

LIECHTENSTEIN¹

National Procedures for Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters

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**The Central Authority
responsible for MLA**

The competent central authority is:

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According to Liechtenstein legislation the Court of Justice in Vaduz is competent to carry out requests for Mutual Legal Assistance.

If different from the Central Authority, the authority to which the request should be sent:

**Channels of communication
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.

¹ Please indicate your state.

Means of communication (eg. by post, fax, e-mail ²):	Liechtenstein authorities accept any means of communication that are capable of producing written records and allow to establish the authenticity of the document.
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Language requirements:	Requests for Mutual Legal Assistance and the relevant documents have to be accompanied by a translation into German language.
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Double criminality requirement , 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.
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Limitation of use of evidence obtained:	Restrictions on use of evidence may be required in particular cases.
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Other relevant information: (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.
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Links to national legislation, national guides on procedure:	<p>Liechtenstein legislation is available at www.gesetze.li</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 www.regierung.li/law</p>
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Parties to the Second Additional Protocol:	Direct communication between foreign judicial authorities and the Court of Justice in Vaduz.
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² Please indicate if encryption or electronic signature is required.

Channels of communication
for direct transmission
requests

(Link to database with contact
details of competent
authorities for the purpose of
direct transmission of MLA
requests)

The contact details are:

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