Cooperation between the courts: taking of evidence in civil or commercial matters

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The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution approving the Council's position at first reading with a view to the adoption of a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on cooperation between the courts of the Member States in the taking of evidence in civil or commercial matters (taking of evidence) (recast).

The proposal for a revision of Council Regulation (EC) No 1206/2001 on cooperation between the courts of the Member States in the taking of evidence in civil or commercial matters aims at adapting the cooperation mechanisms and transmission workflows provided for in the existing Regulation to technical developments related to the digital transition and the use of information technology (IT).

In particular, the Commission proposal calls for the establishment of a decentralised IT system and its mandatory use for the exchange of requests and documents between Member States' authorities.

The revision proposal also aims at broadening and strengthening the direct taking of evidence cross-border.