

European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters

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PURPOSE: to establish a European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council Decision 2001/470/EC establishing a European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters. **CONTENT:** the European Judicial Network established by this Decision seeks to facilitate judicial cooperation between the Member States in civil and commercial matters both in areas to which existing instruments apply and in those where no instrument is currently applicable. To attain its objective, the Network needs to be supported by contact points designated by the Member States and to be sure of the participation of their authorities with specific responsibilities for judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters. Contact between them and periodic meetings are essential to the operation of the Network. Moreover, using the information supplied and updated by the contact points, the Network should progressively establish an information system that is accessible to the public, both the general public and specialists. The United Kingdom and Ireland have given notice of their wish to take part in the adoption and application of this Decision. **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 01.12.2002.