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To: Balance of Competences

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Subject: Austria - Civil Judicial Cooperation

Dear Colleague,

On the 15 July 2013, I held a discussion with a senior official within the Austrian Justice Ministry regarding the Balance of Competence Review. Due to time constraints, he could not answer your questionnaire in detail. But he commented that judicial cooperation under EU instruments works well and that improvements were always possible.

He said that “coherence of the system was very important to practitioners because a large number of parallel arrangements can hinder routine work”. He thought that if the “UK has ideas to improve and simplify the system, then the Austrians would be likely to support them” .

1. The Official said you can include the Austrian Justice Ministry (Bundesministerium für Justiz [I'm sorry that this isn't a full response, but I hope that this gives you some insight into their thinking on Judicial Cooperation.](http://www.google.co.uk/url?q=http://www.bmj.gv.at/&sa=U&ei=FvHjUcYNkouFB7i0gOAK&ved=0CBsQFjAA&usg=AFQjCNHiy3aV_gN6KFLel10bQegSHVTb48g>BMJ) in your list of contributors for the second semester report.</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further help.

Best wishes