



*The European Beth Din (EBD) was established over 35 years ago, in response to repeated requests from European communities where there was no functioning or recognised Rabbinical Court.*

*The EBD is composed of Senior Dayanim from established European Batei Din. The EBD works across the entire European continent and serves individuals and communities in various ways. Our Beth Din enjoys a close relationship with other reputable Batei Din the world over, as well as with the Chief Rabbinate of the State of Israel.*

### **Brief Summary of Beis Din Activities between December 2021 and October 2022**

- **Portugal:**

- **Lisbon:** The Chief Rabbi of Lisbon has requested the help of the European Beth Din in connection to four cases of religious divorce (*Get*).
- **Oporto:** Rav Yoel Zekri has requested the help of the European Beth Din to connection to one request for conversion and one case of religious divorce (*Get*).

- **Spain:**

After a successful trial period of two years (from December 2019 to December 2021), the European Beth Din signed a long-term agreement with the Federation of Jewish Communities of Spain in January 2022, whereby the EBD became the official and only Beth Din with overall responsibility for all Jewish communities in the country.

The Beth Din has handled various conversion requests in Spain (**Madrid** and **Barcelona**) and has successfully officialised the conversion of seven serious candidates in June 2022. In addition, the Beth Din is currently supervising the process of a number of individuals from different communities in Spain.

The Beth Din was able to successfully confirm the conversion of four individuals who had converted under the auspices of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel in 2014, but whose conversion certificates had been lost. The European Beth Din, after a thorough investigation, was able to issue documents confirming these conversions and the four individuals have now been approved to make Alyiah and settle in Israel.

The Beth Din has also helped all Jewish communities in Spain in the month of *Ellul*, before *Rosh HaShanah*, by organising a **Pruzbul** document which was necessary at the end of 5782, as it was a sabbatical year (*Shemittah*).

In addition, the Director of the Beth Din has personally visited the communities of Madrid, Balearic Islands and Melilla, during 2022.

- **France:**

The European Beth Din was called upon to mediate/arbitrate an important issue affecting two members of France's Jewish Community.

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- **Belgium:**

The European Beth Din was contacted by an important Rabbi and Rebbetzin from Brussels in connection to two conversion cases and is closely working with them and overseeing the processes in question.

- **Netherlands:**

The European Beth Din was called upon to mediate/arbitrate an important communal matter in one of Jewish communities in the Netherlands.

- **Poland:**

The European Beth Din and the Chief Rabbinate of Poland signed a historic agreement in March 2022, whereby the EBD became the official Beth Din of Poland's Jewish Community. The Beth Din is currently very busy working in conjunction with Poland's Chief Rabbi in cases of conversion, as well as in the preservation of Jewish cemeteries.

<https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/324509>

- **Romania:**

The European Beth Din was contacted by the Chief Rabbi of Romania in conjunction with various cases of conversion in Bucharest and in other Romanian cities. The Beth Din and the CER have been closely working with various officials of Romania's Jewish community to help further develop their existing infrastructure. Indeed, the Beth Din will have an in-person meeting of all its Dayanim, in Bucharest, in November, at which time the Dayanim will conduct an in-situ assessment of the current reality of Romania's Jewish community.

- **Bulgaria:**

The European Beth Din has received an official request from Bulgaria's Chief Rabbi in connection with two conversion cases.

- **Lithuania:**

The European Beth Din has been contacted by Rabbi Kalev Krelin, who works with Jewish communities in the Baltic States, in connection to individuals and families from Vilnius and other cities in Lithuania, who wish to convert to Judaism.

- **Latvia:**

The European Beth Din has also been contacted by Rabbi Kalev Krelin, in connection to individuals and families from Latvia, who wish to convert to Judaism.

Moreover, the Beth Din has also been contacted by the Rabbi of the Jewish Community of Jarmula, in connection with the clarification of the Jewish status of a Latvian national currently living in London, who is engaged to marry a Jewish man, and in order to open a marriage application file for a Jewish couple who wishes to get married.



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- **Contact from members of the public:**

In addition to the above, the Beth Din has received many requests from members of the public, from Europe and beyond, about various halachic matters, such as conversions, Jewish divorce, halachic questions, etc... and always responds to each one in a professional and timely manner.

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