if applicable:	Search and seizure of property are subject to the requirement of double criminality (see the Liechtenstein reservation to Article 5 of the European Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance). In principle, the execution of all requests that require coercive measures is subject to the requirement of double criminality.
<b>Limitation of use of evidence obtained:</b>	Restrictions on use of evidence may be required in particular cases.
<b>Other relevant information:</b> (e.g. documentation required for special types of assistance)	In cases of coercive measures of search and seizure, bank information, information about bank transactions, freezing of a bank account an order issued by a court of the requesting State has to be attached. If the provisions of this State do not foresee a court order for such measures the requesting authority has to indicate that the internal legal requirements for the measure sought are met according to the legislation of the requesting State.
<b>Links</b> to national legislation, national guides on procedure:	<p>Liechtenstein legislation is available at <a href="http://www.gesetze.li">www.gesetze.li</a></p> <p>The main national legislation is contained in the Law of 15 September 2000 on International Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Legal Assistance Law, LGBl. 2000 Nr. 215, LR 351).</p> <p>A non binding translation of the Legal Assistance Law into English can be found at <a href="http://www.regierung.li/law">www.regierung.li/law</a></p>
<b>Parties to the Second Additional Protocol:</b>	Though Liechtenstein is not yet a Party to the Second Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters in case of urgency a direct transmission of MLA requests to the competent Princely

<sup>2</sup> Please indicate if encryption or electronic signature is required.

<p>Channels of communication for <u>direct transmission requests</u></p> <p>(Link to database with contact details of competent authorities for the purpose of direct transmission of MLA requests)</p>	<p>Court is possible according to Article 15 of the Convention. The contact details are:</p> <p>Princely Court Spaniagasse 1 9490 Vaduz Tel. +423 236 7159 Fax: +423 236 6569 <a href="http://www.gerichte.li">www.gerichte.li</a></p>
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