

Directive 2008/52/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21  
May 2008 on certain aspects of mediation in civil and commercial matters

*Article 8*

**Effect of mediation on limitation and prescription periods**

1 Member States shall ensure that parties who choose mediation in an attempt to settle a dispute are not subsequently prevented from initiating judicial proceedings or arbitration in relation to that dispute by the expiry of limitation or prescription periods during the mediation process.

2 Paragraph 1 shall be without prejudice to provisions on limitation or prescription periods in international agreements to which Member States are party.