

**STATISTICAL QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE
MAINTENANCE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM 1
October 2011 TO 30 September 2012 FROM THE
EUROPEAN UNION MEMBER STATES**



**EMPIRICAL RESEARCH ON THE APPLICATION OF THE NEW
MAINTENANCE REGULATION**

**(Council Regulation No 4/2009 of 18 December 2008 on jurisdiction,
applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and
cooperation in matters relating to maintenance obligations)**

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Question 1: Applications to obtain a new decision or the modification of a decision (Articles 56(1)(c)-(f) and 56(2)(b)-(c) Annex VII)*

a) Incoming

Part I: Applications to obtain a decision (Articles 56(1)(c) and (d))

Please type in as appropriate for each Member State

Member States	Number of incoming applications per Member State	Number of applications where a positive decision was obtained	Number of applications falling under Article 46	Number of applications, if any, that were found manifestly unfounded under Article 46 (2)
Austria				
Belgium				
Bulgaria				
Cyprus				
Czech Republic				
Denmark				
Estonia				
Finland				
France				
Germany				
Greece				
Hungary				
Ireland				
Italy				
Latvia				
Lithuania				
Luxembourg				
Malta				
Netherlands				
Poland				
Portugal				
Romania				
Slovakia				
Slovenia				
Spain				
Sweden				
United Kingdom a) England and Wales b) Scotland c) Northern Ireland d) Gibraltar				

* When answering the questions please only include applications submitted between 1st October 2011 and 30th September 2012.

Part II: Applications for modification of a decision by a creditor (Articles 56 (1)(e) and (f))

Please type in as appropriate for each Member State

Member States	Number of incoming applications per Member State	Number of applications where modification was obtained	Number of applications falling under Article 46	Number of applications, if any, that were found manifestly unfounded under Article 46 (2)
Austria				
Belgium				
Bulgaria				
Cyprus				
Czech Republic				
Denmark				
Estonia				
Finland				
France				
Germany				
Greece				
Hungary				
Ireland				
Italy				
Latvia				
Lithuania				
Luxembourg				
Malta				
Netherlands				
Poland				
Portugal				
Romania				
Slovakia				
Slovenia				
Spain				
Sweden				
United Kingdom a) England and Wales b) Scotland c) Northern Ireland d) Gibraltar				

Part III: Applications for modification of a decision by a debtor (Articles 56(2)(b) and (c))

Please type in as appropriate for each Member State

Member States	Number of incoming applications per Member State	Number of applications where modification was obtained
Austria		
Belgium		
Bulgaria		
Cyprus		
Czech Republic		
Denmark		
Estonia		
Finland		
France		
Germany		
Greece		
Hungary		
Ireland		
Italy		
Latvia		
Lithuania		
Luxembourg		
Malta		
Netherlands		
Poland		
Portugal		
Romania		
Slovakia		
Slovenia		
Spain		
Sweden		
United Kingdom a) England and Wales b) Scotland c) Northern Ireland d) Gibraltar		

b) Outgoing

Part I: Applications to obtain a decision (Articles 56(1)(c) and (d))

Please type in as appropriate for each Member State

Member States	Number of outgoing applications per Member State	Number of applications where a positive decision was obtained	Number of applications falling under Article 46	Number of applications, if any, that were found manifestly unfounded under Article 46 (2)
Austria				
Belgium				
Bulgaria				
Cyprus				
Czech Republic				
Denmark				
Estonia				
Finland				
France				
Germany				
Greece				
Hungary				
Ireland				
Italy				
Latvia				
Lithuania				
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Malta				
Netherlands				
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Slovakia				
Slovenia				
Spain				
Sweden				
United Kingdom a) England and Wales b) Scotland c) Northern Ireland d) Gibraltar				

Part II: Applications for modification of a decision by a creditor (Articles 56(1)(e) and (f))

Please type in as appropriate for each Member State

Member States	Number of outgoing applications per Member State	Number of applications where modification was obtained	Number of applications falling under Article 46	Number of applications, if any, that were found manifestly unfounded under Article 46 (2)
Austria				
Belgium				
Bulgaria				
Cyprus				
Czech Republic				
Denmark				
Estonia				
Finland				
France				
Germany				
Greece				
Hungary				
Ireland				
Italy				
Latvia				
Lithuania				
Luxembourg				
Malta				
Netherlands				
Poland				
Portugal				
Romania				
Slovakia				
Slovenia				
Spain				
Sweden				
United Kingdom a) England and Wales b) Scotland c) Northern Ireland d) Gibraltar				

Part III: Applications for modification of a decision by a debtor (Articles 56(2)(b) and (c))

Please type in as appropriate for each Member State

Member States	Number of outgoing applications per Member State	Number of applications where modification was obtained
Austria		
Belgium		
Bulgaria		
Cyprus		
Czech Republic		
Denmark		
Estonia		
Finland		
France		
Germany		
Greece		
Hungary		
Ireland		
Italy		
Latvia		
Lithuania		
Luxembourg		
Malta		
Netherlands		
Poland		
Portugal		
Romania		
Slovakia		
Slovenia		
Spain		
Sweden		
United Kingdom a) England and Wales b) Scotland c) Northern Ireland d) Gibraltar		

Question 2: Number of requests for specific measures (Article 53 and Annex V)

a) incoming (part I)

Member States	Total number of incoming requests for specific measures per Member State under Article 53	Number of requests to take appropriate specific measures under Article 51(2)(b) ⁱ	Number of requests to take appropriate specific measures under Article 51(2)(c) ⁱⁱ	Number of requests to take appropriate specific measures under Article 51(2)(g) ⁱⁱⁱ	Number of requests to take appropriate specific measures under Article 51(2)(h) ^{iv}	Number of requests to take appropriate specific measures under Article 51(2)(i) ^v	Number of requests to take appropriate specific measures under Article 51(2)(j) ^{vi}
Austria							
Belgium							
Bulgaria							
Cyprus							
Czech Republic							
Denmark							
Estonia							
Finland							
France							
Germany							
Greece							
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Netherlands							
Poland							
Portugal							
Romania							
Slovakia							
Slovenia							
Spain							
Sweden							
United Kingdom a) England and Wales b) Scotland c) Northern Ireland d) Gibraltar							

ⁱ To help locate the debtor or the creditor.

ⁱⁱ To facilitate the search for information on the income or assets of the debtor or the creditor.

ⁱⁱⁱ To facilitate the obtaining of documentary or other evidence.

^{iv} To obtain assistance in establishing parentage.

^v Initiate or facilitate the institution of proceedings to obtain a necessary provisional measure which is territorial in nature.

^{vi} Facilitate service of a document.

Incoming (part II)

Please type in as appropriate for each Member State

Member States	Number of incoming requests in which legal aid was provided	Number of incoming requests where the Central Authority recovered its costs under Article 54(2)	Number of requests under Annex V which resulted in a full application
Austria			
Belgium			
Bulgaria			
Cyprus			
Czech Republic			
Denmark			
Estonia			
Finland			
France			
Germany			
Greece			
Hungary			
Ireland			
Italy			
Latvia			
Lithuania			
Luxembourg			
Malta			
Netherlands			
Poland			
Portugal			
Romania			
Slovakia			
Slovenia			
Spain			
Sweden			
United Kingdom a) England and Wales b) Scotland c) Northern Ireland d) Gibraltar			

b) Outgoing (part I)

Member States	Total number of outgoing requests for specific measures per Member State under Article 53	Number of requests to take appropriate specific measures under Article 51(2)(b) ⁱ	Number of requests to take appropriate specific measures under Article 51(2)(c) ⁱⁱ	Number of requests to take appropriate specific measures under Article 51(2)(g) ⁱⁱⁱ	Number of requests to take appropriate specific measures under Article 51(2)(h) ^{iv}	Number of requests to take appropriate specific measures under Article 51(2)(i) ^v	Number of requests to take appropriate specific measures under Article 51(2)(j) ^{vi}
Austria							
Belgium							
Bulgaria							
Cyprus							
Czech Republic							
Denmark							
Estonia							
Finland							
France							
Germany							
Greece							
Hungary							
Ireland							
Italy							
Latvia							
Lithuania							
Luxembourg							
Malta							
Netherlands							
Poland							
Portugal							
Romania							
Slovakia							
Slovenia							
Spain							
Sweden							
United Kingdom a) England and Wales b) Scotland c) Northern Ireland d) Gibraltar							

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ⁱⁱⁱ To facilitate the obtaining of documentary or other evidence.

^{iv} To obtain assistance in establishing parentage.

^v Initiate or facilitate the institution of proceedings to obtain a necessary provisional measure which is territorial in nature.

^{vi} Facilitate service of a document.

Outgoing (part II)

Please type in as appropriate for each Member State

Member States	Number of outgoing requests in which legal aid was provided	Number of requests under Annex V which resulted in a full application
Austria		
Belgium		
Bulgaria		
Cyprus		
Czech Republic		
Denmark		
Estonia		
Finland		
France		
Germany		
Greece		
Hungary		
Ireland		
Italy		
Latvia		
Lithuania		
Luxembourg		
Malta		
Netherlands		
Poland		
Portugal		
Romania		
Slovakia		
Slovenia		
Spain		
Sweden		
United Kingdom a) England and Wales b) Scotland c) Northern Ireland d) Gibraltar		

Question 3: Number of applications for recognition, declaration of enforceability or enforcement of a decision (Annex VI)

a) Incoming

Part I: Applications by a creditor for recognition or for recognition and declaration of enforceability of a decision, under Article 56(1)(a)

Please type in as appropriate for each Member State

Member States	Number of incoming applications per Member State	Number of applications falling under Article 46	Number of applications based on a decision of a court or administrative authority	Number of applications based on a court settlement	Number of applications based on an authentic instrument	Number of applications where recognition or declaration of enforceability was refused
Austria						
Belgium						
Bulgaria						
Cyprus						
Czech Republic						
Denmark						
Estonia						
Finland						
France						
Germany						
Greece						
Hungary						
Ireland						
Italy						
Latvia						
Lithuania						
Luxembourg						
Malta						
Netherlands						
Poland						
Portugal						
Romania						
Slovakia						
Slovenia						
Spain						
Sweden						
United Kingdom						
a) England and Wales						
b) Scotland						
c) Northern Ireland						
d) Gibraltar						

Part II: Applications by a debtor for recognition of a decision, under Article 56(2)(a)

Please type in as appropriate for each Member State

Member States	Number of incoming applications per Member State	Number of applications based on a decision of a court or administrative authority	Number of applications based on a court settlement	Number of applications based on an authentic instrument	Number of applications where recognition was refused
Austria					
Belgium					
Bulgaria					
Cyprus					
Czech Republic					
Denmark					
Estonia					
Finland					
France					
Germany					
Greece					
Hungary					
Ireland					
Italy					
Latvia					
Lithuania					
Luxembourg					
Malta					
Netherlands					
Poland					
Portugal					
Romania					
Slovakia					
Slovenia					
Scotland					
Spain					
Sweden					
United Kingdom a) England and Wales b) Scotland c) Northern Ireland d) Gibraltar					

Part III: Applications by a creditor for enforcement of a decision given or recognised in the requested Member State, under Article 56(1)(b)

Please type in as appropriate for each Member State

Member States	Number of incoming applications per Member State	Number of applications falling under Article 46	Number of applications based on a decision of a court or administrative authority	Number of applications based on a court settlement	Number of applications based on an authentic instrument	Number of applications where the decision was not enforced
Austria						
Belgium						
Bulgaria						
Cyprus						
Czech Republic						
Denmark						
Estonia						
Finland						
France						
Germany						
Greece						
Hungary						
Ireland						
Italy						
Latvia						
Lithuania						
Luxembourg						
Malta						
Netherlands						
Poland						
Portugal						
Romania						
Slovakia						
Slovenia						
Spain						
Sweden						
United Kingdom a) England and Wales b) Scotland c) Northern Ireland d) Gibraltar						

Question 3 (b) Outgoing

Part I: Applications by a creditor for recognition or for recognition and declaration of enforceability of a decision, under Article 56(1)(a)

Please type in as appropriate for each Member State

Member States	Number of outgoing applications per Member State	Number of applications falling under Article 46	Number of applications based on a decision of a court or administrative authority	Number of applications based on a court settlement	Number of applications based on an authentic instrument	Number of applications where recognition or declaration of enforceability was refused
Austria						
Belgium						
Bulgaria						
Cyprus						
Czech Republic						
Denmark						
Estonia						
Finland						
France						
Germany						
Greece						
Hungary						
Ireland						
Italy						
Latvia						
Lithuania						
Luxembourg						
Malta						
Netherlands						
Poland						
Portugal						
Romania						
Slovakia						
Slovenia						
Spain						
Sweden						
United Kingdom a) England and Wales b) Scotland c) Northern Ireland d) Gibraltar						

Part II: Applications by a debtor for recognition of a decision, under Article 56(2)(a)

Please type in as appropriate for each Member State

Member States	Number of outgoing applications per Member State	Number of applications based on a decision of a court or administrative authority	Number of applications based on a court settlement	Number of applications based on an authentic instrument	Number of applications where recognition was refused
Austria					
Belgium					
Bulgaria					
Cyprus					
Czech Republic					
Denmark					
Estonia					
Finland					
France					
Germany					
Greece					
Hungary					
Ireland					
Italy					
Latvia					
Lithuania					
Luxembourg					
Malta					
Netherlands					
Poland					
Portugal					
Romania					
Slovakia					
Slovenia					
Spain					
Sweden					
United Kingdom a) England and Wales b) Scotland c) Northern Ireland d) Gibraltar					

Part III: Applications by a creditor for enforcement of a decision given or recognised in the requested Member State, under Article 56(1)(b)

Please type in as appropriate for each Member State

Member States	Number of outgoing applications per Member State	Number of applications falling under Article 46	Number of applications based on a decision of a court or administrative authority	Number of applications based on a court settlement	Number of applications based on an authentic instrument	Number of applications where the decision was not enforced
Austria						
Belgium						
Bulgaria						
Cyprus						
Czech Republic						
Denmark						
Estonia						
Finland						
France						
Germany						
Greece						
Hungary						
Ireland						
Italy						
Latvia						
Lithuania						
Luxembourg						
Malta						
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Portugal						
Romania						
Slovakia						
Slovenia						
Spain						
Sweden						
United Kingdom a) England and Wales b) Scotland c) Northern Ireland d) Gibraltar						

Question 4: Meeting the specified time requirements

a) incoming

Please type in as appropriate for each Member State

Member States	Total number of all incoming applications per Member State	Number of applications where this Central Authority met the target in Article 58(3) ⁱ	Number of applications where this Central Authority met the target in Article 58(4) ⁱⁱ	Number of applications that were not fully processed as a result of the failure of the requesting authority under Article 58(9) ⁱⁱⁱ	Number of applications that were fully processed within 6 months	Number of applications that were fully processed within 9 months
Austria						
Belgium						
Bulgaria						
Cyprus						
Czech Republic						
Denmark						
Estonia						
Finland						
France						
Germany						
Greece						
Hungary						
Ireland						
Italy						
Latvia						
Lithuania						
Luxembourg						
Malta						
Netherlands						
Poland						
Portugal						
Romania						
Slovakia						
Slovenia						
Spain						
Sweden						
United Kingdom a) England and Wales b) Scotland c) Northern Ireland d) Gibraltar						

ⁱ Receipt of the application and appropriate contact details were provided within 30 days.

ⁱⁱ Inform requesting Central Authority of the status of the application within 60 days of sending the receipt of the application.

ⁱⁱⁱ The requesting Central Authority does not provide additional documents requested within 90 days, or a longer specified period.

b) Outgoing

Please type in as appropriate for each Member State

Member States	Total number of all outgoing applications per Member State	Number of applications where the requested Central Authority met the target in Article 58(3) ⁱ	Number of applications where the requested Central Authority met the target in Article 58(4) ⁱⁱ	Number of applications where this Central Authority did not meet the requirement in Article 58(9) ⁱⁱⁱ	Number of applications that were fully processed within 6 months	Number of applications that were fully processed within 9 months
Austria						
Belgium						
Bulgaria						
Cyprus						
Czech Republic						
Denmark						
Estonia						
Finland						
France						
Germany						
Greece						
Hungary						
Ireland						
Italy						
Latvia						
Lithuania						
Luxembourg						
Malta						
Netherlands						
Poland						
Portugal						
Romania						
Slovakia						
Slovenia						
Spain						
Sweden						
United Kingdom a) England and Wales b) Scotland c) Northern Ireland d) Gibraltar						

ⁱ Receipt of the application and appropriate contact details were provided within 30 days.

ⁱⁱ Inform requesting Central Authority of the status of the application within 60 days of sending the receipt of the application.

ⁱⁱⁱ The requesting Central Authority does not provide additional documents requested within 90 days, or a longer specified period.

Question 5: The amount paid and recovery rate of maintenance in outgoing cases?

Please answer at least the top part of this question which just asks the total amount recovered. If you can answer this in respect of each State individually then this data would be helpful.

Member States	Total amount paid	Recovery rate of total amount (as a percentage)	Total reductions obtained by debtors
All States			
Austria			
Belgium			
Bulgaria			
Cyprus			
Czech Republic			
Denmark			
Estonia			
Finland			
France			
Germany			
Greece			
Hungary			
Ireland			
Italy			
Latvia			
Lithuania			
Luxembourg			
Malta			
Netherlands			
Poland			
Portugal			
Romania			
Slovakia			
Slovenia			
Spain			
Sweden			
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