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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Association Agreement between the EU and Andorra and San Marino (the Agreement)¹ provides for the participation of Andorra and San Marino to the EU internal market. It follows the model of the Agreement on the European Economic Area² and integrates the existing customs unions with these countries. To ensure the effective functioning of the internal market, the Agreement requires dynamic regulatory alignment with the Court of Justice of the European Union as the arbiter for disputes on the interpretation and application of the Agreement.

Article 64 of the Agreement includes the possibility for cooperation in judicial cooperation in civil matters. According to Article 66 of the Agreement, this cooperation can take different formats, such as dialogue, possible future projects and joint activities. It is for the parties to the Agreement to agree on the precise format and to apply the relevant rules of the Agreement.

¹ Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement establishing an association between the European Union and the Principality of Andorra and the Republic of San Marino respectively, <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/63034f14-03e5-11ef-a251-01aa75ed71a1/#:~:text=Proposal%20for%20a%20COUNCIL%20DECISION%20on%20the%20signing%2C,A ndorra%20and%20the%20Republic%20of%20San%20Marino%20respectively>

² <https://www.efta.int/about-efta/legal-documents/eea-legal-texts>