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Article 3 - Appointment of competent authorities

*Where Finland is the executing State*, cases relating to the recognition of a European protection order shall be heard by the **Helsinki District Court**.

*Where Finland is the Member State issuing the order*, a European protection order shall be issued by **the district court** that imposed the restraining order, as referred to in the Act on Restraining Orders (898/1998), in the case in question, or that would be competent to impose a restraining order. A European protection order may also be issued by the court of appeal hearing a restraining order case.

Article 4 - Recourse to a central authority

The Ministry of Justice is the central authority under Article 4(1) of the Directive. An authority of another Member State can contact the Ministry of Justice concerning procedures under the Directive.

Article 17(3) - Languages

A European protection order transmitted to Finland shall be accepted if it is in Finnish, Swedish or English or if it is accompanied by a translation into one of these languages. A European protection order in another language may also be accepted if there is no other impediment.