



PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

The Permanent
Representative

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Dear Ms Astola,

Please find enclosed updated information on the implementation by the Republic of Bulgaria of the following provisions of *Council Framework Decision 2002/584/JHA of 13 June 2002 on the European arrest warrant and the surrender procedures between Member States*: Article 6, paragraph 3, Article 7, Article 8 and Article 25, paragraph 2. Please also find attached the English translation of the Bulgarian Law on the Extradition and European Arrest Warrant in its current version.

I would like to thank you for your kind cooperation in submitting this information to the European Judicial Network with a view to its further publication on their website.

Yours sincerely,

Acting Chargé d'affaires:

Maria Koleva, Deputy Permanent Representative

**Ms Tiina Astola,
Director-General
Directorate-General for Justice and
Consumers EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

**INFORMATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION BY THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
OF COUNCIL FRAMEWORK DECISION 2002/584/JHA OF 13 JUNE 2002 ON THE
EUROPEAN ARREST WARRANT AND THE SURRENDER PROCEDURES
BETWEEN MEMBER STATES**

Bulgaria transposed Council Framework Decision 2002/584/JHA of 13 June 2002 on the European arrest warrant and the surrender procedures between Member States through the Extradition and European Arrest Warrant Act, promulgated in State Gazette No 46 of 3 June 2005, which entered into force on 4 July 2005.

The internal legal provisions implementing Framework Decision 2002/584/JHA of 13 June 2002 **entered into force on the date of Bulgaria's accession to the European Union, i.e. on 1 January 2007.**

On the basis of the relevant provisions of its legislation, Bulgaria would set out the following information regarding the implementation of Framework Decision 2002/584/JHA of 13 June 2002 on the European arrest warrant and the surrender procedures between Member States.

Information under Article 6(3)

(a) Bulgaria designates **the relevant prosecutor – for accused persons (in the pre-trial phase of criminal proceedings) or sentenced persons – and the relevant court – for defendants (in the trial phase of criminal proceedings) – as the authorities competent to issue an European arrest warrant (issuing judicial authorities);**

b) Bulgaria designates **the district courts as the judicial authorities competent to execute an European arrest warrant** issued by a judicial authority of another Member State of the European Union (**executing judicial authorities**).

In Bulgaria there are 28 district courts; their contact details are enclosed in the Annex hereto.

The execution of an European arrest warrant is entrusted to the district court in whose territorial jurisdiction the requested person is located. To identify the Bulgarian executing judicial authority competent in each individual case, the foreign issuing judicial authority or foreign central authority may consult the information concerning Bulgaria available in the European Arrest Warrant Atlas on the European Judicial Network website.

In addition, assistance requests may be addressed to the Bulgarian National Contact Points for the European Judicial Network, details of which are available on the network's portal (https://www.ejn-crimj.ust.europa.eu/ejn/EJN_Home.aspx).

Information under Article 7

The central authority designated by Bulgaria to assist the judicial authorities is **the Minister of Justice.**

The central authority is competent to receive an European arrest warrant issued by a judicial authority in another Member State of the European Union and to forward it to the Bulgarian executing judicial authority if the issuing judicial authority does not succeed in transmitting the European arrest warrant directly to the Bulgarian executing judicial authority.

The central authority is competent to forward an European arrest warrant issued by a Bulgarian judicial authority if the latter is unable to transmit it directly to the foreign executing judicial authority or the executing Member State has designated the Ministry of Justice as the receiving authority.

The contact details of the central authorities are as follows:

Ministry of Justice

Directorate of International Legal Cooperation and European Affairs

Division of International Cooperation in Criminal Matters

1040 Sofia, Slavyanska Str. 1

Phone: 003592/9237-515; 003592/9237-534

Fax: 003592/9237-546

E-mail: criminal@justice.government.bg

Information under Article 8(2)

An European arrest warrant transmitted for execution to the Bulgarian authorities must be translated into Bulgarian.

Information under Article 25(2)

Bulgaria designates the Minister of Justice as the authority responsible for receiving transit requests and the necessary documents, as well as any other official correspondence relating to transit requests. The Minister will immediately send a request to the Supreme Cassation Prosecution Office, which will grant the transit of the requested person through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and inform the requesting Member State of its decision.

A transit request must be accompanied by the following documentation showing:

1. the identity and nationality of the person concerned;
2. the EAW issued;
3. the nature and legal classification of the offence;
4. the circumstances in which the crime was committed, including the date and place of the crime.

Transit requests and the necessary documentation must be sent to:

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ANNEX - List of District courts as competent authorities under Article 6(3)

Note: District court is transliterated as Okrazhen sad

Name	Address	Phone	E-mail
Blagoevgrad	2700 Blagoevgrad, Vasil Levski Sq. 1	+35973/889 856 +35973/889 865	blagoevgrad- os@justice.bg
Burgas	8000 Burgas, Aleksandrovska Str. 101	+35956/879 400	judge@os-burgas.org osburgas@abv.bg
Varna	9000 Varna, Nezavisimost Sq. 2	+35952/617 935	presidentvos@vcourts.org
Veliko Tarnovo	5000 Veliko Tarnovo Vasil Levski Str. 16	+35962/615 887 +35962/615 886	vtos.bg@gmail.com
Vidin	3700 Vidin, Bdintsi Str. 1	+35994/600 958	os_vidin@yahoo.com
Vratsa	3000 Vratsa, Hristo Botev 29	+35992/626 097	gagova@abv.bg
Gabrovo	5300 Gabrovo Vazrazhdane Sq. 1	+35966/809 264	delovodstvo-rsg@court- gbr.com
Dobrich	9300 Dobrich, Dr. Konstantin Stoilov Str. 7	+35958/601 480	courtdb@db.vega.bg
Kardzhali	6600 Kardzhali, Belomorski Blvd. 48	+359361/627 08	okrsad_kj@mail.bg
Kyustendil	2500 Kyustendil, Gorotsvetna Str. 1	+35978/550 461 +35978/550 468	kos@kos-bg.eu
Lovech	5500 Lovech, Targovska Str. 41	+35968/601 048	los@gbg.bg
Montana	3400 Montana Vasil Levski Str. 24	+35996/300 654	montana-os@justice.bg
Pazardzhik	4400 Pazardzhik, Han Krum Str. 3	+35934/409 501 +35934/409 507	pazardzhik-os@justice.bg delnak@court-pz.info
Pernik	2300 Pernik Targovska Str. 37	+35976/647 055 +35976/647 035	ospernik@abv.bg pernik-os@justice.bg
Pleven	5800 Pleven, Dimitar Konstantinov Str. 25	+35964/810 203	os_pleven@abv.bg
Plovdiv	4000 Plovdiv Shesti Septemvri Blvd. 167	+35932/623 129	osplovdiv@gmail.com
Razgrad	7200 Razgrad, Nezavisimost Sq. 1	+35984/660 429 +35984/660 179	razgrad-os@justice.bg os_razgrad@mail.bg

Name	Address	Phone	E-mail
Ruse	7000 Ruse, Aleksandrovska Str. 57	+35982/825 453 +35982/881 343	courtruse@gmail.com
Silistra	7500 Silistra Simeon Veliki Str. 31	+35986/816 630 +35986/816 639	sos_silistra@abv.bg
Sliven	8800 Sliven Hadzhi Dimitar Sq. 2	+35944/616 422 +35944/616 420	os_sliven@iradeum.com
Smolyan	4700 Smolyan, Bulgaria Blvd. 16	+359301/604 29 +359301/623 02	dc_sm@mail.bg
Sofia District	1000 Sofia Vitosha Blvd. 2	+3592/986 2329 +3592/981 5742	sd_court@sofiadc.justice.bg
Sofia City	1000 Sofia Vitosha Blvd. 2	+3592/921 9345 +3592/980 0008	registratura@sgs.justice.bg cabinet@sgs.justice.bg
Stara Zagora	6000 Stara Zagora, Mitropolit Metodiy Kusev Blvd. 33	+35942/630 296	osstz@osstz.com
Targovishte	7700 Targovishte, Petko R. Slaveykov Str. 59	+359601/656 79	info@justicetg.org
Haskovo	6300 Haskovo, Bulgaria Blvd. 144	+35938/601 834	haskovo-os@justice.bg; sud@escom.bg
Shumen	9700 Shumen, Saedinenie Str. 1	+35954/850 346 +35954/850 302 +35954/850 347 +35954/850 348	shos@court-sh.org
Yambol	8600 Yambol, Zhorzh Papazov Str. 1	+35946/688 836	info@os-yambol.org s.admin@os-yambol.org

