

Navigating the Sea of EU Information

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In my new incarnation as a law librarian several years ago, I clearly remember the bewilderment which overcame me whenever a kindly colleague attempted to explain the intricacies of the Official Journal, the legislative history of a Directive or even worse, where to find the full text of a COM Doc from 1993. My brain was filled with the vision of a vast sea of uncharted information – legislation, case law, merger decisions, notices – all swirling around in an uncontrolled frenzy.

This was in part a reaction to the complicated nature of EU legislative and judicial processes, which was addressed by learning about the role of European institutions. However, the crux of the problem, for me, was that information appeared to be essentially inaccessible. The Official Journal was a vast repository of information, with apparently no helpful index. CELEX, the EU's legislative database, is a potential gold-mine, but without an in-depth knowledge of the relevant command language, its riches could not be tapped. An enquiry as to the current state of a proposed Directive seemed impossible to address without panic-filled flicking through the pages of Agence Europe's Daily Bulletin or European Report. Information was fragmented, selective and often, not current.

The situation has improved immeasurably in the last 3 years. This is due in the main to three factors: the EU's commitment to greater transparency; recent technological innovation (the Internet revolution and to a lesser extent the use of CD-ROM technology); and the increase in the number of electronic service providers involved in EU information provision. In short, the will and the means now exist to provide the general public, academia and the business community with accurate, timely information.

In this article, I will attempt to provide a mini map for use by those working within a business or legal environment. Information sources will be divided by medium into Internet based; CD-ROM based; dial-up/online and paper based. The issues of information currency and coverage will be addressed. In each section, the questions of where to find primary and secondary legislation (both proposed and adopted), case law and news items will be considered. Pricing is a major issue, but as this is dependent on a host of user-specific factors, attention will be drawn merely to whether it is a free or costed service. Appendix 1 will provide this information in a quick reference list.

WHAT IS THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL?

The Official Journal of the European Communities (OJ) is published daily by EUR-OP (the official publishing arm of the EU) in 11 languages. It comprises:

L Series (Legislation): The OJ L provides the authoritative version of EC legislation, including primary materials (treaties), secondary legislation – Directives, Regulations, Decisions and Agreements with non-EU members and budgetary information.

C Series (Information and Notices): Section 1 – ‘Information’ contains applications to the European Court of Justice (ECJ) and European Court of the First Instance (ECFI) and summaries of judgments, Euro exchange rates, Parliamentary questions, notifications of competition cases and miscellaneous items from the Council, Commission, Court of Auditors and European Parliament (EP). Section 2 “Preparatory Acts” encompasses Commission Proposals, Opinions of the Committee of the Regions (COR) and Economic and Social Committee (ESC) and EP resolutions. Section 3 “Notices” includes items such as calls for proposals for research and development projects.

S series(Supplement): Tenders for public contracts. This is no longer published in paper form

Annex: Debates of the European Parliament

WHAT IS CELEX?

CELEX (Communitatis Europaeae Lex) is the official database of EC law and as such is the principle electronic repository for primary and secondary legislation, Community Court judgments and opinions, preparatory material and Parliamentary questions

Coverage: Almost an ‘online version’ of the L and C Series of the Official Journal.

L Series – complete coverage¹

C Series – a definitive full text electronic version of the OJ C does not exist. In addition, to the whole of Section 2 ‘Preparatory Acts’, CELEX contains documents from the Council, Court of Auditors and European Parliament (including Parliamentary questions) from the ‘Information’ section. Section 3 ‘Notices’ is not covered.

Additional CELEX information, which cannot be found in the OJ includes the full text of all judgments and orders of the ECJ/ECFI (text as published in the European Court Reports); the full text of Advocate Generals’ (AG) Opinions (post 1987) and Commission decisions based on Articles 6.1a and 6.1b of the Merger Regulation. However, tables, diagrams and drawings incorporated in secondary legislation are included in full text in the Official Journal, but not in CELEX.

Full text: CELEX is split into 9 sectors. Some sectors are covered in full text and others exist purely as bibliographic records. For example Treaties (Sector 1) are provided in full text format, whereas Commission Proposals (Sector 5) are covered by bibliographic records only before 1995. Full text coverage on CELEX of those Commission proposals published in the OJ C Series begins in 1995. Similarly, AG Opinions pre 1987 only exist on CELEX as bibliographic records. The intention is to provide all sectors of the CELEX database in full text in the future.

Currency: Updated weekly.

¹ Historically, agricultural regulations of limited duration (printed in light type in the OJ L) have been omitted from CELEX. It is intended to load bibliographic records for these Regulations onto CELEX in the near future.

AND WHAT IS A COM Doc?

These are working documents of the European Commission prepared by the Directorates-General. They contain proposals for legislation, policy discussion and reports. However, all EU preparatory legislation is commonly referred to as COM Docs and this broad term can encompass initial working documents such as communications, green or white papers and formal legislative proposals (Commission Proposals) and opinions of the various consultative bodies (Committee of the Regions, Economic and Social Committee, European Parliament)

Published: Initial working documents are not generally published in the OJ C Series and are therefore only available as individual COM Docs from EUR-OP or receive selected coverage on CELEX (Sector 5).

Whilst legislation is being drafted by the Commission (based on these initial working documents), it is not officially published.

The Commission's formal legislative proposals and any subsequent amendment are published in the OJ C Series (in 'Preparatory Acts')

Consultation: Opinions of the consultative bodies and the Council's Common Positions are either published in the OJ C or covered by CELEX. There is often quite a time lag between a proposal being adopted by the Council and it being published in the OJ L Series.

INTERNET-BASED RESOURCES

To most people, the Internet means open access to free, current information, so it seems appropriate to begin by considering the vast array of information accessible free of charge via the EU's Europa server. Europa acts as a central point for official EU information on the Internet. General information on Member States, EU Institutions and policies can be found here, as well as the facility to link to the homepages of all EU Institutions. The server can sometimes be difficult to access, presumably due to the popularity of the site. The parts of Europa which are particularly relevant to the legal or business information professional are as follows:

EUR-lex – europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/index.html

The EUR-lex service, which was launched in 1998 in an attempt to make EU institutions more accessible to the public, ranks as a 'must visit site', for it provides free, full text access to selected primary and secondary legislation, preparatory materials and recent editions of the Official Journal (L and C series).

Coverage of treaties is limited (at time of writing) to the full text of the Treaty of Rome and The Maastricht Treaty as amended by the Treaty of Amsterdam.

However, the 'Community legislation in force' option is very impressive, particularly when used in tandem with the recently improved search facility which allows the user to search the EUR-lex site by document number, OJ reference or free text. The full text of the legislation is provided in the chosen Community language. The record also

provides hypertext links to any amendments. As well, the facility exists to browse the analytical (subject) structure in order to view all current legislation in a specific area. Obviously, the only legislation not to be found there is that which is no longer in force. This site is updated monthly.

The 'Community Preparatory Acts' area of the site is still in its experimental stages, but the aim is to provide access to the full text of the majority of proposed legislation which has not yet been adopted or dropped.² The question of how regularly it will be updated is not addressed by the commentary on the web-site. In any case, it is extremely useful to have free electronic access to a central pool of preparatory legislation

'Official Journal' provides full text access in PDF format to the last 45 days of the Official Journal L and C series. For anyone who presently does not subscribe to the hard copy of the OJ, this section of EUR-lex must be particularly useful as a current awareness tool. The site is updated every morning. It should be noted that bulky issues of the OJ, such as issues containing Parliamentary written questions often do not appear on the site until several days after the date of publication.

'Case Law' links the user into the European Court of Justice website.

European Court of Justice – curia.eu.int/en/index.htm

This site provides the full text of judgments and opinions since June 1997 for the majority of ECJ and ECFI cases. Staff cases are available from March 1998. The 'Recent case-law' section of the site, is searchable by case name, number, subject or free text. Judgments and selected opinions are generally available on the day on which they are heard, but only in French (the official language of the court) and the language in which the case was conducted. It can take some time for the text to be accurately translated into all Community languages

The ECJ home-page offers other information, including the weekly diary and proceedings of the Courts, ECJ press releases (which are not included on RAPID, the database of Community press releases), a list of all cases lodged with the courts and an indication of whether they have been heard or are pending.

CELEX on the web – europa.eu.int/celex

Despite being available to the public since 1981, CELEX was notoriously difficult to negotiate and tended to be used by only the hard core of information professionals. It is a vast database, originally designed for use internally by Community officials, which until 1998 required dial-up access and familiarity with an idiosyncratic command language. To the relief of many, a web-version was launched by EUR-OP in 1998, with a user-friendly front end and impressive search functionality, including options to search by publication reference (OJ/ECR), by document number and by category (legislation, case law, preparatory acts, parliamentary questions). Hypertext links enable the user to trace the history of legislation and also to find subsequent amendments

² Currently, the EUR-lex 'Community Preparatory Acts' site includes Commission Proposals. It is intended to add ESC opinions, EP opinions, Preparatory acts for the budget and COR opinions. It should be noted that materials such as communications, programmes and reports will not be included

CELEX would thus appear to be the natural place to start searching for primary and secondary legislation, preparatory legislation and case law, but such resources come at a price – it is a fee-based service.

In recent years, several electronic publishers have developed user-friendly versions of the CELEX database (see CD-ROM section) and selected sectors of CELEX are accessible via the online hosts such as Lexis/Nexis and FT Profile (see Dial-up section).

European Commission – europa.eu.int/comm/index_en.htm

The Commission site is a particularly useful free site as it provides a list of Directorate General homepages. The Commission is divided into 24 DGs,³ each concentrating on policy in a particular area. The homepages of the DGs are not uniform in coverage or content. However, it is worth checking the relevant homepage if you are searching for information on the latest developments in a particular area. On some occasions, proposed legislation is posted on the individual DG's website before it is available elsewhere, although this may change when the Preparatory Acts section of EUR-lex becomes fully functional.

Taking the example of DG IV, the Competition Directorate, it becomes evident, that a well-designed DG site can be extremely useful. This site is updated on a daily basis and provides access to relevant press releases, speeches and articles, competition related legislation and information published in the OJ, the full text of selected merger decisions, information on forthcoming DG IV publications, lists of decisions, details of Member States' national competition authorities and laws etc. All important new information is gathered together on a 'What's New' page. Access to a simple search engine is also provided. This range of information was certainly not as rapidly and readily available before the advent of Internet technology.

European Parliament – www.europarl.eu.int/sg/tree/en/default.htm

A great deal of general information and news relating to the European Parliament can be accessed here for free. The information is grouped under broad subject headings. The text of Treaties, contents pages of recent OJs (see heading 'Official Journals Treaties and basic documents'), consultative materials such as recent Committee reports of the EP, resolutions, minutes of the meetings and Parliamentary questions ('Activities') are all available on this information-rich site.

Legislative Observatory – www.europarl.eu.int/dors/oeillen/default.htm

This site is hosted by the EP site (in 'Activities'). Updated daily, it enables the user to check the stage which a particular preparatory act has reached in the legislative process. A brief commentary on each legislative stage (often in French) is also provided.

The full text of COM documents published in the OJ C Series since July 1996 is also available via the 'COM documents' section of the site, which is located under the 'Official Journals, Treaties and Basic Documents' subject heading. It is searchable

³ Please note that DG XVIII and DG XX do not exist. DG I is split into 3 separate sections.

by subject area and date of publication. EP Opinions are not currently available in full text on the EP site.

Committee of the Regions (COR) – www.cor.eu.int

Economic and Social Committee (ESC) – www.esc.eu.int

These free sites are useful for general information on the activities and membership of the COR and ESC. In terms of their consultative function, there is some coverage of COR and ESC opinions on their web-sites, for instance the text of all COR Opinions in the areas of Trans-European Networks, Transport and the Information Society are available in most Community languages.

RAPID – europa.eu.int/rapid/start/welcome.htm

RAPID contains the full text of Community press releases. Coverage begins in the mid 1980s, for selected types of materials. The default search screen provides a number of search options. It is possible to perform a date range, free text or field search. When entering 2 or more search terms, be aware that RAPID will automatically perform an 'OR search' unless you specify otherwise. To prevent it from doing this, place + between your terms. It also seems to truncate terms automatically, so don't be surprised if a search returns more hits than expected. There is an advanced search function and a facility to save personalised searches, but in order to access these functions, it is necessary to register online, obtaining a user-name and password. In any case, the service is free of charge.

SCADPLUS – europa.eu.int/scadplus

SCAD is a free bibliographical database which contains references to Community legislation, official publications and articles from periodicals dealing with EU matters from 1983 onwards. It can be searched by domain, sector, free text, keyword, language, author, publication year or periodical title. Each record provides a brief summary of the target item – article, report, Directive etc – and full bibliographical details, so as to enable the user to locate the full text. This is a useful tool when initially researching a particular area or attempting to find information on the stage a proposal has reached in the legislative process. SCADPLUS provides access to the SCAD database and offers some additional information sources, such as the 'Calendar', which contains dates of meetings with details of subjects discussed by Council of Ministers, EP, ESC or COR and 'Summaries of EU Legislation'.

EUR-OP – eur-op.eu.int/indexen.htm

EUR-OP is the short title of the Office for Official Publication of the European Communities. This site pulls together information on the disparate services and products provided by EUR-OP. A global sales network is in place, whereby agents in Member States and outside of the EU are licensed to deal with subscriptions to hard copy and/or electronic services, such as the Official Journal or to provide a document delivery service. A list of these agents is available at eur-op.eu.int/en/general/rframe.htm

The site also provides links to self-contained databases, covered by the EUR-OP umbrella, such as the CELEX database (see above), EUDOR document delivery service, TED (Tender Electronic Daily) and IDEA (Who's who in the EU)

EUDOR – www.eudor.com

EUDOR is a electronic image archive, which enables the user to order selected EU documents and publications produced by EUR-OP. Documents can be ordered online with a credit card or Eurobases account. Materials can be dispatched by post, fax or electronic file transfer. Document categories covered by EUDOR include the Official Journal, COM Docs, Consolidated Legislation, Merger decisions and EP Reports. At present, this service is not terribly useful for obtaining older materials. All documents loaded on EUDOR can also be obtained from EUR-OP's document delivery agents.

Since there is no charge levied to access and search the site, it is a useful current awareness tool. It is also helpful for checking bibliographic references, particularly when attempting to find out the number of a COM Doc when you only have the name. The site is updated daily.

TED – ted.eur-op.eu.int

Tenders Electronic Daily (TED) contains the text of the OJ S series. It supplies information on public contracts, supplies and services from all EU Member States, utilities contracts, EEA contracts, public contracts from the EU institutions etc. The site is updated daily and is accessible free of charge.

Further Treaty Information on Europa-europa.eu.int/abc/obj/treaties/en/entoc.htm

This part of the site provides the full text of primary legislation, including the Treaty on European Union, Treaty establishing the European Community, Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community and other key texts such as the Single European Act.

Council of the European Union – ue.eu.int/en/treaties.htm

The above treaties are also available on this site, in addition to the Amsterdam Treaty.

There are an ever increasing number of websites providing European information. The few sites mentioned briefly below can be helpful for locating treaties, news and background information:

European Council – www.coe.fr/eng/legaltxt/treaties.htm

Selected texts of European Conventions and Agreements (full set available in hard copy as the European Treaty Series). Access to the text of the Treaties is gained via a subject index. The European Convention on Human Rights and the European Social Charter are included.

United Nations Treaties – www.un.org/Depts/Treaty

Full text of Treaties deposited with the UN.

*EU Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) –
www.eucommittee.be/*

EU News, AmCham publications

European Access – www.europeanaccess.co.uk

Site currently under development and free until October 1999. It will contain news, current awareness materials, web-links, information on EU policy etc.

SPICERS – www.spicers.co.uk/spicers/

Document delivery service, current awareness. Fee-based

LOVDATA foundation – www.lovdata.no/eng/index.html

Lovdata CELEX is CELEX hosted by the Norwegian company, Lovdata. It is a fee-based service

European Court of Human Rights – www.dhcour.coe.fr

Case law, key texts

CD-ROM RESOURCES

CELEX-based services

Increasing numbers of electronic publishers have taken on board the challenge to develop products which derive from CELEX. According to figures in Issue 3 (1998) of *European Information*, at the end of 1997, 22 license agreements were in force, authorising commercial companies to make CELEX available online or via CD-ROM. Numbering amongst CELEX-sourced CD-ROM services currently available are ILI's product **EuroLaw**; Context's **JUSTIS CELEX**; Ellis Publication's **OJCD** and Technical Indexes' **European Law**. Each of these publishers has taken the unwieldy CELEX database, repackaged it, provided a more user-friendly front end and in each case added value. These additions usually take the form of access to Spearhead (a database produced by the Department of Trade and Industry), to Spicers (provides commentary on and abstracts of legislation, case law etc), text of explanatory memorandum, tables and annexes. So Treaties, secondary legislation, selected preparatory acts, case law and parliamentary questions can all be found on these CD-ROMs in either full text or bibliographic formats (see sections on CELEX)

As previously discussed in the 'What is CELEX?' section, there is no definitive or complete electronic version of the Official Journal C Series. CELEX-derived products reflect this potentially frustrating and confusing situation. Whilst JUSTIS CELEX's coverage of the OJ C mirrors that of the Official CELEX database, EuroLaw contains the text of OJ C since January 1995, OJCD has complete coverage of the OJ C from 1990, with selected full text from 1992, and European Law does not specify the extent of C Series coverage in its publicity material.

These derivative databases are obviously not as current as CELEX, which is updated weekly. Eurolaw is updated monthly. JUSTIS CELEX updates are issued quarterly (although weekly updates are available with a additional subscription to JUSTIS Online). OJCD is updated quarterly, with it OJINDEX issued 10 times a year. Lastly, European Law is updated every 60 days

It is inappropriate to provide an in-depth analysis of each of these products here. A comprehensive comparative study was published in *European Information* Issue 4, October 1998, which concludes that Ellis Publication's OJCD is the best all-round product. Obviously, serious research is necessary before investing in one of these products as they are all fairly costly. On the positive side, the level of product development and innovation has increased due to the increasing number of publishers becoming involved in this area. The user can now expect improved functionality, greater coverage, currency and user-friendliness. ILI's Eurolaw is now available as a web-based service. Choice has greatly improved.

Official Journal on CD-ROM

The latest product on the market is a CD-ROM version of the OJ L and C Series from EUR-OP. It is a CD-ROM/Internet hybrid, which acts as an archive to the EUR-lex Internet service and allows the user to jump between information housed on the CD and Internet. It has the look and feel of the Internet service, as it uses html and PDF formats. It is produced in monthly (cumulative) or quarterly form and is only available in monolingual format. The quarterly CD has a more sophisticated search engine and added bibliographical details. The drawback here is that there is no archive before the beginning of 1999. This is a fee based service.

JUSTIS produce the OJ C CD-ROM, which contains the full text of the OJ C from 1990 to date. This is updated 4 times a year, but as with their CELEX product, a subscription to JUSTIS Online allows monthly updating. This product is the only electronic resource available containing a complete 9 year archive of the OJ C.

EUR-OP has now replaced the paper version of the OJ S Series, with OJ/S CD-ROM. It is available daily (5 times a week) or twice weekly. The CD-ROM contains the texts of all valid procurement notices in all Community languages. Both free text and field searching are possible. This is a fee based service.

DIAL-UP RESOURCES

Secondary legislation (Regulations, Directives and Decisions, other than ESC general Decisions) is available in full text via the dial-up service **FT Profile**. The relevant file, CELEX (CEL) is updated weekly. This is, of course, a fee based service.

Through **LEXIS/NEXIS**' (EURCOM library), it is possible to gain access to a wider selection of CELEX sectors, including preparatory work, secondary legislation, case law and parliamentary questions. Case law files on Lexis contain cases reported in a much wider range of law reports than any of the other sources considered in this article. These include *Common Market Law Reports*, *European Law Reports*, *European Commercial Cases* as well as the *European Court Reports*. *European Court of Human*

Rights Cases since 1954 are also contained within these files. The text of EC Treaties is available post 1979

LEXIS provides access to a library of EC news files also, which include well respected sources such as *European Report*, *Eurowatch* (previously entitled FT Business Law Europe), *Business Guide to EC Initiatives*, *Europe Energy* and *Europe Environment* (from Jan 1991) as well as official data from RAPID and TED. The facility to search news files, such as these, electronically, is very important in terms of current awareness and as an aid to answering one-off research enquiries. LEXIS/NEXIS is a fee based service

Within the sphere of EU information, dial-up services tend to be used purely to harness current news stories as a means of keeping abreast of very recent legislative events and policy moves. The Internet can increasingly provide the same information but finding it can be time consuming and difficult. **Reuters European Briefing** is another dial-up product which enables the information professional to monitor events in specific areas effectively. The service provides a 10 year rolling archive of European, UK and global sources, such as *European Report*, Agence Europe's *Daily Bulletin*, *European Voice* and Reuters own news service. This archive can be searched free-text or by document number. There are numerous other categories which can be chosen, such as Country, Topic or Industry Sector to narrow the search. It is also possible to focus on purely European Sources or European News. No more frenzied flicking through piles of Agence Europe's *Daily Bulletin*. The complete picture is provided, but again at a price. It is also possible to save individual searches, so that they can be run automatically every day/week (FT Profile and Lexis/Nexis also provide this facility)

Reuters European Briefing also provides access to its version of the CELEX database, which uses the same format as the news archive database. Unfortunately, the database is not updated as often as CELEX itself and it cannot be searched by document number (only by CELEX number). Thus searching for a Directive by number within the CELEX portion of Reuters involves a complicated drag and drop exercise from the news archive.

HARD COPY RESOURCES (ALL FEE BASED)

Paper is being forced out by CD-ROM and Internet technology, but it is difficult to imagine a European Information Centre without its characteristic pink (English language version) OJs. A subscription to the hard copy version of the OJ L and C Series can be obtained from EUR-OP agents. It is worth remembering however, that without an additional, preferably electronic, means of searching the contents of the OJ, it is almost impossible to conduct a focused search.

Additional hard copy sources for EC Founding and Accession Treaties include the UK Treaty Series, published by the Stationery Office, volumes published by EUR-OP (see the list of publications on their web-site) and various domestic publishers.

All preparatory documents which have a COM number can be obtained either individually or with an annual subscription from the EUR-OP document delivery network. The advantage of purchasing a commission proposal in this form rather than waiting for it to be published in the OJ C Series, is that it will include an 'Explanatory Memorandum'.

This is a helpful summary of the content of the COM, which may also provide information on the history of the document.

The hard copy of the *European Court Reports* (and Staff Cases) is available on subscription from the European Court of Justice (for Member States) or from the *Internal Services Division of the Court of Justice, Publications Sector, L-2925, Luxembourg*. These represent the official, complete, full-text archive of Judgments, Opinions and Orders of the ECJ and ECJ. The ECRs are always about a year behind the times, so in order to keep up to date with current case law, it is necessary to subscribe to the loose transcripts of the ECJ and ECJ. These are dispatched by post as soon as they are available in the chosen language. Individual copies of Judgments or Opinions can also be obtained from the above address, providing that they have not already been incorporated into the ECR.

Non-official sets of law reports are available in hard copy, for instance *Common Market Law Reports* and *Antitrust Supplement* (Sweet & Maxwell, also available on CD-ROM), *All England Law Reports (European)* (Butterworths, also available via Butterworths fee-based internet service 'All England Direct'), *European Law Monitor* (European Law Press Ltd) and *European Commercial Law Reports* (CCH Editions).

Secondary sources such as journals and newspapers are of course available in hard copy. Some individual titles have been listed previously. Additional generalist-type titles include *European Access*, *Brussels Agenda* (free publication of the Brussels law Society) and *European Counsel*. The EU Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce produce several useful publications, including the *Business Guide Supplement*, a monthly paperback providing an overview of legislative progress made by all current proposed legislation. This service is also available on the Internet for a fee.

To conclude, European information can be managed and mapped. It is necessary to understand exactly what materials are covered by the two main sources: CELEX and the OJ. Once, this has been established, it is easier to calculate which other resources must be tapped in order to locate the requisite information. I have focused on services which are available on the Internet, because as non-EU members, it may be that the need for EU materials is peripheral rather than integral to your business. In this case, it seems more sensible to be aware of the extent of free information which is available. However, it must be recognised that the Internet is not going to provide an answer to every EU-related enquiry, so for this reason, the sections on CD-ROM, dial-up and paper resources have been included.

I hope that when faced with similar questions to those posed in the introduction, panic and bewilderment can now be kept at bay – at least to a certain extent.

Appendix 1

Information Source : Internet address (where appropriate)	Resource type : Agent	Free(f) /Costed (c)
TREATIES		
EUR-lex : europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/treaties/index.html	Internet	(f)
Europa: europa.eu.int/abc/obj/treaties/en/entoc.htm	Internet	(f)
Council of the European Union: ue.eu.int/Amsterdam/en/en.htm	Internet	(f)
Council of Europe : www.coe.fr/eng/legaltxt/treaties.htm	Internet	(f)
United Nations: www.un.org/Depts/Treaty/	Internet	(f) have to register
Official Journal	Paper/CD-ROM: EUR-OP agents/EUDOR	(c)
CELEX*	Dial-up/CD-ROM/Internet	(c)
Lexis/Nexis : EURCOM Library, TREATY file	Dial-up	(c)
	Paper : UK Treaty Series/EUR-OP agents/Selected domestic publishers	(c)
LEGISLATION		
Adopted		
EUR-lex (legislation in force): europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/lif/index/html	Internet	(f)
CELEX*	Dial-up/CD-ROM/Internet	(c)
Official Journal L Series	Paper/CD-ROM: EUR-OP agents/EUDOR	(c)
Consolidated texts of secondary legislation		
EUR-lex: europa.eu.int/eur-lex	Internet	(f)
	Paper : EUDOR	(c)
Proposed : Initial working docs		
Individual DGs websites accessible via Commission page: europa.eu.int/comm/index_en.htm	Internet	(f)
CELEX*	Dial-up/CD-ROM/Internet	(c)
COM docs	Paper : EUR-OP agents/EUDOR	(c)
Proposed : Published in OJ C Series (formal proposal)		
EUR-lex: europa.eu.int/eur-lex	Internet	(f)
CELEX*	Dial-up/CD-ROM/Internet	(c)
COM docs	Paper: EUDOR, EUR-OP Agents	(c)
Official Journal C Series	Paper/CD-ROM: EUR-OP agents	(c)
European Parliament site: www.europarl.eu.int/dg7/ftcom/en/ft-com.htm	Internet	(f)
Proposed : Consultation Period		
European Parliament site: www.europarl.eu.int	Internet	(f)
Economic and Social Committee site: www.esc.eu.int	Internet	(f)
Committee of the Regions site: www.cor.eu.int	Internet	(f)
CELEX*	Dial-up/CD-ROM/Internet	(c)
Official Journal C Series	Paper/CD-ROM: EUR-OP agents/EUDOR	(c)
Official Journal : Annex	Paper : EUR-OP agents	(c)
CASE LAW		
EUR-lex: europa.eu.int/eur-lex	Internet	(f)
ECJ: www.curia.eu.int	Internet	(f)
CELEX*	Dial-up/CD-ROM/Internet	(c)
Report of cases before the Court (I, II, Staff Cases)	Paper: European Court of Justice	(c)
Transcripts of Judgments and AG Opinions	Paper: European Court of Justice	(c)
Commercial publishers series: Common Market Law Reports. All England Law Reports (European). European Court Monitor	Paper/CD-ROM/Internet : Sweet & Maxwell/Butterworths/CCH editions/ European Law Press Ltd	(c)
Official Journal C Series (list of cases brought and brief summary of judgement)	Paper/CD-ROM : EUR-OP agents/EUDOR	(c)
Court Diary and Proceedings on ECJ: www.curia.eu.int	Internet	(f)
NEWS/CURRENT AWARENESS		
Reuters European Briefing	Dial-up	(c)
LEXIS/NEXIS	Dial-up	(c)

Rapid: europa.eu.int/rapid/start/welcome.htm	Internet	(f)
EU Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce: www.eucommittee.be/	Internet/Paper	(c)/some (f)
Europa site What's New: europa.eu.int/geninfo/whatsnew.htm	Internet	(f)
European Access site: www.europeanaccess.co.uk	Internet	(f) to 10/99
Week in Europe: www.cec.org.uk/pubs/we/index.htm	Internet	(f)
Spicers: www.spicers.co.uk/spicers/	Internet	(c)/some (f)
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