

# European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters

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This amended proposal is adopted in response to amendments voted by Parliament. The Commission can accept a number of Parliament's amendments. The amendments accepted in whole or in part concern: - introducing clarifications as to the objectives of the Network; - introducing a new recital specifying that the Network is to contribute to the application of Council Regulation 44/2001/EC on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters and Council Regulation 1347/2000/EC on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and in matters of parental responsibility for joint children; - study proposals for the establishment of a central European Union database combining the general register of cases brought in the courts; - electronic data exchange system to be developed in the IDA programme; - the association the applicant countries with meetings of the Network, though it sees the need for a degree of flexibility that might be based on the nature of certain meetings or parts of meetings; - shorter deadlines (three years) for presentation of reports on the implementation and application of the decision; The amendments not accepted by the Commission include those relating to: - cooperation between the proposed European Judicial Network in Civil and Commercial Matters and the existing European Judicial Network in Criminal Matters; - limiting the number of representatives of each Member State at Network meetings to three.