



Framework Decision 909: Custodial Sentences or Measures Involving Deprivation of Liberty Online, 25 March 2026



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Key topics

- The provisions of Framework Decision 909
- The role and responsibilities of the judiciary and lawyers in the process of issuing and executing custodial sentences or measures involving deprivation of liberty
- The work of designated competent authorities and how to correctly complete the required certificate for a transfer to take place

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12:40 Connecting to the videoconference platform

13:00 **Opening of the webinar**
Ramin Farinpour

I. FRAMEWORK DECISION 2008/909/JHA

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

13:05 **The provisions of Framework Decision 909**

- Purpose, scope and definitions
- Competent authorities
- Recognition of judgments and enforcement of sentences, criteria and procedure for forwarding judgments and certificates, issuing and executing states and their roles and responsibilities, grounds for refusing recognition and enforcement
- Provisional arrest, transfer and transit of sentenced person

Luisa Ravagnani

13:45 Discussion

II. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ACTORS FORESEEN IN THE FRAMEWORK DECISION

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14:00 **The role of the judiciary in issuing and executing judgments and the mutual recognition of judgments**

- Issuing and executing judgments and recognition and enforcement of sentences
- Double criminality, grounds for non-recognition and non-supervision, partial recognition and enforcement and postponement of recognition
- Opinion and notification of the sentenced person
- Specialty
- Role of lawyers within the process

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14:45 Discussion

15:00 **The role and responsibilities of competent authorities**

- Transmission and reception of judgments, required certificates and procedures to follow, consultations between competent authorities, information obligations

Kris van Opdenbosch

15:45 Discussion

16:00 End of the webinar

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This webinar, which forms part of a series of five co-funded by the European Union on enhancing cross-border mutual legal assistance and recognition of decisions within the context of detention, will focus on Framework Decision 909. It will explain its provisions and the roles and responsibilities of the various actors (judiciary, lawyers, competent authorities) that are involved in seeing through its intended measures in both executing and issuing EU Member States.

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