Judicial cooperation in civil matters

**General framework**
- Civil judicial cooperation and agreements with non-EU countries
- The European Account Preservation Order for debt recovery between EU countries
- Family legal matters — negotiating agreements between EU and non-EU countries

**Applicable law**
- Convention on the law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome Convention)

**Access to justice**
- Legal aid in criminal proceedings

**Courts and international conventions**
- European and international courts
- EU involvement in efforts to unify the rules of private international law
- Parental responsibility & protection of children (Hague Convention)
- Legal certainty in international trade for EU businesses using choice of court agreements

**Mutual recognition and enforcement of judgments**
- Strengthening victims’ rights in the EU
- Uncontested claims – European enforcement order
- European small claims procedure (until 2017)
- Maintenance obligations
- European order for payment procedure
- Mediation in civil and commercial matters
- More effective rules on insolvency proceedings across EU borders
- Court jurisdiction in legal cases involving different EU countries
- Strengthening cooperation with Switzerland, Norway and Iceland: the Lugano Convention
- Enhanced cooperation on matrimonial and registered partnership property issues
- Matrimonial and parental judgments: jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement (Brussels IIa)

**Cooperation between EU countries**
- Transmission of judicial and extrajudicial documents between EU countries
- Taking of evidence in civil and commercial matters
- European Legislation Identifier (ELI)
European Judicial Network — civil and commercial matters

**Applicable law**

- Law applicable to divorce and legal separation
- Jurisdiction and applicable law in succession matters and European Certificate of Succession
- Contractual obligations in the EU - determining which national law applies
- The law applicable to non-contractual obligations

**Access to justice**

- Legal aid in civil and commercial matters
- Promoting videoconferencing between EU countries in the area of justice
- European e-justice strategy
- Compensation for victims of crime in other EU countries