

Civil Justice

European Order for Payment

Recovering outstanding debts in cross-border claim can be difficult for many citizens and businesses in many European Member States. The EU Regulation no 1896/2006 provides the legal framework allowing you to create a European Order for Payment (EPO).

The e-CODEX's EPO pilot gives you the opportunity to easily do so at any time. By using the European e-Justice Portal with the technical solutions provided by e-CODEX, you can handle the recovery of outstanding debts easily online. All relevant forms for citizens and business representatives are available on the Portal and can be sent and received via your personal inbox. You might also be able to use the e-CODEX solution through a national portal if you reside in Austria, Estonia, Poland, France or Greece.

By using this procedure, every party involved benefits from reduced expenditure of time and money and increased security in the exchange. Language barriers are no longer a problem since the standardised forms follow an agreed structure which can be displayed in any language. The online forms are easy to fill in and result in fewer errors. These online services rapidly bridge the distances between different countries.

Currently, the following courts are using the e-CODEX solution:

- Austria: Bezirksgericht für Handelssachen Wien
- Germany: District court Wedding
- Italy: Tribunal of Milan
- Greece: Athens Court of First Instance



The EPO procedure can be useful in cases like this:

“Leon’s IT company has developed specific software for an enterprise in another European country. The customer has not paid the bill and ignores all reminders. Leon can now easily and quickly start a European Order for Payment Procedure against the customer through the European e-Justice portal or, if available, the national portal in his home country.”

What data do you need to file an application for an EPO?

- The names and the address of the parties (if applicable, the names of the representatives)
- The name of the court to which the application is made
- The amount of the claim
- The interest rate and period of time for which that interest is demanded (if applicable)
- The cause of the action
- A description of evidence (if applicable)
- The grounds for jurisdiction

You can execute your European Order for Payment Procedure online, if:

- You are a European resident and legally capable
- You are acting on behalf of a cross border EPO case
- You are sending your application to a court in Austria, Germany, Italy or Greece
- You have an electronic signature issued by a recognised authority in a European Member State or
- You have a national e-ID/e-Signature solution supported by the European e-Justice Portal

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