

The Prosecutors General and Directors of Public Prosecutions of the Nordic Countries have 9th June 2025 agreed on the following agreement

Agreement on the transfer of criminal proceedings between the Nordic countries

Chapter 1: General

Article 1: Scope

This agreement contains guiding principles that supplement existing international instruments and aims at facilitating and improving cooperation regarding the transfer of proceedings between the Nordic countries.

This agreement replaces the agreement of 6th of February 1970 with later amendments.

Article 2: Definitions

Requesting authority means the authority competent according to national legislation to issue a request for the transfer of proceedings. The competent requesting authorities are set out in Annex II.

Requested authority means the authority competent according to national legislation to take a decision on a request for the transfer of proceedings. The competent requested authorities are set out in Annex II.

Article 3: Criteria for the transfer of proceedings

When a transfer of proceedings is considered, the authorities shall take into account the efficient and proper administration of justice, including proportionality, and give due consideration to the interests of the victim(s) and the suspect(s) or accused person(s). The authorities shall give special consideration to the needs of child victims/suspects and other particularly vulnerable individuals.

The authorities shall in particular take into account the following criteria when considering whether to request or accept the transfer of proceedings:

1. one or more suspects or accused persons are nationals of or reside in the requested country;
2. one or more suspects or accused persons are serving or are about to serve a sentence involving deprivation of liberty in the requested country;
3. there are ongoing proceedings for the same or other offences against the suspect or accused person in the requested country;
4. the presence of the suspect or the accused can be ensured in the requested country but not in the requesting country;
5. most of the evidence relevant to the investigation is located in the requested country;
6. one or more victims or witnesses reside in the requested country.

Chapter 2: Procedure

Article 4: Consultation

Consultations between the requesting and the requested authority may take place before a request for the transfer of criminal proceedings is issued, in particular to assess dual criminality and whether the transfer would serve the interests of efficient and proper administration of justice, including whether it is proportionate.

Consultations may be initiated by both the requesting and requested authorities.

The form (Annex I) may be used and may also be accompanied by additional documentation.

Article 5: Requesting the transfer

When issuing a request for the transfer of proceedings, the requesting authority shall as a rule use the form (Annex I). The request shall be accompanied by the documents in the investigation file. If not all documents are forwarded, an index of the file shall be enclosed.

The requesting authority shall transmit the request for the transfer of criminal proceedings directly to the requested authority (Annex II).

Article 6: Language and translation

The completed form and enclosed documents shall be issued in or translated into the official language(s) of the requested country or any other language accepted by the requested country (Annex III).

Article 7: Informing the requesting authority

The requested authority shall immediately send an acknowledgment of receipt of the request and shall inform the requesting authority about the decision on the request without undue delay.

The requested authority shall inform the requesting authority about the outcome of the case if so requested in the form or otherwise.

Article 8: Withdrawal and revocation

The requesting authority may withdraw the request before having received the requested authority's decision.

The requested authority may revoke its consent if changed circumstances so justifies.

The transfer may be revoked if the requesting and the requested authorities so agree.

If the requested country has gathered investigation material and the transfer is revoked, the requested authority shall inform the requesting authority of the new material.

Parties to the case who have been informed about the request for or decision on the transfer should be informed about the decisions made in accordance with this Article.

Article 9: Means of communication

The request and accompanying material shall be sent by post or any other means of communication accepted by the requested country.

Article 10: Coercive measures

The requesting authority shall inform the requested authority about all coercive measures taken in the case.

The requesting and requested authorities may consult about possible actions to be taken with regard to the coercive measures.

Chapter 3: Final Provisions

Article 11: Relations to other agreements

The provisions of this agreement may not be applied should they be in conflict with national legislation or mandatory provisions of other legal instruments on the transfer of proceedings binding on the parties.

Article 12: Amendments to the agreement and annexes

Amendments shall be agreed upon by the Prosecutors General and Directors of Public Prosecutions.

Updates of the annexes may be decided upon by representatives designated by the Prosecutors General and Directors of Public Prosecutions.

Turku 9th June 2025

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ANNEXES:

- I The form
- II Competent authorities
- III Languages

ANNEX I - FORM

REQUEST FOR THE TRANSFER OF PROCEEDINGS IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

This request for the transfer of proceedings in criminal matters has been issued by a competent judicial authority in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway or Sweden according to the agreement on the transfer of proceedings in criminal matters between the Nordic countries/Transfer of criminal proceedings between the Nordic countries from 9.6.2025.

The purpose of the request

☐ Consultation (Article 4)

☐ Request for the transfer of proceedings

A) Countries involved

Requesting country:

Requested country:

B) Authorities involved

Requesting authority:

Requested authority:

C) Information regarding the natural or legal suspect(s) or accused person(s) if identified/known

Name(s):

Nationality(ies):

Sex:

Date of birth(s) and social security number:
(If legal person, registration number)

Address:

Telephone:
E-mail:
Language(s) which the suspect(s) understands:
Other relevant information:

D) Information regarding the victim

Name(s):
Nationality(ies):
Sex:
Date of birth(s) and social security number: (If legal person, registration number)
Address:
Telephone:
E-mail:
Language(s) which the victim understands:
Other relevant information:

E) Reason(s) for the request for the transfer of proceedings

- ☐ The suspected person lives in the requested state
☐ The victim lives in the requested state
☐ The offence has been committed in the requested state
☐ Other:

F) Offence(s)

Description of the offence(s) including the time, place and degree of participation in the offence(s) by the suspect:

1.
2.
3.
Legal provisions

1.
2.
3.
Date when each offence is statute-barred:
Legal provision on statute of limitation:
Other circumstances relevant to the case (optional information):

G) Information given to the parties

- ☐ The parties to the criminal case have been informed about this request as follows (who, when, how, their opinion):
- ☐ The parties of the criminal case have not been informed about this request

H) Coercive measures taken

(Seizure, detention, etc.):

I) Outcome of the case

The requesting country wishes to be informed about the outcome of the case:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

J) Enclosures

The documents of the case

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Criminal record(s) of the suspect(s)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Other material:

K) Contact person for consultations or regarding the status of the proceedings, results and other discussions

- ☐ Same as the requesting authority (additional contact details can be added)
- ☐ Other (contact details below)

Authority:
Name:
Post held (title/grade):
Address:
Personal telephone (country code) (area/city code):
Personal e-mail:
Office telephone (country code) (area/city code):
Office e-mail:

L) Signature of the requesting authority
Name:
Name of its representative (if different):
Post held (title/grade):
Case reference:
Office and Address:
Telephone (country code) (area/city code):
E-mail:
Date:
Signature (electronic or handwritten):

ANNEX II – COMPETENT AUHORITIES

Denmark

Requesting authority: The district prosecution service

Requested authority: The district prosecution service in the police district where the offence has been committed or where the suspect/accused is residing. If this information is unknown, the request shall be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Finland

Requesting authority: The prosecutor

Requested authority: The Prosecution District where the offence has been committed or where the suspect/accused resides:

Prosecution districts:

- Prosecution District of Southern Finland
 - etela-suomi.syyttaja@oikeus.fi
- Prosecution District of Western Finland
 - lansi-suomi.syyttaja@oikeus.fi
- Prosecution District of Eastern Finland
 - ita-suomi.syyttaja@oikeus.fi
- Prosecution District of Northern Finland
 - pohjois-suomi.syyttaja@oikeus.fi
- Prosecution District of Åland
 - aland.aklagare@om.fi

If the competent Prosecution District is not known, contact any of the prosecutors in the EJN contact point list.

Iceland

Requesting authority: Ríkissaksóknari (The Director of Public Prosecutions), address Suðurlandsbraut 4, 6th floor, 108 Reykjavík.

Email: saksoknari@saksoknari.is

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Additional information: Material preferably by mail.

Norway

Requesting authority: Chief of Police, which includes Prosecutors of the Police District.

Requested authority: The Chief of Police, which includes Prosecutors of the Police District where the offence has been committed or where the suspect/accused is residing. If the district is unknown, the request should be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Sweden

Requesting authority: The Public Prosecutor.

Requested authority: The Public Prosecution Office in the territory where the suspect/accused is residing. If not known, the request could be sent to the Prosecutor General's Office. EJM Atlas and EJM Contact Points can be used to locate the competent Public Prosecution Office.

ANNEX III – ACCEPTED LANGUAGES

The requesting authority may consult the requested authority regarding translations.

Denmark

Request: Danish, Norwegian, Swedish or English

Documents: Danish, Norwegian or Swedish

Finland

Request: Finnish, Swedish or English

Documents: Finnish, Swedish or English

If the documents need to be translated in the requesting country, Finland prefers the material to be translated into Finnish unless the suspect's mother tongue is Swedish.

Iceland

Request: Icelandic or English

Documents: Icelandic or English

Norway

Request: Norwegian, Danish, Swedish or English

Documents: Norwegian, Danish or Swedish

Sweden

Request: Swedish, Danish, Norwegian or English

Documents: Swedish, Danish or Norwegian